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# Urdu Fest Reception

4-6 pm Harrison Institute and Library  
at the University of Virginia

Meet Urdu scholars and panel presenters at the Friday reception, followed by the keynote address by renowned critic, poet, and novelist Shamsur Rahman Faruqi from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

## The Urdu Fest 2008

Join in the celebration of Urdu language and literature, with Friday's reception and keynote address, followed by Saturday's panels all day and its evening mushaira of poetry readings and recitations. The University of Virginia has brought together three generations of scholars of Urdu language and its literature for enlightening and inspiring discussions on Urdu language and its literature past, present, and future.

The University of Virginia library holds over 3,000 Urdu language titles, including books, journals, and several videos and DVDs.

Library holdings of Shamsur Rahman Faruqi's books include reviews and criticism of Urdu literature, fiction, collections and translations of poetry, and 25 volumes of the journal *Shab Khun*, which he edited from 1966 through 2006.

The UVa library provides access through its InterLibrary Services to over 48,000 Urdu titles, and through its participation with the Digital South Asia Library to Urdu collections in India and Pakistan with their books, journals, and manuscripts.

*Shab Khun* covers



The Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures has planned and organized this Fest. Go to the Urdu Fest web site <http://www.virginia.edu/mesa/UrduFest.html> for more information about events, panels, and sponsors.

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