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About the 14th Karachi Literature Festival

The three-day Karachi Literature Festival (KLF) will be held from February 17 to 19 at Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi.

The theme of this year's KLF is People, Planet and Possibilities focusing on the current economic and geo-political challenges facing Pakistan, the impact of climate change resulting in catastrophic floods in Pakistan and recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and exploring possibilities through thought-provoking panel discussions and book launches.

This year there will be over 200 speakers including 10 international speakers from eight countries (Pakistan, UK, US, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Germany and France). As always, the KLF 2023, like the ones before aims to encourage thoughtprovoking discussions providing an environment of openness, pluralism, and intellectual discourse.

There will be over 60 sessions (2 are presented by HBL), including 24 book launches with a mix of both Urdu and English. All sessions will be broadcast live around the world on OUP's social media channels. Visitors and the online audience will also have the chance to enjoy Urdu and English poetry readings, feature film and a series of short independent film screenings. A first this year will be the presence of two Booker Prize winning authors, Damon Galgut in 2021 and Shehan Karunatilaka for 2022.

A total of 7 literary awards for Pakistani authors will be announced at the opening ceremony. The prizes will recognise pioneering work in Urdu prose and poetry, and English fiction, which are sponsored by Getz Pharma. KLF also celebrates the diversity of languages and cultures across the country by recognising the best books in Sindhi, Balochi, Punjabi and Pashto languages. These awards are supported by the Little Book Company.

Some of the sessions this year will focus on environment, climate change, education, Edtech, economy, and D&I. We are excited to once again bring together a diverse group of writers, thinkers, and literary enthusiasts from Pakistan and around the world to share their stories, ideas, and perspectives. This festival is a testament to the power of the written word and the vital role it plays in shaping our communities.

Each year, the speakers/participants have been outstanding, including, but not limited to, keynote speakers of the status of: Late Shamsur Rahman Faruqi (2010); Karen Armstrong (2011); William Dalrymple (2012); Intizar Husain and Nadeem Aslam (2013); Kamila Shamsie, Rajmohan Gandhi, and Raza Ali Abidi (2014); Nayantara Sahgal and Zehra Nigah (2015); Fahmida Riaz, Pervez Hoodbhoy, Arfa Sayeda Zehra, and Ziauddin Sardar (2016); Mustansar Hussain Tarar, Ayesha Jalal, Bobby Sager, and Mohammed Hanif (2017); Francis Robinson, Noorul Huda Shah, Anwar Magsood, Amit Chaudhuri, and Mani Shankar Aiyar (2018); Deborah Baker, I.A. Rehman, Ishrat Husain, Zehra Nigah, and Muneeza Shamsie (2019). William Dalrymple, Zaheda Hina, Ahdaf Soueif, and Harris Khalique (2020), Zia Mohyeddin, Victoria Schofield, Hanif Kureshi, and Sardar Masood Khan (2021).

The organizers of the 14th KLF are excited to welcome visitors and look forward to the exciting days of enlightening experience and memorable moments.

As before, KLF also looks forward to the pormise of Tomorrow. It seeks to explore new writings, new trends, and new technologies, and provide a platform for emerging authors and writers.

See you at Beach Luxury Hotel on 17, 18, and 19 February 2023! No need to register... just turn up!



Faseeh Bari Khan

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Special Feature: An exclusive Art Exhibition by HBL

(Garden behind Casbah)



Inauguration of the 14th Karachi Literature Festival

Friday 17 February 2023 4.00 p.m.

Main Garden, Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi

4.00 p.m. Arrival of Guests

4.30 p.m. Welcome Speech by the Festival Organizer:

Arshad Saeed Husain, Managing Director, OUP Pakistan

4.45 p.m. Chief Guest:

Dr Adeebul Hasan Rizvi, Philanthropist and Founder of SIUT

Remarks by the Guest of Honour:

Nicole Theriot, US Consul General Karachi

Martin Dawson, Acting Deputy High Commissioner, British Deputy High Commission, Karachi

Alexis Chahtanhtinsky, Consul General of France

Danilo Giurdanella, Consul General of Italy

5.10 p.m. Remarks by Sponsors:

Ali Habib, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, HBL

Mohammad Mikail Soomro, Corporate Communications Manager, Getz Pharma Pvt. Ltd.

Laila Jamil, Director Arts, British Council, Pakistan

Keynote Speeches by: 5.30 p.m.

