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7, 8, and 9 February 2025
Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi

PROGRAMME

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16TH Karachi Literature Festival

Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi

INAUGURATION

Friday 7 February 2025

4.00 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. **Arrival of Guests**

TIMINGS

MAIN GARDEN

- 5.00 p.m. WELCOME SPEECH BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANIZER**
Arshad Saeed Husain
Managing Director, Oxford University Press Pakistan
SPEECHES by the GUESTS OF HONOUR
- 5.15 p.m. HE Nicolas Galey**
Ambassador of France to Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- 5.20 p.m. Scott Urbom**
US Consul General, Karachi
- 5.25 p.m. Martin Dawson**
Deputy Head of Mission, British Deputy High Commission, Karachi
- 5.30 p.m. REMARKS BY SPONSOR:**
Ali Habib
Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, HBL
KEYNOTE SPEECHES by
- 5.35 p.m. F.S. Aijazuddin OBE**
Art-historian and author
- 5.50 p.m. Asghar Nadeem Syed**
Playwright, writer and poet
- 6.05 p.m. SPEECH by the CHIEF GUEST**
Syed Murad Ali Shah
Chief Minister, Sindh

BOOK AWARDS

KLF-Getz Pharma English Fiction Prize
KLF-Getz Pharma Urdu Prose and Poetry Prize



KLF-The Little Book Company Readers' Choice Awards for
Best Books in: Sindhi, Balochi, Punjabi, and Pashto languages



PERFORMANCE

Kathak aur Kathakar presented by Mohsin Babar Productions

MC **Ayesha Tammy Haq**

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

MAIN GARDEN

7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. **Bapsi Sidhwa: A Literary Legacy inspiring Future Voices**
Kamila Shamsie, Uzma Aslam Khan, Saba Pirzadeh
Moderator: Framji Minwalla

JASMINE

7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. **Dialogue: Pakistan's Economy & Business Climate - Is Pakistan Ready for a Turnaround?**
Arif Habib, Miftah Ismail, Khurram Schehzad, Amjad Waheed, Khurram Hussain
Moderator: Azfar Ahsan

AQUARIUS

7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. **Book Launch: دامن جھاڑ دیا by Ashfaq Hussain**
Iftikhar Arif, Najeeba Arif, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Syed Kashif Raza, Ashfaq Hussain
Moderator: Ambareen Haseeb Amber

ROOM 007

7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. **Manzar: Art & Architecture from Pakistan-1940s to Today**
H.M. Naqvi, Marvi Mazhar, Kiran Ahmad
Moderator: Zarmeene Shah


