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*Every effort will be made to adhere to this programme. However, the KLF organizers reserve the right to change the programme at any time.

Time	Friday 26 March 2021	
4.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Inauguration Throwback KLF 2020: A Documentary Welcome by Arshad Saeed Husain , Managing Director, Oxford University Press, Pakistan Speeches by Sponsors: Zafar Masud , President & CEO, The Bank of Punjab, and Khalid Mahmood , Managing Director & CEO, Getz Pharma Pvt Ltd., Didier Talpain , Consul General of France, Karachi Remarks by the Guest of Honour: Mike Nithavrianakis, British Deputy High Commissioner, Karachi Book Awards: 2021 KLF-Getz Pharma English Fiction Prize and Urdu Prose and Poetry Prizes Kejrli - <i>Tirya Hut</i> : Performance by Kaif Ghaznavi	
5.15 p.m.	The Future Frontiers: Keynote Speech by Vali Nasr Introduction by Neda Mulji	
5.30 - 6.30 p.m.	Book Launch: <i>Fragrance of Tears: My Friendship with Benazir Bhutto</i> by Victoria Schofield Victoria Schofield in conversation with Farah Durrani	Cartooning: No Laughing Matter Jan Eliot, Patrick Gathara, Sabir Nazar, and Mahboube Pakdel Moderated by Nigar Nazar
6.40 - 7.40 p.m.	Anti-Colonialism: South Asian Pasts and Presents Ali Raza, Newal Osman, and Farid Panjwani Moderated by Bilal Zahoor	سورج کی طرح چمکے: شمس الرحمن فاروقی کی شخصیت اور فن Mehr Afshan Farooqi, Nasir Abbas Nayyar, and Hameed Shahid Moderated by Syed Kashif Raza
7.50 - 8.50 p.m.	The Counter-Revolutionary Wave in the Arab World Jean-Pierre Filiu, Ahdaf Soueif, and Nazir Hussain Moderated by Khalid Banuri	From Rock Band to Pulitzer Prize for Fiction In Conversation with Paul Harding Moderated by Sabyn Javeri



Time	Saturday, 27 March 2021	
11.00 - 12.00 noon	Book Launch: <i>Out of Print: Ten Years: An Anthology</i> by Indira Chandrasekhar Raza Naeem, Urvashi Butalia, and Ali Madeeh Hashmi Moderated by Indira Chandrasekhar	<p>نئی نسل کی آواز: کل ہمارا ہے</p> <p>Maikan Wahid Baloch, Sajjad Ali Ashar, Sophya Kanwal, and Kashaaf Iqbal Moderated by Ghazal Ansari</p>
12.10 - 12.40 p.m.	Book Launch: <i>A Beautiful Despair: The Art and Life of Meher Afroz</i> edited by Niilofur Farrukh Aasim Akhtar and Niilofur Farrukh Moderated by Salman Asif	Freedom of Expression in Art and Literature Osman Haneef, Asim Abbasi, and Safina Danish Elahi in conversation
12.50 p.m. - 1.20 p.m.	Book Launch: <i>The Smile Snatchers: A Novella</i> by Mian Raza Rabbani Mian Raza Rabbani in conversation with Muneeza Shamsie	Book Launch: <i>Reminiscences of my Wanderings</i> by Arif Kamal Shahid M. Amin and Arif Kamal Moderated by Ejaz Haider
1.30 - 2.30 p.m.	Book Launch: <i>No-Win War: The Paradox of US-Pakistan Relations in Afghanistan's Shadow</i> by Zahid Hussain Kathy Gannon, Maleeha Lodhi, and Zahid Hussain Moderated by Ahmed Rashid	South Asia and Europe: Connecting the Cultures Christopher Kloeble in conversation with Taha Kehar
2.40 - 3.40 p.m.	Book Launch: <i>Unravelling Gordian Knots: The Works and Worlds of Dr. Ishrat Husain</i> by Sibtain Naqvi Sibtain Naqvi, Ishrat Husain, and Sima Kamil Moderated by Huma Baqai	Book Launch: <i>The Silk Road and Beyond: Narratives of a Muslim Historian</i> by Iftikhar H. Malik Rania Hafez, Raziullah Azmi, Astrid Swenson, and Iftikhar H. Malik Moderated by Sheba Saeed



3.50 - 4.20 p.m.