Noorul Huda Shah, Dramatist, short story writer, and poet

Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environment

6.10 p.m. Book Awards:

KLF-Getz Pharma English Fiction Prize Award

KLF-Getz Pharma Urdu Poetry Award KLF-Getz Pharma Urdu Prose Award

KLF-The Little Book Company Readers' Choice Awards for Best Books in:

Punjabi, Pashto, Sindhi, and Balochi Languages

6.30 p.m. Rags e Shukr - A Tribute to Faiz Ahmad Faiz and Igbal Bano

Performance by Farah Yasmeen Shaikh Presented by Herbion

Presented by

Mc: Ayesha Tammy Haq

Sinf e Taal - Amna Magbool

B FOR NAOO - Roofi Kashfi

Ramz - Daniyal Najam

Q&A

The Land of My Forefathers - Irfan Noor

A Night with Noorjehan - Mariam Majid

Dayal Among the Spirits - Syed Muneeb Kazmi

Sea Birds - Saweera Jahan & Puffball Studios

7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Panel Discussions

Friday, 17 February 2023

	Main Garden	Jasmine Hall	Aquarius Hall	Room 007
7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	افتخار: کلیاتِ افتخار عارف Iftikhar Arif, Nasir Abbas Nayyar, Zia ul Hassan, Hoori Noorani Moderator: Peerzada Salman	A Bank is Born Ishrat Husain, Syed Salim Raza, Shamshad Akhtar, Nadeem Hussain, and Akbar Zaidi Moderator: Naureen Hyat	Faiza Butt and Adeela Suleman in conversation with Shehnaz Ismail Presented by I-BL	Reverberations: Poetry in English Krisha Kops, Sophia Bano, Minaa Shahzad, Jeeva Haroun, Maha Hashmi, Zarmina Raza, Harris Khalique, Shireen Haroun, and Adrian Husain Moderator: Salman Kureshi
			8.30 p.m 11.00 p.m. Aquarius Hall	
			Schedule for Divvy Film Festival: 8:40 p.m. Baira Garakh - Mehreen Jabbar	

