

LangLit Insider

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Dear Colleagues and Students,

I am pleased to share this newsletter, which highlights the achievements of the Department of English, Faculty of Languages and Literature. I take great pride in the dedication and hard work of our faculty members, staff, and students, who continue to nurture a culture of learning, creativity, and critical thinking.

Our programs in English Literature and Linguistics provide students with valuable opportunities to explore language, culture, and ideas while developing strong analytical and communication skills. Beyond the classroom, students are encouraged to participate in activities that enrich their academic experience.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our faculty and staff for their continued commitment and look forward to the positive contributions we will continue to make together.

With warm regards,

Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt
Dean, Faculty of Languages and Literature



FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

It is a pleasure to present this edition of LangLit Insider, highlighting the key academic activities and achievements of the Department of English, FoLL, at the University of Central Punjab over the past months. A major highlight of this period was the 2nd International Conference of Literature, Linguistics, and Language, held on 8-9 January 2026 under the theme "The Second Coming of Humanities." The conference received more than 300 abstract submissions from scholars worldwide and brought together researchers, writers, and academics to reflect on the contemporary relevance of the humanities. The event featured keynote lectures, panel discussions, workshops, and research presentations addressing literature, linguistics, digital humanities, and pedagogy in a rapidly changing world.



Our faculty members also remained actively engaged in national and international academic forums. I had the privilege of participating as a key speaker at the Pakistan English Conference 2025 at GCU Lahore, contributing to discussions on Re-imagining English Studies in the Global South. The faculty also organized an International Symposium on Publishing and Research Resources, which provided valuable guidance on identifying research gaps, accessing modern research resources, and navigating publication processes. Our postgraduate research community also achieved important milestones during this period. Three PhD scholars completed their Pre-Dissertation Seminars, while two scholars successfully defended their PhD synopses, marking significant progress in their doctoral research journeys.

The faculty also hosted a number of notable academic and cultural initiatives. The event "Flowers and Film: From Japan with Love", held in collaboration with the Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association and the Embassy of Japan, celebrated cultural exchange through an Ikebana demonstration and a screening of a Japanese film. Another significant scholarly engagement was the seminar by Prof. Dr. Miriam Butt (University of Konstanz, Germany) on the History of Light Verbs in Indo-Aryan Languages, which provided valuable insights into linguistic research.

Institutional collaboration was further strengthened through an MoU signed with NGS Education, creating new opportunities for academic exchange and professional engagement. Additionally, a study visit to the Forum for Language Initiatives (Islamabad) and the Gandhara Resource Centre (Taxila) provided students with practical exposure to language documentation and cultural heritage research. Equally encouraging were our student research exhibitions in Literary Theory and Practice, Ecolinguistics and Blue Humanities, along with workshops on graphic narratives, presentation skills, and AI-assisted teaching, reflecting the faculty's continued commitment to interdisciplinary learning and innovative pedagogy.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our dean, faculty members, staff, and students whose dedication and collaborative spirit continue to strengthen the Faculty of Languages and Literature as a vibrant centre of academic inquiry and excellence.

Best Regards,

Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem
Head of English Department, FoLL

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

In this newsletter, we are moving beyond the page to explore how language and literature shape our digital and physical realities. From students' achievements to faculty breakthroughs, here is a snapshot of the stories currently defining our department.

We are exploring the cultural shifts that influence our writing and the technological tools changing how we analyse texts. Whether it is a closer examination of classic prose or a look at the future of digital storytelling, these pages reflect our collective passion for the human experience.

Turn the page and see how our FoLL community is transforming ideas into meaningful impact.



Thank you.

Sarosh Latif
Editor



HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

The Second Coming of Humanities 2nd International Conference of Literature, Linguistics, and Language



The Department of English, Faculty of Languages and Literature at the University of Central Punjab organized its 2nd International Conference on January 8-9, 2026, on the theme The Second Coming of Humanities.

The conference highlighted the relevance of the humanities—particularly literature, language, and critical thought in a world increasingly marked by rising authoritarianism, global conflicts, wars, pandemics, climate trauma, callous capitalism, the mechanization of humans, and the erosion of democratic values and human empathy. It explored how a renewed engagement with the humanities can respond to the chaos of our times. As technology reshapes reality and silence descends over voices of dissent and care, the conference proposed a 'second coming' of the humanities: not as a nostalgic return, but as a radical reawakening.

