



# BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

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### PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY FOR THE STUDENT RESEARCH ESSAY COMPETITION 2022



- ### HIGHLIGHTS
- Prize Distribution ceremony for the Student Research Essay Competition 2022
  - PRC Publication 2023 “Floods 2022: All Pakistan PRC Panel Discussion and Student Essays Competition”
  - Seminar - “The ongoing digital population census and its potential impact on the upcoming elections”
  - Certificates Awarded to PRC Certification Program Students
  - PRC gained PAP Membership

The PRC organized a research essay competition in November 2022. The essay competition was organized for undergraduate students (funded by ORIC). The overall theme of the competition was "2022 Floods in Pakistan, ensuing challenges and possible solutions". The participating students wrote essays on any one of the following topics.

- Internal displacement and migration due to 2022 floods
- Water security & Food security related to 2022 floods and possible solutions
- Public health issues related to 2022 floods and possible solutions

- Long and short-term Economic challenges in the aftermath of the 2022 floods and possible solutions
- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR): Lessons learned from 2022 floods and way forward

After an in-depth screening and evaluation process by the review committee members, the top ten essays were reviewed by Dr. M. Vaqas Ali (Director, PRC) and PRC team for the selection of the top three essays.



The Review Committee consisted of the following faculty members:

- Dr. Sara Rizvi Jafree, Chairperson & Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
- Dr. Hafiz Rizwan Ahmad, Assistant professor, Department of Economics
- Dr. Khadija Shakrullah, Associate Professor, Department of geography
- Dr. Jawad Tariq, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology



The prize distribution ceremony was held on 9th January 2023 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM in Executive lounge E-001. Top five students also presented their topics in the ceremony prior to the announcement of results.

Certificates and prizes among the participants were distributed by Dr. Jonathan Addleton (Rector, FCCU), PRC Advisory board members; Dr. Sufiyan Aslam (Associate vice Rector for Faculty Affairs), Dr. Gloria Calib (Associate vice Rector for Academic Affairs) and Dr. Kauser Abdulla Malik HI, SI, TI (HEC Distinguished Professor and Dean of Post-graduate Studies, Director ORIC).

The top three winners of the competition were:

- 1st Prize Winner (20,000 PKR): Mahnoor Butt
- 2nd Prize Winner (15,000 PKR): Muhammad Afiq
- 3rd Prize Winner (10,000 PKR): Umme Abeh

The event ended with a note of thanks and tea.



## PRC PUBLICATION 2023

# “FLOODS 2022: ALL PAKISTAN PRC PANEL DISCUSSION AND STUDENT ESSAYS COMPETITION”



### FLOODS 2022: ALL PAKISTAN PRC PANEL DISCUSSION & STUDENT ESSAYS



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The event held in December 2022

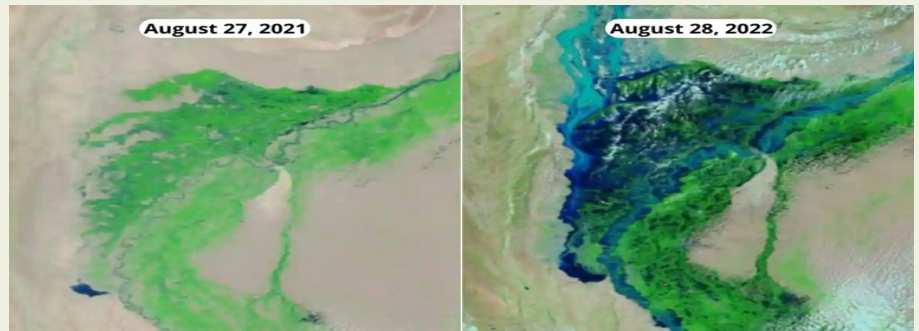
The PRC organized and hosted a collaborative panel discussion on the "Devastation by Floods in Provinces: Relief and Rehabilitation activities & imminent challenges" on 9th December 2022, supported by UNFPA. This event was conducted in collaboration with the Population Council (PC), Pakistan, PRC, Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, PRC, University of Peshawar (UOP) and PRC, Baluchistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS), supported by UNFPA.

The event consisted of two sessions. The first session focused on the relief and rehabilitation activities in the aftermath of the 2022 Floods at the national level. In which, Dr. G. M. Arif (President, Population Association of Pakistan -PAP) presented on how mismanagement of the government has led to unauthorized settlements in flood prone areas. He suggested that resilience policy is important to reduce existing risks and improve respond to new risks in Pakistan by empowering local governments and improving education and health facilities.