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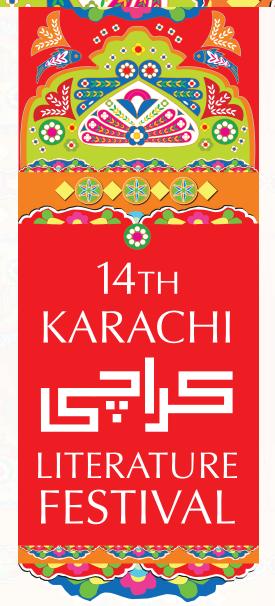
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11.00 a.m 12.00 noon	بيادِر فتگال: ضياء كى الدين ، امجد اسلام امجد، امداد حسينی اور مسعود اشعر البا البا البا البا البا البا البا البا	Vulnerability and Resilience: Climate and Communities Afia Salam, Zohra Yusuf, Bilal Zahoor, and Qazi Khizar Moderator: Farah Zia	The Lahooti of Sindh: A Photographic Journey Matthieu Paley and Piru Saein Moderator: Haya Fatima Iqbal	10.00 a.m 11.00 a.m. Workshop: Community Healing Circle Conducted by Rassheedah Watts Pre-registration required 11.00 a.m 12.00 noon Caring Culture: Student-Teacher Wellbeing Shelina Bhamani, Shahnaz Wazir Ali, Faiza Mushtaq, and Minhas Tejani Moderator: Neda Mulji
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	The Social Butterfly: From London to Lahore Moni Mohsin in conversation with Taha Kehar	A Piece of the Moon Javed Jabbar, Nomanul Haq, and Peter Coughlin Moderator: Harris Khalique	Seven Moons of Maali Almeida: A tale of pathos, humor and satire Shehan Karunatilaka in conversation with Safinah Danish Elahi	Ways of Being: Creative Non-Fiction by Pakistani Women Sabyn Javeri in conversation with Saba Karim Khan
1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	For Faith, State and the Soul: A History of Pop Culture in Pakistan Nadeem Farooq Paracha in conversation with George Fulton	پیمر تا ہے فلک برسوں Asghar Nadeem Syed in conversation with Hameed Shahid	جنو بی ایشیا کی منتخب نظمیں Yasmeen Hameed in conversation with Tanveer Anjum	Sindh Under the Mughals: Origin and Development of Historiography (1591-1737 CE) Humera Naz and Michel Boivin Moderator: Zahra Sabri
2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	Invasive Media: Right to Privacy Asma Shirazi, Zarrar Khuhro, and Mazhar Abbas Moderator: Wajahat Saeed Khan	EdTech: The New Normal Mahboob Mahmood, Jehan Ara, Arshad Saeed Husain, and Ehsan Saya Moderator: Tasneem Anwar	Big Capital in an Unequal World: The Micropolitics of Wealth in Pakistan Rosita Armytage and Ishrat Husain Moderator: Zahid Hussain	سب افسانه ہے: حمید شاہد کی نگارشات پر مکالمہ Hameed Shahid, Mubeen Mirza, Asghar Nadeem Syed, and Nasir Abbas Nayyar Moderator: Ambareen Hasib Amber
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	پیٹ میں ہیں Mustafa, Murtaza, and Faysal aka Banana Boys in conversation with Shehzad Ghias Shaikh	Getz Pharma EACPE Film Awards 2022: Unearthing Cultures of Pakistan Khalid Ahmad, Saife Hasan, Bakhtawar Mazhar, Yasra Rizvi, Maha Hasan, Khalid Mahmood Moderator: Mohammad Mikail Soomro	The Current Crisis: Constitutional or Political Makhdoom Ali Khan, Raza Rabbani, and Hamid Khan Moderator: Mujahid Barelvi	Heer Waris Shah (English Translation) Sarwat Mohiuddin in conversation with Harris Khalique and Khaled Anam
4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Book Launch: Gluco Kahani Bilal Maqsood Presented by	Pakistan: Statecraft and Geopolitics in Today's World Ahmed Rashid, and Michael Kugelman Moderator: Amber Rahim Shamsi	Between the Arab and the Anglophone World Sinan Antoon in conversation with Farah Zia	قافلهٔ سخت جال Kishwar Naheed in conversation with Bee Gul and Inaam Nadeem
6.00 p.m 7.00 p.m.	پاکستانی ڈراما: کہاں سے آیا کہاں گیا وہ Bee Gul, Nadeem Baig, Behroze Sabzwari, Shameem Hilaly, and Shahzad Sheikh Moderator: Raju Jamil	Promise, Reality and Time Damon Galgut in conversation with Muneeza Shamsie	Pakistan's Wars: An Alternative History Jaffar Ahmad, Tariq Rahman, and Bilal Zahoor Moderator: Shaheen Salahuddin	عصرِ حاضر کی نسائی شاعری Yasmeen Hameed, Hameeda Shaheen, and Nasira Zuberi Moderator: Bibi Ameena
7.15 p.m 8.15 p.m.	Feature Film Screening: Quaid-i-Azam Zindabad	7.15 p.m 8.45 p.m. Sadarat: Iftikhar Arif Nizamat: Nasira Zuberi Sani Syed, Salman Sarwat, Waheed Noor, Ahmed Atta, Peerzada Salman, Fazil Jamili, Harris Khalique, Tanveer Anjum, Hameeda Shaheen, Yasmeen Hameed, Ashfaq Hussain, Afzal Ahmad Syed, Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui, Anwar Shaoor, and Kishwar Naheed	**Fatty Fatty Boom Boom: **A Memoir of Food, Fat, and Family** Rabia Chaudry in conversation with Christie Marie Lauder **8.30 p.m 11.00 p.m. Aquarius Hall Schedule for Divvy Film Festival: **8:40 p.m. Lahooti - Matthieu Paley & Sebastian Feehan **8:49 p.m. Quetta's Old Men's Garden - Soch Videos ** **8:59 p.m. Stay Tuned - Ali Mehdi 9:28 p.m. Delirium - Ahmed Sameer 9:35 p.m. One Way Glass - Nauman Khalid Presente 9:35 p.m. Kanrach - Uzair Surhio & Afreen Zehra 10:08 p.m. My Mother's Daughter - Ahmen Khawaja & Marian 10:25 p.m. Stray Dogs Come Out at Night - Hamza Bangash 10:40 p.m. Q & A Session	וردو کا وقار بڑھانے ہیں اکیسویں صدی کے طریقہ بات تدریس کا کردار Farid Panjwani, Uzma Farman, and Romeena Kureishy in conversation