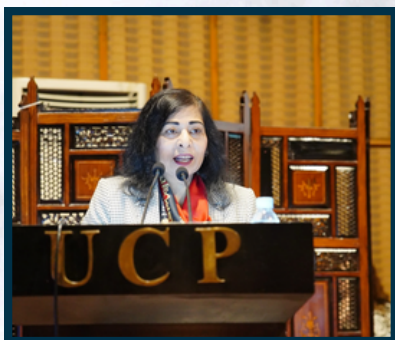
Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission, Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan, honored the event as the Guest of Honor. Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem, and Dr. Muhammad Safdar served as the patron-in-chief, patron, and focal person of the conference, respectively. The conference was attended by scholars, writers, educators, and students from across the world to envision how literature, linguistics, and language studies can serve as acts of resistance, restoration, foresight, and renewal in an uncertain world. The conference featured keynote addresses, panel discussions, workshops, and paper presentations.



The Second Coming of Humanities

SUB THEMES

Literature and Cultural Studies



- Literature as resistance in times of political crisis
- Rewriting trauma: Literary responses to war, displacement, and pandemic
- The role of literature in the preservation of human rights and empathy
- Post-truth, dystopia, and the literary imagination
- Revival of myth and prophecy in contemporary literature
- Environmental humanities and the Anthropocene in literary narratives
- Postcolonial critiques in the age of neo-imperialism
- Literature and the ethics of care



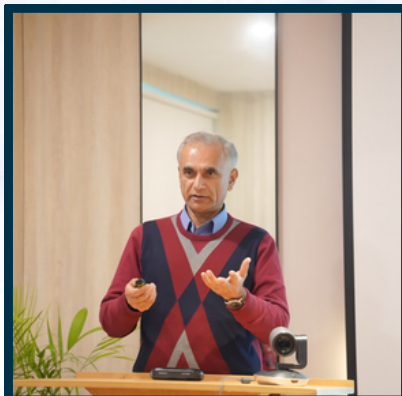
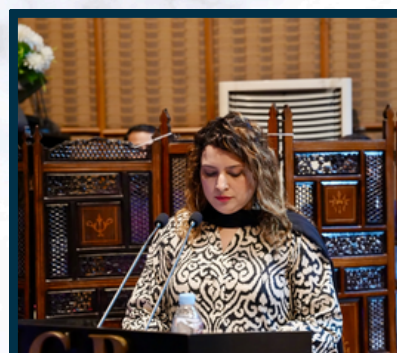
The Second Coming of Humanities

SUB THEMES

Linguistics and Language Studies



- Linguistic landscapes of conflict and reconciliation
- The politics of language in authoritarian regimes
- Language extinction and preservation in the global age
- Critical discourse analysis in times of misinformation
- Trauma linguistics: Language and memory
- Language, identity, and resistance in marginalized communities



The Second Coming of Humanities

SUB THEMES

Digital Humanities and Interdisciplinary Approaches



- The future of the humanities in the digital age
- AI, language models, and the ethics of representation
- Re-humanizing technology through literature and philosophy
- Storytelling in digital spaces: Podcasts, blogs, and interactive fiction



The Second Coming of Humanities

SUB THEMES

Pedagogy and Humanities Education



- Humanities in crisis: Rebuilding academic and public trust
- Teaching literature and empathy in polarized societies
- Decolonizing the humanities curriculum
- Literature in translation: Bridging global divides
- Reclaiming classroom spaces as sites of critical thought and resistance



The Second Coming of Humanities



The Second Coming of Humanities



FLOWERS & FILM

A meaningful celebration of cultural exchange and Pakistan-Japan friendship



The Department of English, FoLL, UCP hosted “Flowers and Film: From Japan with Love” in collaboration with the Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association and the Embassy of Japan on January 16, 2026 to enhance academic and cultural exchange between Pakistan and Japan. The event featured Ms. Ura Mamiko (Deputy Head, Public Affairs, Embassy of Japan), Dr. Ghazala Irfan (President, Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association), and Ms. Shaista Khawar (Ikebana Expert).

Organized by Ms. Sarosh Latif, Senior Lecturer at FoLL, the programmed commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Dean FoLL, and remarks by Ms. Ura Mamiko, both of whom emphasized the vital role of universities and cultural initiatives in promoting cross-cultural understanding and academic collaboration. The key features of the event were the Ikebana demonstrations by Ms. Shaista Khawar and a screening of the Japanese film Samurai Ninja. The event concluded with souvenir presentations and the gifting of Haiku Hues, edited by Ms. Sarosh Latif, celebrating Pakistan-Japan friendship.



Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem's Keynote Session at Pakistan English Conference 2025

Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem, participated as a key speaker at the Pakistan English Conference, organized by GCU Lahore, on the theme: "Re-imagining English Studies in the Global South." Dr. Saleem engaged in key policy dialogues shaping the future of English studies in Pakistan.



A Session by Dr. Muhammad Safdar on global academic experiences and research collaborations

Dr. Muhammad Safdar conducted a seminar on 11th February, 2026 sharing his insights from the fully funded IVLP (USA) and his Fellowship at SISU (China), highlighting global academic experiences and research collaborations. The session also focused on preparing competitive proposals and encouraged faculty to explore international academic opportunities.



International Symposium on Publishing and Research Resources

The Department of English, FoLL's International Symposium on Publishing and Research Resources, headed by Dr. Muhammad Safdar, featured Dr. Abdel-Wahab Khalifa (Queen's University Belfast, UK) and Dr. Shahzeb Khan (University of the Punjab, Lahore) moderated by Tahoor Ali on 2nd January, 2026. Dr. Khalifa shared insights on identifying research gaps, developing strong research problems, accessing modern resources, navigating publication processes, and using AI and digital tools for innovative research, while Dr. Khan emphasized the importance of addressing contemporary postcolonial issues such as decolonization, environmental crises, elite corruption, and silenced voices.



Research Seminar

Dr. Muhammad Aslam, Associate Professor, Department of English, FLL, represented UCP and expertly led the Research Seminar organised by The School of Liberal Arts, UMT, on “Identifying Theoretical Context and Relevant Studies”.

Dr. Aslam’s engaging presentation and deep academic expertise enriched the learning experience for all participants. His interactive style and thought-provoking insights sparked a lively discussion, with participants actively engaging in questions and reflection—making the session both dynamic and intellectually stimulating.



Dr. Muhammad Aslam, Associate Professor, Department of English, FLL delivered a lecture on “How to Choose a Research Topic” at Government Graduate College, Model Town, Lahore, on December 3, 2025.



On 20th January 2026, Dr. Muhammad Aslam delivered a lecture as Guest Speaker on “Universal Bilingualism and TRANSLANGUAGING: A Call for Reinterpreting Universal Grammar” in the First International Colloquium on Language and Interdisciplinary Research, organized by UMT School of Liberal Arts.



Dr. Muhammad Aslam presented a reflective paper on “AI Literacy or Literacies: The Modern University Perspective” in the 3rd Online International Conference on AI Assisted Academic Writing, Translation, and Literacy in Higher Education, held on 29th November, 2025.

Digital Empowerment & Entrepreneurship Program in collaboration with CIRCLE Women Association

Mr. Nohaiz Mehmood, Industry Liaison Officer (FILO) and Ms. Fatima Urooj (Senior Program Coordinator), organized a session Digital Empowerment & Entrepreneurship Program in collaboration with CIRCLE Women Association on 12th November 2025. The session was conducted by Ms. Ayesha, Lead Trainer, and focused on enhancing students' understanding of digital entrepreneurship, supporting new and existing business ventures, and improving employability skills. The program highlighted CIRCLE's three key domains: helping individuals start new businesses, boosting existing enterprises, and assisting with job-hunting, along with free-of-cost training for women in social media, digital marketing, business development, and confidence-building.



Academic Engagement: Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem at UOH PhD Defence

Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem participated as an external examiner in the public PhD defence of Mr. Jawad Khan at the Department of Linguistics and Literature, University of Haripur, KP. Renowned for his expertise in linguistics and literature and his sustained scientific contributions, Dr. Saleem's work continues to advance research excellence and foster critical inquiry within the discipline.



University of Central Punjab

Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem's Participation as an External Examiner in the Public PhD Defense at University of Haripur, KP



Academic Engagement: Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem's Talk on Trends in Linguistics at the University of South Asia

Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem delivered an insightful talk on Trends in Linguistics at the University of South Asia on January 10, 2026, highlighting emerging research directions and the evolving role of linguistics in modern academia. The session sparked engaging discussions among faculty and students, promoting deeper interest in linguistic studies and contemporary research perspectives.



A Session on PhD Supervision Policies & Procedures

A session on PhD Supervision Policies & Procedures was conducted by Ms. Rameesha, focusing on institutional guidelines, supervision protocols, scholar responsibilities, progress expectations, and departmental compliance on 10th February, 2026. HEC guidelines were formally shared with faculty and research scholars to ensure transparency, accountability, and adherence to national standards.