امرتسر آگیا ہے: بھیشم ساہنی کے ہندی افسانے
اردو ترجمہ انعام ندیم

Inaam Nadeem in conversation with Harris Khalique

Bold Steps

Maniza Naqvi and Farrukh Iqbal
Moderated by Hoori Noorani

4.30 - 5.30 p.m.

لیاری اور شعر و ادب

Zahida Raees Raji, Imran Saqib, Asghar Dashti, and
Ishaque Khamosh
Moderated by Waheed Noor

South Asian English Literature: New Directions

Mehvash Amin, Khademul Islam, Namita Gokhale, and
Taha Kehar
Moderated by Muneeza Shamsie

5.40 - 6.40 p.m.

دو پاکستان: ہر پاکستانی گھرانے تک خوشحالی از کاظم سعید

Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Faisal Bari, and Kazim Saeed
Moderated by Munazza Siddiqui

Fighting Fake News and Disinformation

Fahd Husain, Amber Rahim Shamsi, Zarrar Khuhro,
and Farieha Aziz
Moderated by Raza Rumi

6.50 - 7.50 p.m.

Book Launch: *Countering Violent Extremism in Pakistan: Local Actions, Local Voices* by Anita Weiss

Taimur Rahman, Anita Weiss, and Farahnaz Ispahani
Moderated by Risham Waseem

The Atlantic Muse by the Arabian Sea: Poetry in English

Adrian Husain, Athar Tahir, Fatima Ijaz, Mehvash Amin,
Moeen Faruqi, Momina Mela, Sadia Babar,
Shagufta K Iqbal, Vanessa Kisuule, Zeba Hasan Hafeez
Moderated by Salman Tarek Kureshi

8.00 p.m.

مشاعرہ

Sadarat: Iftikhar Arif
Nizamat: Nasira Zuberi

Khurshid Rizvi, Kishwar Naheed, Amjad Islam Amjad, Anwar Shaoor, Shahida Hasan, Yasmeen Hameed, Harris Khalique,
Noorul Huda Shah, Fazil Jamili, Peerzada Salman, Fawad Hasan Fawad



Time	Sunday, 28 March 2021	
11 - 12 noon	Book Launch: <i>Agents of Change: The Problematic Landscape of Pakistan's K-12 Education and the People Leading the Change</i> by Amjad Noorani and Nadeem Hussain Anjum Altaf, Amjad Noorani, and Rahila Fatima Shakil Moderated by Nadeem Hussain	Pen and Empathy: The Courage of Yasmina Khadra Moderated by Bina Shah
12.10 - 12.40 p.m.	بھولی بسری یادیں Kishwar Naheed in conversation with Mujahid Barelvi	Tell Her Everything: Mirza Waheed in conversation with Hira Azmat Introduction by Michael Houlgate
12.50 p.m. - 1.20 p.m.	خواتین اور پاکستانی زبانوں کا موجودہ ادب Noorul Huda Shah and Yasmeen Hameed in conversation	Book Discussion: <i>Ghalib: A Wilderness at My Doorstep: A Critical Biography</i> by Mehr Afshan Farooqi Mehr Afshan Farooqi, and Nomanul Haq Moderated by Sharif Awan
1.30 - 2.30 p.m.	EACPE Film Awards 2020 What Have We Learned From The Pandemic? Sakina Samo, Asim Abbasi and Saqib Malik Moderated by Pervez Hoodbhoy and Aisha Munim Khan	اردو ادب: زبان، تہذیب اور تاریخ Zehra Nigah and Arfa Sayeda Zehra in conversation
2.50 - 3.50 p.m.	رونمائی: باغ گل سرخ از افتخار عارف Hoori Noorani, Harris Khaliq, and Iftikhar Arif Moderated by Mubeen Mirza	The Air We Breathe: Pakistan's vulnerability to Climate Change Introduction by Jack Hillmeyer Tabitha Spence and Rina Saeed Khan Moderated by Amy Christianson



