

# 4th International Hindukush Culture Conference

Exploring the Hindukush for Cultural Diversity, Revitalization and Development



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September 14-16, 2020

Chitral, Pakistan

First Announcement and Call for Presentation

Anjuman Taraqqi Khovar and the Forum for Language Initiatives (FLI) are pleased to announce a **Call for Abstracts** for the **4<sup>th</sup> International Hindukush Cultural Conference** to be held on 14-16 September 2020. The three-day conference is meant to provide a platform for scholars, students and people from different communities to interact and learn from each other. The 4<sup>th</sup> International Hindukush Cultural Conference is an academic and scholarly activity in continuation of the first conference held in Moesgaard, Denmark in 1970. The 2020 conference will commemorate the golden jubilee of that first conference. The 2nd International Hindukush Cultural Conference was hosted by the Anjuman in Chitral, in August 1990 with Professor Israruddin (Chairman, Department of Geography, University of Peshawar) as convener and Dr Karl Jettmar (South Asian Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany) as general president. The 3rd conference was hosted by the same organization in Chitral in October 1995, with the same convener and Professor Schuyler Jones (Pitt Rivers Museum, England) as General President. The 4th International Conference will be convened by Professor Israruddin on behalf of the same host to give an opportunity for high profile scholars in the field of Hindukush studies to meet and exchange ideas about their recent works. The conference will bring together national and international scholars.

The highly motivated team of hosts is looking forward to welcoming you in Chitral in September 2020. The event includes, talks by keynote speakers, paper presentations, conference dinner and cultural night.

### **Conference themes.**

Conference themes and subthemes will include:

#### **1. History**

- Pre-colonial history of Chitral, Mastuj and Yasin
- Pre-colonial history of Gilgit, Hunza and Nager
- Colonial history of Northern Pakistan
- Historiography of the Chitral and Gilgit areas
- Northern Pakistan in the days of independence and the accession of the northern polities (principalities and stateless communities)
- History and distribution of Muslim confessions in the Hindu Kush/Karakorum
- History of population movements and migrations in the Hindu Kush/Karakorum
- Ancient trade routes

- Historical buildings, forts, palaces, mosques, remarkable residences, tower-houses, notable burials, historical sites
- Findings and prospects in the archaeology of the Hindukush/Karakorum a
- Post-state History of Chitral

## 2. **Geography**

- Adaptation to climate change in Pakistan's mountain regions
- Challenges for sustainable development
- Reducing the knowledge gap: recent studies in mountain research
- Regional development of Chitral
- Impact of CPEC on Hindukush-Karakoram area
- Water towers of humankind: Hindukush and Karakoram revisited
- Pastoralism in the Hindukush
- Exchange relations between Chitral and Afghanistan
- Cultural geography of the Hindukush

## 3. **Cultural**

- Poetry in the local languages of the Hindukush/Karakorum: past and present
- Oral traditions and genealogical knowledge about the past in local communities
- Ethnic and linguistic minorities and their quest for identity
- Music and dance in local traditions
- Polo and other traditional sports
- Tradition and innovation in self-organization of local communities
- Rites of birth, marriage and burial: tradition versus innovation
- The cultural impact of development interventions and new technologies
- Traditional artisans and their crafts

## 4. **Kalasha Heritage**

- Permanence and change in traditional behaviours, practices and conceptions
- Kalasha women between tradition and innovation
- The process of conversion among the Kalasha in the past and in the present
- The present practice of Kalasha traditional ritual
- Development interventions by government and NGOs in Kalasha valleys and their impact on the culture
- Cultural impact of tourism in the Kalasha valleys
- The new Kalasha: the younger generations between tradition and modernity
- Challenges and threats for Kalasha culture and identity

## 5. **Languages:**

- Language documentation, description and promotion
- Challenges in implementing of language in Education policy.
- Causes of language endangerment in Hindukush Region
- Language maintenance
- Indigenous voices in popular culture (e.g. social media, fiction, poetry, film, hip hop)
- Multilingualism in Hindukush Region

## 6. **Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE)**

- MTB-MLE theory and Practices
- Curriculum Development
- Mother tongue Education

- Teaching kits
- Practice from Field
- Reading material
- Challenges in Mother Tongue Education

#### 7. **Tourism**

- Ecotourism in Hindukush and Karakorum region
- Cultural festivals in Hindukush and Karakorum region
- Recreational and Environment tourism
- Historical and Religious tourism
- Culture and ethnic tourism
- Adventure and Wildlife tourism
- Any other topic in line with tourism Hindukush and Karakorum region

#### **Invited Keynote Speakers**

Alberto Cacopardo, Professor University of Florence

Augusto Cacopardo, Professor University of Florence

Elena Bashir, Professor University of Chicago

Henrik Liljegren, Professor Stockholm University

Hermann Kreutzmann, Professor University Berlin

Jo-Ann Gross, Professor the College of New Jersey

#### **Abstract/ Proposals and Deadlines**

Scholars are invited to submit an abstract of 500 words by 30 November 2019 through [EasyChair](#).

#### **Notification of acceptance of abstracts**

Paper submissions will be reviewed by experts selected by the conference committee for their demonstrated knowledge of topics. The progress and results of the review process will be notified to the authors by 15 January 2019.

#### **Registration Fee:**

International Scholars: US\$ 100, National Scholars: PKR 3000, Independent researchers from indigenous communities: PKR 1500 and students PKR 1000

#### **Guidelines for Authors**

- Submissions should be in English; however, presentations can be in any language. In the event the presentation is given in languages other than English, we would request the presenters to provide translations so as to make it comprehensible for the audience. The organizers may not be able to provide translators in such cases.
- Submissions must be original and should not have been published previously. Papers will be short – 20 minutes will be given for the presentation followed by a 10-minute questions-answers session. Please note that you will not be asked to submit full papers in advance of the conference.
- To help blind peer review, please do not mention your name or affiliation in your proposal or filename. The abstract should only include your presentation title, proposal content, and list of references (if applicable).
- The EasyChair Proposal submission system is being used for this **call for abstracts**. To be able to use this system, you will first need to sign up for a free EasyChair Author account, if you don't

already have one. From there you can submit your abstract as an Author and make any updates or modifications to your abstract submission up to the submission deadline. Submit your abstract here to [EasyChair](#). If you should have questions about the system, please contact the numbers given in bottom of the document.

- Hard copy submissions will be accepted from those who do not have Internet access. Please send one hard copy of your abstract, along with the following information: (1) your name, (2) affiliation, (3) mailing address, (4) phone number, (5) email address, and (6) title of your paper. Hard copies must be post-marked on or before October 15, 2019 and may be sent to:

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### **Publication Opportunity**

All papers in the proceedings will stand a chance to be published after further revision (if recommended) in the conference proceedings subject to fulfilment of the guidelines and conditions.

### **Conference Venue**

Chitral Town, District Chitral, Pakistan

### **Logistics**

Chitral town has hotels ranging for all kind of budget. Details of the hotels will be provided later. Government has also removed restriction on foreigners to travel to Chitral and nearby regions. Online visa facilities are available for most of the countries while citizen of some countries can also get visa on arrival. See your country on this [link](#). There are daily luxury bus services from Islamabad and Peshawar to Chitral. Pakistan International Airline (PIA) also operates sorties for Chitral twice a week from Peshawar and Islamabad. The conference organizers will establish reception at Peshawar and Islamabad airport to facilitate the conference delegates.

### **For further information**

For further information and questions please write to

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(please forward to interested scholars)