PhD Synopsis Open Defence in Linguistics

Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research organized Ms. Summiya Azam's PhD Synopsis Open Defence in Linguistics, under the supervision of Dr. Baber SA Khan. She presented and successfully defended her research proposal before the defence committee.



PhD Synopsis Open Defence in Linguistics

Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research organised Ms. Arooj Fatima's PhD Synopsis Open Defence in Linguistics, under the supervision of Dr. Shafaat Yar Khan. She presented and successfully defended her research proposal before the defence committee.



Pre-Dissertation Seminars under the Supervision of Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem

We are pleased to share that our three Ph.D scholars successfully presented their Pre-Dissertation Seminars under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem:

- Ms. Shumaila presented “Construction Approach to Semantic Prosody of Near-Synonym Verbs: A Corpus-based Study” on 26 February 2026.
- Ms. Asma Sharif presented “Urdu Compounds: A Construction Morphology Analysis” on 26 February 2026.
- Ms. Faiza Ghulam Nabi presented “A Distributional Morphological Analysis of Complex Word Formation in Urdu” on 10 February 2026.

Congratulations to all these researchers on this important academic milestone!



Workshop on Understanding Comics and Graphic Narratives

A workshop titled “Understanding Comics and Graphic Narratives” was held for the students of BS English Literature on 17th December, 2025. The session was conducted by Ms. Kashifa Khalid, Principal Lecturer, along with Fatima Rizwan, MPhil Scholar.

The workshop provided hands-on training to help students understand the fundamentals of comics, graphic novels, and visual storytelling. Special emphasis was placed on comic-making techniques and the integration of AI-based software tools in developing graphic novels and comic strips. The initiative aimed to equip students with practical skills and creative strategies to incorporate digital and AI tools into their final-year projects, while expanding their understanding of multimodal literary forms.



A Session with Executive Director Language Cert

Mr. Nohaiz Mehmood, Industry Liaison Officer (FILO) and Ms. Fatima Urooj (Senior Program Coordinator – External Linkages & Student Engagement), in collaboration with its partner organization, the Institute of Career Development (ICD), organized an insightful international session with Mr. Marios Molfetas, Executive Director of LanguageCert. The session, attended by BS English students and senior faculty members, focused on the growing global relevance of English language proficiency and contemporary language testing techniques. Following the session, a meeting was held with Dean Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem (HOD), Mr. Nohaiz Mehmood (Industry Liaison Officer-FILO), and Ms. Fatima Urooj (Senior Program Coordinator, External Linkages) to discuss avenues for academic collaboration, faculty training, student development, joint research, and international opportunities.



Faculty Members as Guest Judges at Poster Competition, GCU Lahore

We are pleased to share that our respected faculty members, Ms. Kashifa Khalid and Mr. Nohaiz Mehmood, were invited by Government College University Lahore to serve as judges for the BS English Poster Competitions held on 17 February 2026.



Seminar on The History of Light Verbs in Indo-Aryan Languages

Ms. Rameesha Haris had hosted a seminar on "The History of Light Verbs in Indo-Aryan Languages" by Prof. Dr. Miriam Butt from University of Konstanz, Germany organized by the Department of English, FoLL in collaboration with Centre for Language Engineering (CLE), UET Lahore- an insightful talk on Indo-Aryan Languages' complex predicates, grammaticalization, and the fascinating 4000-year continuity of linguistic structures.



A Workshop on "Presenting to Impress: Essentials of Presentation Skills"

The Department of English, FoLL held an insightful workshop on "Presenting to Impress: Essentials of Presentation Skills" in January, 2026. The event was organized by Ms. Tayyaba Binte Mehmood and the guest speaker was Dr. Umer Azim, Assistant Professor at Government College Township, Lahore. The workshop featured various steps of delivering impactful presentations in the modern, digital age.



Connect Week

Ms Areeba Tayyab had the pleasure of connecting with students of the Department of English, FoLL, at the University of Central Punjab.

As part of Connect Week, we not only explored the richness of language, literature and cultural expression – but also took time to walk students through the key departmental policies, academic expectations, and the many opportunities available to them during their time at UCP. It was a great moment of orientation, exchange, and community-building – and a reminder of how important it is to create spaces where students feel both informed and inspired.



