

**PAKISTAN LITERATURE FESTIVAL (hashtag #PLFL2023)**  
**Conway Hall 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, 17 June 2023, 10 am-10.30 pm**  
**10:30 -10.30 am: Arrival of Guests and Registration**

	<b>Main Hall</b>	<b>Brockway Room</b>	<b>Library</b>
10.30 am to 12 noon	<p><b>POWER WOMEN OF SOUTH ASIA: THEIR JOURNEYS</b></p> <p>Bangladesh: <b>Sadaf Saaz</b></p> <p>India: <b>Loveleen Kacker</b></p> <p>Pakistan: <b>Saira Awan Malik, Sayeeda Leghari, Fatima Asad-Said, Bushra Zulfiqar</b></p> <p>Moderator. <b>Sulema Jahangir</b></p>	<p>10.30 to 11.30 am. <b>BOOK TALK:</b> <b>FAROOQ BAJWA'S FROM KUTCH TO TASHKENT THE INDO-PAKISTAN WAR OF 1965</b></p> <p><b>Makhdoom Ali Khan, William Crawley, Najam Abbas and Sarah Ansari</b> in Conversation with the author</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">چار مصنفین اور ان کی کتابیں: گفتگو خواتین کی تحریر پر  <b>A CONVERSATION WITH FOUR AUTHORS ABOUT THEIR BOOKS AND WOMEN'S WRITINGS IN URDU</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Kamran Asdar Ali</p> <p>–<b>Fatema Hassan's URDU SHA'IRAT AUR NISAI SHA'OOR 100 BARAS KA SAFAR (1920- 2020)</b> [Feminist consciousness in Urdu poetry from 1920- 2020]</p> <p>–<b>Amina Yaqin's GENDER, SEXUALITY AND FEMINISM IN PAKISTANI URDU WRITING</b></p> <p>–<b>Noor Zaheer's 4-volume THE LANGUAGE THEY CHOSE</b> (an anthology of her translations of 100 years of fiction and nonfiction by women Urdu writers)</p> <p>–<b>Aamer Hussein's HOUSE OF TREASURES</b> (book of critical writings that includes several women Urdu writers)</p>
12.05 to 1.05 pm	<p><b>A NEED FOR HERITAGES NOT LEGACIES: THE CASE FOR NATURE RESERVES ON KARACHI'S ISLANDS</b> _Tariq Alexander Qaiser</p> <p>Moderator. <b>Umber Khairi</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YASMEEN LARI: ARCHITECTURE FOR THE FUTURE</b></p> <p><b>Yasmeen Lari</b> in conversation with <b>Chris Moffat</b> and <b>Huma Yusuf</b></p>	<p><b>BOOK TALK: PAKISTAN LEFT REVIEW: THEN AND NOW.</b> Edited by <b>Nadir Cheema</b> and <b>Stephen M. Lyon</b> <b>Rashed Rahman, Kamran Asdar Ali</b> with the editors.</p>