4.00 - 5.00 p.m.	To Read or to Watch? Books vs Films Sarmad Khoosat, Beo Zafar, Omar Shahid Hamid, and Hasan Zaidi Moderated by Bee Gul	Uniformity vs Diversity: The Single National Curriculum A.H. Nayyar, Arshad Saeed Husain, Erum Kashif, and Faisal Bari Moderated by Ayesha Razzaque
5.10 - 6.10 p.m.	Post Pandemic Economy of Pakistan Zafar Masud, Murtaza Syed, Ishrat Husain, and Khalil Ullah Shaikh Moderated by Samiullah Siddiqui	A Fire in my Head Ben Okri in conversation with Maheen Usmani
6.20 - 7.20 p.m.	Karachi: Laughter in Chaos Hina Dilpazeer, Ali Gul Pir, Khaled Anam, and Shehzad Ghias Shaikh Moderated by George Fulton	Role of Soft Power in Diplomacy Maleeha Lodhi in conversation with Huma Baqai
7.30 - 8.30 p.m.	Progressive Politics in a Populist Period Tariq Ali, Bilal Zahoor, Ammar Jan, and Arooj Aurangzeb, Moderated by Asma Abbas	
8.50 p.m.	Closing Ceremony Thank you note by Arshad Saeed Husain , Managing Director, Oxford University Press, Pakistan Closing remarks by Arfa Sayeda Zehra	



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Aasim Akhtar
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Ahdaf Soueif
Ahmed Rashid
Ali Gul Pir
Ali Madeeh Hashmi
Ali Raza
Amber Rahim Shamsi
Amjad Islam Amjad
Amjad Noorani
Ammar Jan
Amy Christianson
Anita Weiss
Anjum Altaf
Arfa Sayeda Zehra
Arif Kamal
Arooj Aurangzeb
Arshad Saeed Husain
Asghar Dashti
Asim Abbasi
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Farahnaz Ispahani
Farid Panjwani
Farieha Aziz
Farrukh Iqbal
Fatima Ijaz
Fawad Hasan Fawad
Fazil Jamili
George Fulton
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Hameed Shahid
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Hasan Zaidi
Hina Dilpazeer
Hira Azmat
Hoori Noorani
Huma Baqai
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Iftikhar H. Malik
Imran Saqib
Inaam Nadeem
Indira Chandrasekhar
Ishaque Khamosh
Ishrat Husain
Jack Hillmeyer
Jan Eliot
Jean-Pierre Filiu
Kaif Ghaznavi

Kashaaf Iqbal
Kathy Gannon
Kazim Saeed
Khademul Islam
Khaled Anam
Khalid Banuri
Khalil Ullah Shaikh
Khurshid Rizvi
Kishwar Naheed
Mahboube Pakdel
Maheen Usmani
Maikan Wahid Baloch
Maleeha Lodhi
Maniza Naqvi
Mehr Afshan Farooqi
Mehvash Amin
Mian Raza Rabbani
Michael Houlgate
Mirza Waheed
Moeen Faruqi
Momina Mela
Mubeen Mirza
Mujahid Bareilvi
Munazza Siddiqui
Muneeza Shamsie
Murtaza Syed
Nadeem Hussain
Namita Gokhale
Nasir Abbas Nayyar
Nasira Zuberi
Nazir Hussain
Neda Mulji

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Nigar Nazar
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Sajjad Ali Ashar
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Shahida Hasan
Sharif Awan

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Sibtain Naqvi
Sima Kamil
Sophya Kanwal
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Syed Nomanul Haq
Tabitha Spence
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