Training Session: Beyond Chalk & Talk: AI for Modern Educators

A Two-day training session: “Beyond Chalk & Talk: AI for Modern Educators”, conducted by Ms. Tayyaba Binte Mehmood for the Faculty of Languages & Literature, focused on the hands-on use of various AI tools for Material Designing, Lesson Planning, Assessment Making, and Student Engagement.



Faculty Partner – Learning Innovation Centre’s Pedagogy Program

As part of the program, Ms Tayyaba Binte Mehmood worked with a student partner, Ms. Kaneez Fatima to mentor students and support pedagogical innovation at UCP.



Annual Play

Under the patronage of Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Ms. Omaira Lone (FoLL), Ms. Saba Fayyaz, and Mr Rashid Hussain, UCP Dramatics Club presented their Annual Play "Akhri Tehreer," adapted from Saadat Hasan Manto's "Khudkushi". The play brilliantly brought Manto's sharp satire, humour, and deep understanding of human psychology to the stage.



Trainer- Speak Up!

Trainer -Speak UpConfident English for Real World Communication (2025) conducted a 4-week course for students and professionals to improve their professional and practical communication.



Workshop on Language Documentation and Archiving

On 17th December, 2025, the Department of English, FoLL, in collaboration with the Forum for Language Initiative, organised a workshop on language documentation and archiving, conducted by Mr. Naseem Haider. The participants had the opportunity to gain practical insights into documenting and preserving under-researched and endangered languages.



Ms. Sarosh Latif Represents UCP at COMSATS Literary Event-Idraak

Ms. Sarosh Latif (Senior Lecturer, FoLL) represented the University of Central Punjab (UCP) as an adjudicator at the literary competitions hosted by COMSATS University. Her role reflects UCP's commitment to academic excellence and active participation in inter-university events.



The Price of Bread-Translating in Times of Genocide

The Department of English, FoLL organized a talk titled "Translating in Times of Genocide," featuring Mr. Raza Naeem as the guest speaker on 20th October 2025. His talk focused on the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis in Palestine, highlighting the injustices faced by the Palestinian people. He emphasized the role of literature and poetry in bearing witness to such suffering.

Mr. Naeem particularly discussed the poetry of Ishrat Afreen, whose verses powerfully portray the pain, resilience, and resistance of the Palestinian struggle. He also read from his own translations of her poems, allowing the audience to experience the emotional depth and beauty of her work. Through his talk, he underscored the power of poetry in times of oppression and the importance of solidarity, empathy, and cultural resistance through art.



From Text to Tech

Ms. Areeba Tayyab was featured in the UCP TV show titled From Text to Tech - a remarkable initiative by the Department of English at UCP, bridging academic knowledge with innovative media practices. Hosted by Ms. Omaisma Lone, this platform not only highlighted the dynamic possibilities within literature, linguistics, and creative writing but also showcased how our disciplines continue to evolve in a digital world.

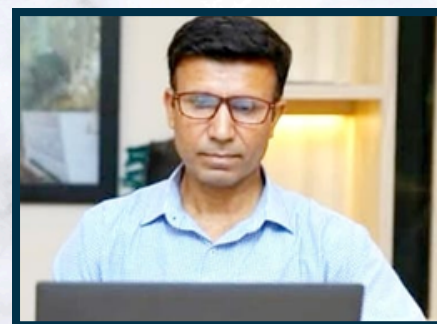


OUR RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Dr. Tahir Saleem has recently published a number of research articles in collaboration with his PhD supervisees in internationally recognized journals published by Taylor & Francis and Springer Nature. In his most recent publication, co-authored with his PhD supervisee, Shumaila Ahmad, Dr. Saleem's article appeared in Corpus Pragmatics. The paper, "Construction Approach to Semantic Prosody of the Verb Study: A Corpus-based Study" (2026), employs corpus-based methods to investigate semantic prosody within a constructionist framework. The study highlights how meaning patterns emerge in language use and demonstrate the analytical value of corpus-driven approaches in contemporary linguistic research.
- Another collaborative article with his PhD supervisee, Asma Sharif, was published in Cogent Arts & Humanities. Titled "Extending Construction Morphology: Typological and Pragmatic Challenges from Urdu Compounding Patterns" (2025), the study examines Urdu compounding through the framework of construction morphology and offers important typological and pragmatic insights into the structure of Urdu word formation, contributing to broader discussions in morphological theory.
- In addition, Dr. Saleem co-authored a research article published in PLOS ONE titled "Integrating AI in Pakistani ESL Classrooms: Teachers' Practices, Perspectives, and Impact on Student Performance" (2025). This interdisciplinary study investigates the integration of artificial intelligence in English language teaching in Pakistan, focusing on teachers' practices, perceptions, and the resulting impact on student performance.

