



**Christianity and Christians in Pakistan**  
Mawby Room, Kellogg College, University of Oxford  
60-62 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6PN  
June 15-16, 2023



*All are welcome*

**Conveners**

Abraham Murad, Kellogg College, University of Oxford  
Yaqoob Khan Bangash, L M South Asia Institute, Harvard University

**Day 1: June 15, 2023**

**Registration:** 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

**Introduction and Welcome:** 9:00 AM to 9:15 AM  
Abraham Murad and Yaqoob Khan Bangash

**Keynote Address:** 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM

**Monsignor Professor Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, Prelate of Honour to His Holiness the Pope, Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham; President of the Oxford Centre for Training, Research, Advocacy and Dialogue; Professor of Theology at the Pontifical University of St Thomas (Angelicum), Rome; Hon. Fellow, St. Edmunds Hall, Oxon.; Hon. Fellow of Fitzwilliam College, Cantab.; former Secretary General, Church Missionary Society, and former Bishop of Rochester, UK and Raiwind, Pakistan.**

**“Christians in Pakistan: Diversity, Discrimination, and Dispersal”**

**Break:** 10:15 AM to 10:30 AM

**Panel 1: Christians and the Emergence of Pakistan**  
Chair: Yasmin Khan (Oxon.)

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

1. Yaqoob Khan Bangash (Harvard, USA) - Mrs Rallia Ram and Jinnah: Christians and support for the Muslim League
2. Uther Charlton-Stevens (University of Hong Kong, China) - Anglo-Indians in Muslim-Majority Provinces before and after Partition
3. Ilyas Chattha (LUMS, Pakistan) - Neutrals: Christian Missionaries' Role in the 1947 Partition Violence and Refugee Crisis

**Lunch:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, The Hub Café, Kellogg College

**Panel 2: Situating Christians at Home and Abroad**

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Chair: Faisal Devji (Oxon.)

1. Chad Haines (Arizona State, USA) – Colonialism, Conversion, and Caste: Un-placing the Christians of Pakistan
2. Yasmin Saikia (Arizona State, USA) – The Unrecognizable Christian Humans in Pakistan: Signifying a Minority Theory
3. Eleanor Nesbitt (Warwick, UK)– Issues in researching Pakistani Christians in the UK

**Break:** 2:30 PM to 2:45 PM**Panel 3: Christians and Literature**

2:45 PM to 4:35 PM

Chair: Raza Rumi (Ithaca, USA)

1. Muhammad Naeem (Punjab, Pakistan) - Critical Discourse Analysis of the Representation of Christians in Urdu Novel
2. Sumaira Umar (Government Shalimar, Lahore, Pakistan) - Female Welfare and Christian Missions in Urdu Novel
3. Saima Iram (Government College, Lahore, Pakistan) - Representing the State of Christian Community in Pakistan: A Study of Saleem Haroon's Short Stories
4. Muhammad Ali Dinakhel (Peshawar, Pakistan) - History of Pashto Translations of the Bible: Impact on Pashto Language and Literature

**Rt. Rev'd Bishop Mano Rumalshah, former Bishop of Peshawar Pakistan, and former Secretary General, United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG), with Lubna Younas Dewan, Principal, St. Thomas Theological College Karachi, Pakistan**

4:40 PM to 5:20 PM

**Drinks Reception:** 5:20 PM to 6:00 PM, Kellogg College Bar**Day 2: June 16, 2023****Session 1: Christians in the Public Square**

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Chair: Justin Jones (Oxon.)

1. Hussain Muhammad (Erfurt, Germany) - Non-Muslim Islamists? Christian Politics in Pakistan and Jam'iyyat Ulama-i-Islam
2. Farhana Nazir (Christian Study Centre, Pakistan) –Peaceful Christian-Muslim Religious discussions in the Lahore High Court from 1947-1979
3. Fawzia Afzal-Khan (Montclair State, USA) – Queering the Nation: The Contributions of Christian Citizens to Pakistani Popular Culture

**Break:** 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM

**Panel 2: Christians and Everyday Life**

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Chair: Maria Misra (Oxon.)

1. Abraham Murad (Oxon.) - Educational Attainment Gap amongst Christian Students in Pakistani Punjab
2. Ayra Indrias (Forman Christian, Pakistan)- Double Discrimination at the Workplaces: A Case of Christian Women in Pakistan

**Lunch:** 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, The Hub Café, Kellogg College**Policy Roundtable**

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

**Remarks by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia and United Nations at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, and Prime Minister's Special Representative for Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, UK Government**

Chair: Raza Rumi (Ithaca, USA)

1. Jonathan Addleton, Rector, Forman Christian, Lahore, Pakistan
2. Peter Jacob, Executive Director, Centre for Social Justice, Pakistan
3. Elaine Alam, International Development and Human Rights Practitioner
4. Kehkshan Newton, Senior Manager, Business Development, Pak Mission Society

**Break:** 2:15 PM to 2:30 PM**Panel 3: Challenges Within**

2:30 PM to 4:15 PM

Chair: Rt. Rev'd Bishop Mano Rumlshah, former Bishop of Peshawar Pakistan, and former Secretary General, USPG

1. Fr Emmanuel Asi (Catholic Bible Commission Pakistan) - Development of Theology in Pakistan in the last Seven Decades
2. Farman Ali (Riphah International, Pakistan) - Contextualization of Christology in Pakistan
3. Anita Maryam Mansingh (Presentation Sisters, Canada) – Resilience, Adaptation and Creation: Historical and Anthropological Considerations about the Kutchi Kohli Christians of Pakistan
4. Taimia Sabiha (International Islamic, Pakistan) - Christian Women Participation in Mission: Pakistani Perspective

**Screening of award-winning short documentary, *Humsaya (Neighbour)* by Dawood Murad followed by conversation with the producer, Peter Jacob (Centre for Social Justice)**

4:20 PM to 5:00 PM

**Closing Statement by Michael Nazir-Ali and Abraham Murad**

5:00 PM to 5:15 PM

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