



Conference Program

ALL EVENTS HELD AT THE HARRISON INSTITUTE / SMALL LIBRARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Friday Evening, September 12th

4:00–6:00 pm – Welcome Reception

6:30–7:30 pm – Keynote Address

Shamsur Rahman Faruqi

A Modest Plea: Could We Have a Proper History of Urdu Literature?

Saturday Morning, September 13th

9:15–9:30 am – Coffee & Bagels

9:30–10:30 am – Panel I: Urdu Language and Literature in India and Pakistan

- Sean Pue, "Temporality in Pakistani Modernism"
- Mehr Farooqi, "Writing Rekhtah in the Manner of Bedil! Why Ghalib Chose the Difficult Path"

10:45–12:30 am – Panel II: Gender and Writing in Urdu Literature

- Tanveer Anjum, "Female Writers' Self-Representations in Urdu Autobiographies"
- Christina Oesterheld, "No Ladies Department in Literature, Please: Qurratulain Hyder's Experiences as a Writing Woman"
- Gail Minault, "Zay Kay Sheen, Aligarh's Purdah-Nashin Poet"
- Kamran Ali, "Partition, Perverts and Progressives: Cultural Debates in Pakistan's Early Years"

Saturday Afternoon, September 13th

2:30–4:10 pm – Panel III: Why Mir Taqi Mir Continues to Fascinate

- C.M. Naim, "Mir in Fact and Fiction"
- Frances Pritchett, "Mir as Suffering Curmudgeon: The History of a Hatchet Job"
- Mohammad Mahfooz Khan, "Is Mir Really a Poet of Sorrow and Pain?"
- Shamsur Rahman Faruqi (Respondent)

4:25–5:45 pm – Panel IV: Politics, Religion and Urdu Literature in South Asia

- Barbara Metcalf, "Urdu and the Madrasa in British India and After"
- Aditya Behl, "On the *Shahrashob*: Urbanism, Urbanity and Urdu Poetry"
- Akbar Hyder, "Josh: A Life of Passion and Paradox"

Saturday Evening, September 13th

6:30–8:30 pm – Mushaira Evening

- Shamsur Rahman Faruqi
- Tanveer Anjum
- Syed Muhammad Ashraf
- Muhammad Mahfooz Khan
- Khalid Jawed

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