These publications reflect Dr. Saleem's continued commitment to high-quality research and to mentoring emerging scholars. His collaborative work with doctoral students not only contributes to advancing scholarship in linguistics and language education but also enhances the university's research profile through publications in reputable international journals.

Prof. Dr Tahir Saleem



Dr. Muhammad Safdar Bajwa



- Disinformation and Misinterpretation: Deconstructing the Politics of Denialism on Social Media in Pakistan through Islamic Feminism
- Samra Habib's We Have Always Been Here: An Interstitial Muslim Queer Subjectivity

Dr. Muhammad Aslam



"Integrating AI in Pakistani ESL Classrooms: Teachers' Practices, Perspectives, and Impact on Student Performance" (2025). International Publication (W-Category Journal)

Ms. Areeba Tayyab



Ms. Areeba Tayyab recently published article with Pakistan Journal of American Studies titled "From Colorado to Indus: A Comparative Study of Water Memories in Sindhi Mohana Community and the Mojave American Tribe." She hopes the piece contributes to interdisciplinary dialogues on literature, anthropology, and environmental humanities more specifically blue humanities in Pakistan.

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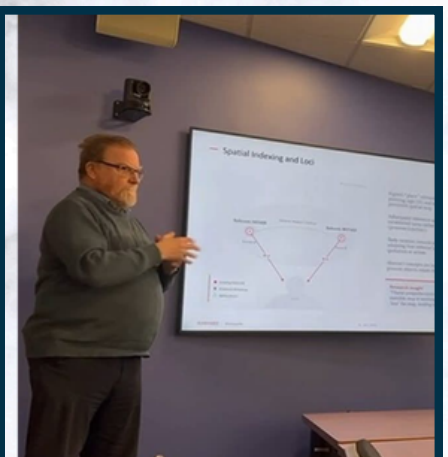
Under the Strategic Pillar Strengthening Industry Linkages, Mr. Nohaiz Mehmood (FILO), in collaboration with the Career Services Office (CSO), facilitated an MoU with NGS Education to promote experiential learning and professional collaboration. The MoU was signed by Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Dean FoLL and Mr. Muhammad Behram Shah, Executive Director, NGS Education.



GLOBAL ACADEMIC OUTREACH

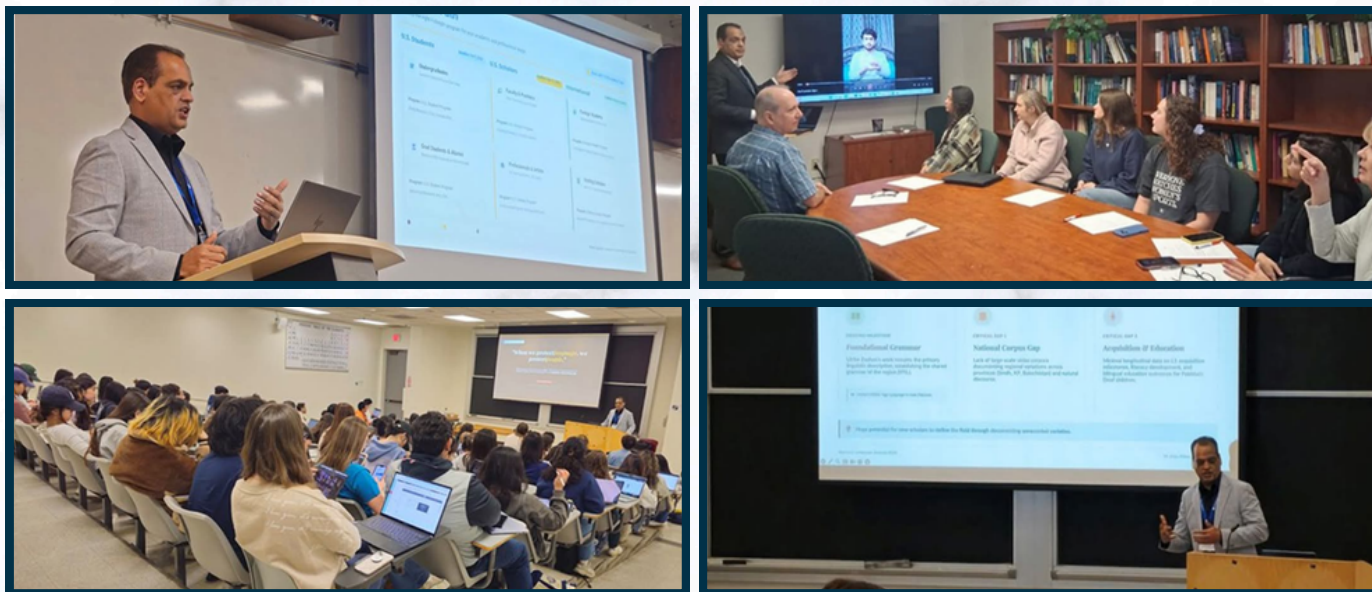
Dr. Irfan Abbas's Guest Lecture at Harvard University