1.10 to 2.10 pm	<b>BOOK TALK. SHAHBAZ TASEER'S <i>LOST TO THE WORLD. A MEMOIR OF FAITH, FAMILY, AND FIVE YEARS IN TERRORIST CAPTIVITY</i> Haleema Hijazi in conversation with the author</b>	<b>BOOK LAUNCH: <i>TOWARDS PEOPLES' HISTORIES IN PAKISTAN: (IN)AUDIBLE VOICES, FORGOTTEN PASTS.</i> Edited by Kamran Asdar Ali and Asad Ali Mahvish Ahmed, Humera Iqtidar with the editors. Moderator Chris Moffat</b>	<b>PAKISTAN AT THE ZERO POINT ONCE AGAIN Mohammad Waseem, Yasser Kureshi, Asma Faiz</b>
PPPI 2.15 to 3.15 pm	<b><u><a href="#">IT'S ONLY A GAME: PAKISTANI CRICKET AND THE NATION</a></u> Richard Heller, Ali Khan, Qamar Ahmad. Moderator: Farooq Bajwa</b>	<b>Jamil Dehlavi in Conversation with Mo Muzammal</b>	<b>PAKISTAN. THE FAULT IS NOT IN OUR STARS BUT IN OURSELVES Amin Hashwani in conversation with Azhar Abbas</b>
3.20 to 4.20 pm	<b>BOOK LAUNCH. KAREN ARMSTRONG'S <i>SACRED NATURE</i> Amin Hashwani in Conversation with the author</b>	<b>افسانہ، خیال، قصہ، خواب، KHWAAB, QISSA, KHAYAL, AFSANA Javed Siddiqui in Conversation with Saif Mahmood</b>	<b>IT WAS THE SEASON OF LIGHT, IT WAS THE SEASON OF DARKNESS. EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN Muhammad Hassan Khan, Anjum Halai, Attiya Noon. Moderator. Nigham Shahid</b>
4.25 to 5.25 pm	<b>BOOK LAUNCH. ISKANDER MIRZA. <i>HONOUR BOUND TO PAKISTAN IN DUTY, DESTINY AND DEATH: PAKISTAN'S FIRST ELECTED PRESIDENT'S MEMOIRS FROM EXILE</i> Faisal Devji, Farzana Shaikh, Syed Khawar Mehdi, Azhar Abbas Moderator Mukulika Banerjee</b>	<b>THE CHOICE TO WRITE FICTION Shazaf Fatima Haider (moderator) in conversation with Iftikhar Malik, Sarmila Bose, Aamer Hussein, Sadia Abbas, Faiza Sultan Khan.</b>	<b>BOOK TALK: <i>STEPHEN LYON'S POLITICAL KINSHIP IN PAKISTAN</i> Makhdoom Ali Khan and Sarah Ansari in conversation with the author.</b>

5.30 to 6.30 pm	<p align="center"><b>THE ROOT CAUSES OF PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC CRISIS AND HOW TO ADDRESS THEM</b>  <b>Ishrat Husain, Shabbar Zaidi, Reza Baqir, Zafar Masud</b>  Moderator: <b>Nadir Cheema</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>5:30-6 pm BOOK LAUNCH. <i>THE ONE WHO DID NOT ASK.</i></b>  <b>RUKHSANA AHMAD'S TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH OF ALTAQ FATIMA'S URDU NOVEL, <i>DASTAK NA DO</i></b>  <b>Rukhsana Ahmad</b> in conversation with <b>Maliha Haider</b>. Introduction by the publisher, <b>Ameena Saiyid</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>BUILDING UNIVERSITIES OF EXCELLENCE IN PAKISTAN</b>  <b>Marie Lall, Kamal Munir, Anjum Halai</b>  Moderator: <b>Paul Flather</b></p>
		<p align="center"><b>6-6:30 pm: BOOK LAUNCH. ASAD QURESHI'S <i>165 DAYS: PRISONER OF THE TALIBAN</i></b>  <b>Umber Khairi, Ahmed Alauddin Jamal</b> in conversation with the author</p>	

**CLOSING CEREMONY**

**6:40-7:10 pm:** Speech by Pakistan Literature Festival London Founding Director: **Ameena Saiyid**  
Speech by **Zafar Masud**

**7:20-10:30 pm. MUSHAIRAH (Poets from Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and the UK)**

Sadaarat: **Mustafa Shahab** (India/UK). Guest of Honour: **Fatema Hassan (Pakistan)**. Nizamat: **Sohail Zarrar Khalish (Pakistan/UK)**. Poets: **Basir Kazmi (Pakistan/UK)**, **Inaam Nadeem (Pakistan)**, **Najma Usman (Pakistan/UK)**, **Yashab Tamanna (Pakistan/UK)**, **Qaiser Zaidi**, **Arshad Lateef (Pakistan/UK)**, **Ghazal Ansari (Pakistan/UK)**, **Tasneem Hassan (Pakistan/UK)**, **Khalil ur Rehman (India)**, **Hilal Fareed (India/UK)**, **Nikhat Iftikhar (Pakistan/UK)**, **Nisa Saiyid (UK)**, **Shamim Shahan (Bangladesh/UK)**, **Tanjina Nur-i-Siddique (Bangladesh/UK)**