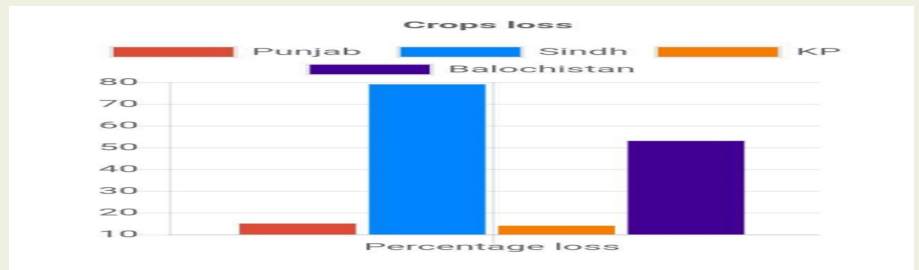
Secondly, Ms. Afia Salam (member of the National Climate Change Council) discussed of the impending challenges for Pakistan caused by the floods in 2022 and sustainable solutions. Ms. Afia discussed the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) of floods in Pakistan. She focused upon how Pakistan has multiple climate change threats which catalyzes in the heavy monsoon rainfalls. She also proposed that the population should be trained in basic survival skills to reduce disaster risk and rehabilitation and compensation should be given to the affected population.

Further, on provincial level, Ms. Maria Hassan (Assistant Professor, IBA, Karachi) discussed the devastation by floods in Sindh: Relief and rehabilitation activities in Sindh and imminent challenges. In addition, Mr. Mumtaz Ali (District Support Manager PPHI, District Pishin) discussed the devastation by floods in Baluchistan: Relief and rehabilitation activities in Baluchistan and imminent challenges.

In reference to this collaborative panel discussion (held on December 9th, 2022) and research essay competition (held in November 2022), PRC team has transcribed, edited, and finalized the presentations of the panelists and compiled the first ten student essays to be published in the form of the booklet (funded by ORIC, FCCU). The booklet proceedings have been transcribed, edited and finalized by the PRC team and proofread by two sources: Dr. Hafiz Rizwan Ahmed (Departmental Representative, PRC, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics) & the Writing center, FCCU. The publication of the booklet is available both in soft and hard form.



Pakistan 2022 Floods. August 27, 2021 vs. August 27



Crop loss due to flood 2022 in Pakistan

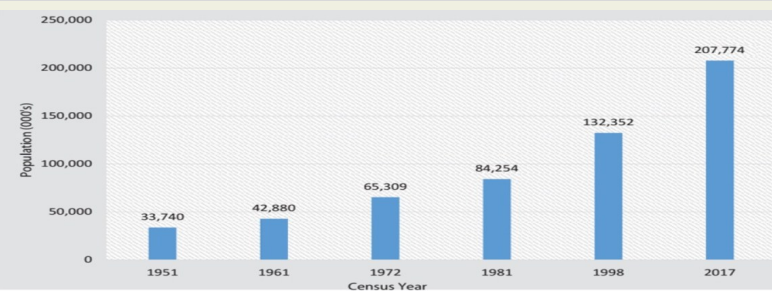
## SEMINAR ON ‘THE ONGOING DIGITAL POPULATION CENSUS AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS’

The PRC organized a seminar on ‘The ongoing digital population census and its potential impact on the upcoming elections’ on March 24th, 2023, at E-025 Auditorium from 2:30 -3:30 PM.

### ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nizam Ud Din (S.I.) is a renowned educationist and administrator and has been awarded the Sitara-e Imtiaz for his contribution in the field of education. He is the former chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Punjab and is currently serving as the Pro Rector and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Superior University. He has also served as President, Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) and the Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in New York.

The event started with the recitations of the Holy Quran and Holy Bible followed by the welcome address by Dr. M. Vaqas Ali (Director, PRC) and presentation of the guest speaker (Prof. Dr. M. Nizam Ud Din).



Population of Pakistan — Census Analysis

During the seminar, Prof. Dr. Nizam Ud Din discussed the background and importance of the census stating, ‘it is the process of collecting, compiling, evaluating, analyzing and publishing or otherwise disseminating demographic, economic and social data pertaining at a specified time, to all persons in a country’.

He shed light on the previous census of Pakistan and their critical importance followed by a comparative analysis of census in Pakistan and other countries like Iran, Egypt, Turkey, India and Bangladesh. He also explained the digitalization of the census and how there is a dire need to adopt latest technologies in Pakistan. Lastly, he explained the impact of digital censuses on elections where he talked about the way political polemics are settled, unprecedented level of accuracy and detail, computerized census and its less susceptible to manipulation and allowing for more informed decisions to be made.

The event ended with the discussion and Q/A session in which students and faculty members participated thoroughly followed by the presentation of souvenir to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nizam Ud Din by Dr. Sikandar Hayat (Dean, Social Sciences).




## CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO PRC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM STUDENTS - 2nd BATCH

The PRC launched its certification program in “Demography and Population Studies” in Fall’21 for undergraduate students at FCCU. The certification program requires students to take a total of four courses from the participating departments; Sociology, Statistics, Economics and Geography. The PRC awarded certificates on 23rd June 2023 to the second batch of students who successfully completed the Certification Program.

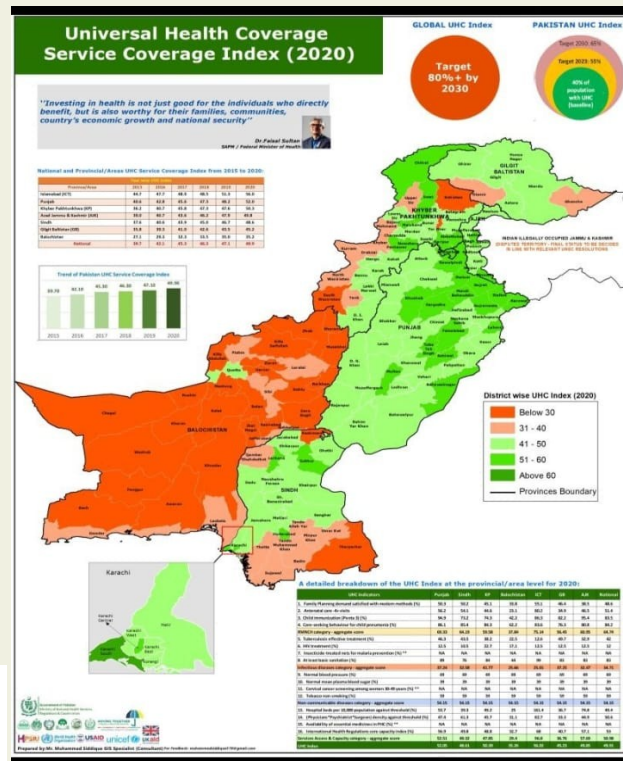


# COLLABORATIONS

## PRC GAINED MEMBERSHIP OF POPULATION ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN (PAP)



The PRC team has gained the membership of PAP. The team fulfilled all the criteria of the PAP membership and availed the regular membership for future correspondence. PRC also decided to conduct conference in the fall semester with collaboration of PAP. In this regard, PRC team also had a meeting with Dr. Nasra Shah (President of PAP)



Universal Health Coverage Service Coverage Index 2020

# MEET THE PRC DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES

### Department of Sociology: Mr. Athar Azeem

Mr. Athar Azeem is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology. He has done his MPhil & MA Sociology from (PU, Lahore). Mr. Athar has 22 years of teaching experience at various universities in undergraduate programs. He has 16 years of teaching experience in different colleges of the Punjab government. He is also a freelance researcher. Mr. Azeem has worked as an environmental social impact assessment expert in different organizations at national and international levels. He is also a member of different social welfare organizations. His research interest includes Development sociology of the environment.



### Department of Geography: Dr. Khadija Shakrullah

Dr. Khadija Shakrullah joined the Department of Geography FCCU, as a lecturer in 2009 and currently, working as an Associate Professor. She has completed her Post-Doctoral research entitled "Assessing the Climate Change at Urban Scale of Lahore District in the Punjab" from Institute of Geography, University of the Punjab Lahore, Pakistan. She is serving as a regular member of the Board of Studies in various Departments and Institutions. She is also a member of the Selection Board in Kinnaird College for Women University, and Government College University, Lahore. She published 23 research articles in National and International Journals as well. She is working as member editorial board in various HEC Approved Journals. For the last two consecutive times she has been nominated as an Executive member for Pakistan Geographical Association, Pakistan (PGR).





### **Department of Economics: Dr. Hafiz Rizwan Ahmed**

Dr. Hafiz Rizwan Ahmad is an Assistant Professor at Department of Economics. He has done Ph.D. & MPhil from GCU, Lahore and MA from PU, Lahore. After completion of MPhil Economics, Dr. Hafiz Rizwan Ahmad joined the Planning Commission of Pakistan as a Research Officer and then joined Forman Christian College (A Chartered University). He completed his Ph.D. in Economics from Government College University, Lahore, and has more than ten years of experience teaching at various universities such as UCP and GCU, Lahore. In the year 2017, he was given the Outstanding Teacher Award at FCCU, Lahore. His research areas include Economic consequences of demographic change and Youth Labor market in Pakistan.

### **Department of Statistics: Ms. Samia Ayub**

Ms. Samia Ayub is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Statistics. She has done her MPhil & MSc from University of the Punjab, Lahore. She has Worked with Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Lahore in 2005 as R&D Officer then joined Lahore College for Women University Lahore as Lecturer in 2006. She is now teaching at FCC from 2010. Her research interest includes Queuing Theory and Modeling and Time Series Analysis.



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