Dr. Irfan Abbas, Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellow and Assistant Professor FoLL, delivered a guest lecture at Harvard University on Pakistani Sign Language and met with Professor Suzanne Flynn at MIT to discuss language acquisition and sign language research.



Dr. Irfan Abbas's Academic Engagement with UC San Diego and San Diego State University

Dr. Irfan Abbas from the Department of English, FoLL received the Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund for the second time and engaged with UC San Diego and San Diego State University through lectures, research presentations on Pakistani Sign Language, and sessions on Fulbright and postdoctoral opportunities.



LAURELS AND LETTERS

Prof. Dr Tahir Saleem – a New Member of the HEC National Curriculum Development Committee

We warmly congratulate Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem, Head of the English Department, for being nominated by HEC Pakistan as a member of the National Curriculum Development Committee for the BS-level course in Arts & Humanities. It is a testament to his academic excellence, leadership, and outstanding contribution to higher education in Pakistan.



**Proud moment for the Department of English, FoLL,
and a big congratulations to our prolific researcher!**

Congratulations



Dr Muhammad Aslam

Associate Professor, FLL

**Title: Integrating AI in Pakistani ESL classrooms:
Teachers' practices, perspectives, and impact....**

| Award |

**Research Excellence award for High- Quality
Research Publications**

**Congratulations to Mr. Tahoor Ali for being
awarded the Faculty Champion Award 2025!**



YOUNG MINDS WRITING THE FUTURE



Our students of Literary Theory & Practice and Research Methods, mentored by Dr. M. Aslam and Ms. Sarosh Latif, proudly presented their final projects on 19th January, 2026. We are grateful to our Dean, Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt; HOD, Dr. Tahir Saleem; Director ELC, Dr. Habib Qazi; and Dr. Baber Sultan A. Khan and faculty members for their support and encouragement. Our sincere appreciation goes to our esteemed evaluators, Dr. Fehmida Sultana and Dr. Shafat Yar Khan, for their feedback and thoughtful engagement.



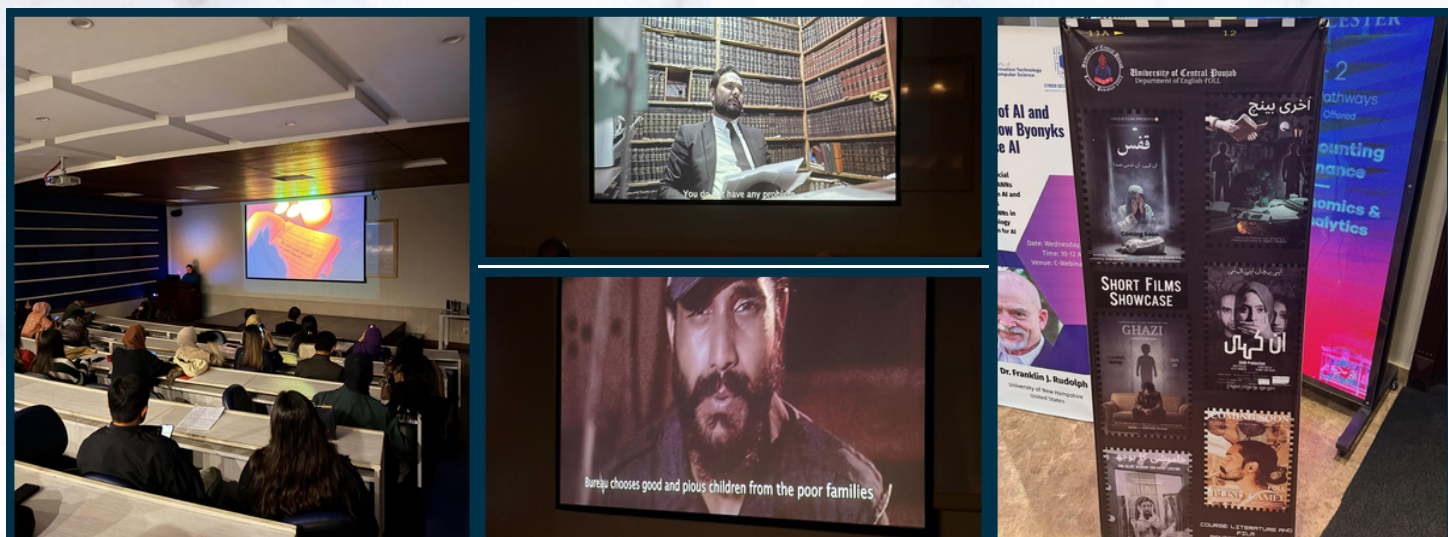
As part of the Final Projects of semester 6 students mentored by Prof. Dr. Baber Sultan Ali Khan, the students worked on and differentiated the grammatical structures of Seraiki, Pashto, Burushaski, and Punjabi with that of English. Ms.Kashifa Khalid, Ms.Tayyaba Binte Mehmood and Ms.Omaira Lone also evaluated the projects.



