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University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Pakistan



INTERACTIVE SESSION REPORT



INVITATION

Professor Dr Hamadullah Kakepoto
Dean Faculty of Social Sciences

Cordially invites you to attend

INTERACTIVE SESSION

With

Matthew A. Cook, PhD
(Sociocultural Anthropology)

Professor of South Asian and Postcolonial Studies

@ North Carolina Central University (USA)

President, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), USA

Monday 24th July 2023 @ 10:30 am

@ Benazir Bhutto Committee Room of
Pakistan Study Centre ,
University of Sindh, Jamshoro

Best Regards

Prof. Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mahesar
Director Pakistan Study Centre
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Wednesday, 24th July 2023

- Topic: INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH **MATTHEW A. COOK**, PH.D (SOCIOCULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY) PROFESSOR OF SOUTH ASIAN AND POSTCOLONIAL STUDIES & NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (USA) AND PRESIDENT, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PAKISTAN STUDIES (AIPS), USA
- Guest of Honour: **Matthew A. Cool**, Ph.D (Socio-Cultural Anthropology)
President American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), USA
- Presided Over: **Professor Dr. Hamadullah Kakepoto**, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Sindh Jamshoro
- Welcome Address: **Prof.Dr.Shuja Ahmed Mahesar**, Director Pakistan Study Centre
- Vote of Thanks: **Dr. Abdul Razaque Channa**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology & Archaeology University of Sindh Jamshoro
- Organized by: Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh, Jamshoro
- Day / Date: Monday, 24th July 20203
- Participants: PVCs, Deans, Directors, Chairpersons and Civil Servants
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Director Pakistan Study Centre University of Sindh Jamshoro

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PROCEEDINGS

The session was opened with the recitation of Holy Quran. In his welcome note Professor Dr Shuja Ahmed Mahesar, Director Pakistan Study Centre gave brief introduction about Pakistan Study Centre that the Centre is established under the Act of Parliament 1976 and it is engaged in the study of languages, literatures, social structures, customs, attitudes and motivation of people of various regions of Pakistan. Its mission is to work with strong commitment to knowledge dissemination to the quality education and provision of high-quality courses to the chorts of students wishing to expand their skills at all levels.



Dr Mahesar further stated that the Centre strives to improve its stature as an institution of broadly-based research. The Centre's aim is to further improve the

quality of research through innovative ways of creating new knowledge. It is putting forth the best of its efforts and potential to explore the political and socio-cultural, economic and climate exchange and its aspects of various issues faced by world community in general and Pakistan in particular.

He said for promoting research Pakistan Study Centre organizes seminars, workshops and conferences from time to time. Dr Shuja Ahmed Mahesar hoped that the interactive session will further contribute to the advancement of knowledge and will help the research scholars as well as youth to understand the socio cultural, economic and climate exchange of Pakistan and USA.



Professor of South Asian and Post-colonial Pakistan Studies, North Carolina Central University and President, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) USA Dr Matthew A. Cook has said that the American Institute of Pakistan Studies

(AIPS) will assist the Pakistan Study Centre (PSC), University of Sindh in bringing US faculty for conduct of training and development of strong academic linkages with the US varsities.



He said that the teachers and scholars of Sindh University should send the manuscripts regarding Sindh, it's culture, heritage and civilization, which will be published in Scopus verified Journal of Pakistan Critical Studies.

This he said while talking to an interactive session at the Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh Jamshoro on Monday.

Dr. Matthew A. Cook hoped that the session would be a first step towards establishing academic linkages and research cooperation between the American Centre and the University of Sindh.

He said that such sessions will ensure people to people contact between the USA and Pakistan.

"There is great potential and talent in the faculty members and PhD scholars of the University of Sindh Jamshoro", he said and added that the SU faculty members were highly qualified from abroad but they needed further opportunities of training and research collaborations.

Dr Matthew A. Cook, who is a PhD in Sociocultural Anthropology, said that he wanted to collaborate with the SU faculty members on research projects, adding that though the Universities in Karachi, Islamabad and Lahore were included in mainstream, yet better would be to establish academic linkages with the University of Sindh as it housed 48000 students simultaneously.



SU's Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Professor Dr. Hamadullah Kakepoto said that the main purpose of the session was to explore the various opportunities for research collaboration, bring the US senior faculty for conducting training

workshops at SU, teachers & students exchange programmes and to develop academic linkages with American varsities.

He welcomed the US delegate and thanked the chairpersons and faculty members of various departments, scholars and researchers for their participation in the interactive session organized by SU's Pakistan Study Centre.



He appreciated the efforts of Director Pakistan Study Centre Professor Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mahesar for organizing such a wonderful event coupled with knowledge for the benefit of the research community.

Director Pakistan Study Centre Professor Dr Shuja Ahmed Mahesar highlighted the importance of developing linkages with the American Institute of Pakistan

Studies and other educational institutions.



He said that the linkages and research collaboration will prove vital for enhancement and development of research culture at the campus.

"Such scholarly sessions, he believed will increase the understanding of the USA scholars about Pakistan as a moderate and tolerant country of South Asia.



He explained that the session was designed to optimize intellectual discourse and mutual learning of the faculty of the University of Sindh who experienced enriching interaction with the US scholar.

"Dr Matthew shared new research ideas about democratization, climate change and he discussed various other research areas like culture, history, anthropology, society and civilization of Sindh", Dr Mahesar said.

A number of senior faculty members of the University of Sindh and eminent scholars as well as civil servants attended the interactive session.

Dr. Abdul Razaque Channa, Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology & Anthropology University of Sindh Jamshoro presented a vote of thanks.

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