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My PhD project focuses on Pakistan's pharmaceutical industry, in particular cancer medicines. I am interested in the transnational circuits traversed by cancer drugs; counterfeit drugs; as well as in how Pakistan's nascent intellectual property (IP) regime in the pharmaceutical context is transforming property relations. With the AIPS summer research grant, I was able to begin preliminary fieldwork for my dissertation in Lahore, from June-August 2015. At the end of this preliminary fieldwork, I obtained a long list of relevant contacts, along with offers to be introduced to them. Many of these will become an essential part of my network as my ethnographic research proceeds.