The final project display of BS Modern Novel and M.Phil Literature and Film under the guidance of their mentor, Ms.Kashifa Khalid showcased students' creative and critical engagement with texts and society on 20th January, 2026. BS students transformed selected modern novels into graphic novels, employing a range of visual and narrative techniques specific to the graphic form. Their projects demonstrated an understanding of adaptation, visual storytelling, and contemporary literary expression.

Students of Literature and Film presented a series of short films that highlighted various social follies and taboos, including themes of feminism, student struggles, social injustice, and cultural constraints. Many projects involved creative adaptations of novels, while others offered original cinematic interpretations of social realities.

Notably, students adapted novels such as Plastic and The White Tiger into graphic novels. Some students went a step further by creating original graphic novels from scratch, including works like The Loop and Vanilla Cup Cake, which explored student struggles, psychological conflicts, and murder mysteries.





Our students showcased their research projects in Ecolinguistics and Blue Humanities on 20th January, 2026 reflecting a strong commitment to interdisciplinary and environmentally engaged scholarship.



Supervised by Ms. Rameesha Haris and Sir Naveed Ahmad, Ecolinguistics students analyzed how language shapes ecological thought through themes such as framing, metaphor, media discourse, consumerism, and climate communication. Blue Humanities projects, guided by Ms. Sarosh Latif, explored marine environments and oceanic cultures at the intersection of literature, ecology, and environmental responsibility.



ACADEMIA MEETS INDUSTRY

FoLL Study visit to Forum for Language Initiatives (FLI), Islamabad and the Gandhara Resource Center Taxila

Mr. Nohaiz Mehmood (FILO, FoLL) and Ms. Fatima Urooj (Senior Program Coordinator), organized a three-day academic study tour from 15 to 18 January 2026 to the Forum for Language Initiatives (FLI), Islamabad, and the Gandhara Resource Center, Taxila, including visits to the Taxila Museum and Gandhara Art Village. included a delegation of 22 students and three faculty members, namely Prof. Dr. Tahir Saleem (HOD English), Mr. Nohaiz and Ms. Fatima Urooj. During the visit, students explored research on endangered languages, sociolinguistic data from Punjab, language documentation challenges, Gandharan artifacts, manuscripts, and traditional arts. The study tour offered practical exposure and professional opportunities, including hybrid and remote internships, involvement in ongoing projects, and MS/PhD research collaboration, thereby enhancing students' academic learning and fostering institutional collaboration.



Industry Visit to Autism Resource Center, Lahore

Mr. Nohaiz Mehmood (FILO, FoLL) and Ms. Fatima Urooj (Senior Program Coordinator, organized an industrial visit for the BS English (Clinical Linguistics) 7th semester students to the Autism Resource Center, Lahore, on 18th November 2025. The delegation was welcomed by Ms. Syeda Mahwish, who delivered an insightful session on autism, its roots, identification processes, and the crucial role of parents in early intervention. She also briefed students on language delay assessments, communication challenges, therapy models, and the center's grading and training systems. Students were later taken on a guided tour of the facility, where they observed practical assessment and therapy procedures.



Farewell, legends!

The BS English S'22 squad signing off (but not really, because once an English major, always an English major). Wishes for your next adventures!



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