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11.00 a.m 12.00 noon	Cricket in Pakistan: Nation, Identity, and Politics Wasim Akram, Ali Khan, Sohaib Alvi, Ahmer Naqvi, and Hadeel Obaid Moderator: Nadeem Farooq Paracha	Faith & Intellect Kaiser Bengali, Syed Salim Raza and Syed Shabbar Zaidi Moderator: Ghazi Salahuddin	Pathway to Development: Liberal Arts Education Anjum Halai, Shoaib Zaidi, and Nadya Qamar Chishty-Mujahid Moderator: Mehtab S. Karim	طرت کی تعظیم اور ہماری شعری روایت Afzal Ahmed Syed, Attiya Dawood, Sarwat Mohiuddin, and Ahmed Atta Moderator: Inaam Nadeem
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Untangling South Asia Michael Kugelman and Ikram Sehgal in conversation	Climate Justice & Embedded Injustices Ahmad Shabbar, Zoha Tunio, Afia Salam, and Matthieu Paley Moderator: Maha Husain	Saints, Sufis and Shrines: The Mystical Landscape of Sindh Mehdi Raza Shah Subzwari, Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro, Michel Boivin, and Reema Abbasi Moderator: Ghazala Rahman Rafiq	History, Memory, Fiction: New Dimensions in Contemporary Pakistani and Kashmiri Writings David Waterman in conversation with Muneeza Shamsie The Voice of the Left Stephen M. Lyon and Nadir Cheema Moderator: Syed Jaffar Ahmad
1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Insecure Guardians: Enforcement, Encounters and Everyday Policing in Postcolonial Karachi Omar Shahid Hamid and Zoha Waseem Moderator: Mahim Maher	Companion to Pakistani Cuisine Shanaz Ramzi in conversation with Rumana Husain	The Equitable Tax Shamim Ahmad in conversation with Javed Jabbar	The Silk Road and Beyond: Narratives of a Muslim Historian Iftikhar H. Malik and Nomanul Haq Moderator: Huma Baqai
2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	Search for Peace and Security among Neighbours Michael Kugelman, Zahid Hussain, and Athar Abbas Moderator: Shaheen Salahuddin	Rising Expectations: Pakistan's Judiciary in Focus Maqbool Baqer, Hamid Khan, and Palvasha Shahab Moderator: Faisal Siddiqi	Between Quarantine and Quest: A Bilingual Anthology of Art, Poetry and Writings Naila Mahmood and Syed Kashif Raza Moderator: Asma Mundrawala Readings by Yogeshwar Karera and Raana Kazmi	Shahid Siddiqui in conversation with Nasira Zuberi Lisaniyat aur Lughat Naweesi ki Surat e Haal Moinuddin Aqeel and Bibi Ameena Moderator: Mubeen Mirza
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Evolving Geopolitics: Impact on Pakistan Rabia Akhtar, Huma Baqai, Ghias Khan, and Niels Hegewisch Moderator: Ejaz Haider	Education Policies in Pakistan: Politics, Projections and Practices Tariq Rahman, Shahnaz Wazir Ali, Farid Panjwani, and Salma Alam Moderator: Shahid Siddiqui	3.30 p.m. – 4.10 p.m. Dramatic Readings of Mushtaq Ahmad Yusufi's Aur Aana Ghar mein Murgiyon Ka and Patras Bukhari's Bache aur Kuttay Qadeer Ahmed, Muhammad Shafiq, Riaz Baloch and Sidra Dramatic Readings 4.10 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Ibn-e-Insha's Zara fone karloon and Ashraf Sabuhi Dehlavi's Dastaan e Ghummi Kababie - Atif Badar	This Side of the River Ahmed Rashid in conversation with Zarmina Raza اک راسته ہے زندگی Rafi Mustafa in conversation with Akhlaq Ahmed
4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	From Silver Screen to Mini Screen: Goldmine of OTT Media Faseeh Bari Khan, Sarwat Gilani, and Sanam Saeed Moderator: Safinah Danish Elahi	Lost to the World: A Memoir of Faith, Family and Five Years in Terrorist Captivity Shahbaz Taseer in conversation with Ayesha Tammy Haq	Courageous Leadership: A Need for D&I Rassheedah Watts and Krisha Kops Moderator: Sidra Iqbal	The Writers Square Shehan Karunatilaka, Damon Galgut, and Sinan Antoon Moderator: Maniza Naqvi
6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Doosri Mulaqat Anwar Maqsood and Imrana Maqsood in conversation with Ahmed Shah Presented by Dawlance	Pakistan's Economy: Depth and Resilience Miftah Ismail, Akbar Zaidi, Azfar Ahsan, Muhammad Aurangzeb, and Maheen Rahman Moderator: Samiullah Siddiqui Presented by	Centrism and its Discontents Zarrar Khuhro and Amber Rahim Shamsi Moderator: Nadeem Farooq Paracha	بلو چی زبان وادب کے فروغ میں کرا چی کا کردار Raheem Mehr, Hani Baloch, and A. R. Daad Moderator: Waheed Noor
7.15 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony: Keynote Speeches by: Shehan Karunatilaka and Ahmed Rashid Vote of Thanks by: Muhammad Aurangzeb, President & CEO, HBL Arshad Saeed Husain, Managing Director, Oxford University Press Pakistan		Main Garden 8.00 p.m. Concert by Noori Band Presented by Resented	





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