MAIN GARDEN

8.15 p.m. FILM SCREENING: In Flames



TIMINGS

	Main Garden	Jasmine Hall	Aquarius Hall		Room 007	Society Suite	Tulip Hall
11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon		LITERATURE Media and Youth Mental Health: Role of Organizational Leadership Ayesha Mian, Azhar Abbas, Noor Ahmed, Sajjad Syed MODERATOR: Humair Yusuf	CULTURE ہماری ثقافت کے نئے معمار Ali Jan Balouch, Aisha Faisal, Shoaib Arshad, Rani Abdul Qayyum MODERATOR: Ghazal Ansari				YOUTH PAVILION Unlock Your Creativity Theatre Games with Atif Badar
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	PUBLIC INTEREST 12:00 p.m. to 1: 00 p.m. Creating Resilience through Climate Change Education Sherry Rehman and Ambreena Ahmed	LITERATURE کافز کی مہک روٹھنے کو ہے: کتاب سے امی بک تک کا سفر Mubeen Mirza, Hoori Noorani, Iqbal Khursheed, Maniza Naqvi MODERATOR: Inaam Nadeem	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Home: # its complicated by Saba Karim Khan Junaid Zuberi, Omar Shahid Hamid, Khaled Anam, Farrukh Karim, Amber Zaffar Khan MODERATOR: Saba Karim Khan		LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Legal System of Pakistan by Hamid Khan Hamid Khan and Faisal Siddiqui MODERATOR: Salahuddin Ahmed	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Caring for the Carer by Zamena Hassan Zamena Hassan and Jaseem Siddiqui MODERATOR: Humair Yusuf	YOUTH PAVILION Let’s play and learn with Syed Nusrat Ali
1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LITERATURE 1:00 p.m. to 2: 00 p.m. A Journey of Friendship and Political Activism Sherry Rehman and Victoria Schofield in conversation	LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION Three Tales from Gulistan-i-Saadi edited by Zarminae Ansari Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Bari Mian, Zarminae Ansari MODERATOR: Junaid Zuberi	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Dream Deutschland? Abeer Kasiri and Ayesha Tariq MODERATOR: Rumana Husain		LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Coming of Age by Salman Tariq Kureshi Salman Tariq Kureshi, Amberina Kazi, Sheema Kermani, Zarmina Raza MODERATOR: Hoori Noorani	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH تمناؤں کے دیار سے شمال امریکہ کی خواتین شعرا کی نظمیں انتخاب و ترجمہ زینت حسام Zeenat Hisam and Shahida Hassan MODERATOR: Ghazi Salahuddin	YOUTH PAVILION Music and Dance with Atif Badar
2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	LITERATURE A Literary Bond Muneeza Shamsie and Kamila Shamsie in conversation about their writing and the influence of family stories	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Pakistan: Origins, Identity, and Future by Pervez Hoodbhoy Pervez Hoodbhoy, Nadeem Farooq Paracha MODERATOR: Shehzad Ghias Shaikh	EDUCATION Are we listening to our Youth? Redesigning Learning for Tomorrow Nadeem Ghani, Faisal Mushtaq, Myra Murad Khan, Khadija Bakhtiar MODERATOR: Faisal Bari		LITERATURE Voices by the Sea: English Verse Minaa Shahzad, Salman Tarek Kureshi, Adrian Husain, Fatima Ijaz, Peerzada Salman, Moeen Faruqi, Moosa Gardezi MODERATOR: Zarmina Raza	LITERATURE Finding a Voice in World English Literature Taha Kehar and Shazaf Fatima Haider MODERATOR: Nusrat Khwaja	YOUTH PAVILION Heroes in Frames: Pakistani Icons Get a Graphic Makeover – A session on the Graphic Novel series with Zubaida Mustafa Sheema Kermani and Sibtain Naqvi MODERATOR: Rumana Husain
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH معین اختر: ون مین شو Anwar Maqsood, Zeba Shahnaz, Faisal Qazi, Ghazal Ansari MODERATOR: Sharjeel Akhtar	PUBLIC INTEREST We the People: Our Constitution and the Rule of Law Raza Rabbani, Abid Zuberi, Sara Malkani, Salahuddin Ahmed, Zameer Ghumro MODERATOR: Ayesha Tammy Haq	LITERATURE Across the Decade: Discovering New Dimensions, New Histories Kamila Shamsie, Maniza Naqvi, Omar Shahid Hamid MODERATOR: Saba Karim Khan		EDUCATION From Learning to Leading: Climate Education and Advocacy Afia Salam, Syeda Rinam Fatima, Athar Usama, Tabinda Jabeen MODERATOR: Maha Husain	LITERATURE آئینہ: دیکھا نہ جائے از کشور ناہید Kishwar Naheed, Shama Afroz, Aijaz Mangi, Saabhiyan Sangi MODERATOR: Aqeel Abbas Jaffri	YOUTH PAVILION کہانیوں کا میلہ عامرہ عالم اور عاطف بدر کے ساتھ
4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Broken Threads My Family From Empire To Independence by Mishal Husain Mishal Husain in conversation with Muneeza Shamsie	LITERATURE ایک صدی کا قصہ: ناصر کاظمی، جمیل الدین عالی، اختر حسین Iftikhar Arif, Najeeba Arif, Mubeen Mirza MODERATOR: Irfan Javed	EDUCATION From Emergency to Empowerment: Unlocking the Power of Public-Private Partnerships Sardar Shah, Arshad Saeed Husain, Amin A. Hashwani, Shehzad Roy, Khadija Bakhtiar, Shazia Kamal MODERATOR: Baela Raza Jamil		LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH کراچی پریس کلب The Island of Truth by Ashraf Shad Fazil Jamili, Raza Rabbani, Ashraf Shad, Shahnaz Ahad MODERATOR: Mujahid Barelvi	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Born to Struggle by Arjumand Wajid Arjumand Wajid, Zobaida Jalal, Sara Wajid MODERATOR: Victoria Schofield	YOUTH PAVILION نظم و نثر کے رنگ، پتلیوں کے سنگ! With Fozia Ahsan Farooqu
6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.	PUBLIC INTEREST Karachi Comedians: Stage or Insta? Ammar Zaidi, Ali Abdullah, Akbar Chaudry, Natalia Gul	CULTURE Cinema Verité: Exploring Non-Fiction Films from Pakistan and Beyond Zakir Thaver, Haya Fatima Iqbal, Samia Khan, Mai Masri MODERATOR: Ziad Zafar	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH مرے جن نکل گئے: غیر سنجیدہ شاعری از حامد عتیق سرور Faisal Subzwari and Hamid Ateeq Sarwar MODERATOR: Sharif Awan		LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH Interrogation of Amin Guljee No Man’s Land Amin Guljee in conversation with Sara Pagganwalla and Adam Fahy-Majeed		YOUTH PAVILION BOOK LAUNCH Marni Khan and the Ancient Silk Route: The Epic Story of a Pakistani Energy Warrior by Saniya Chughtai followed by Storytelling MODERATOR: Khurram Koraishy
7.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.	LITERATURE SADARAT: Iftikhar Arif NIZAMAT: Faisal Subzwari Pirzada Qasim, Sabir Zafar, Ashfaq Hussain, Shahida Hassan, Najma Usman, Mehboob Zafar, Nasira Zuberi, Harris Khalique, Inaam Nadeem, Shabbir Nazish, Peerzada Salman, Salman Sarwat	LITERATURE مشاعرہ سینما، سماج اور ادب Sarmad Khoosat in conversation with Asghar Nadeem Syed	CULTURE Thomas Mann’s “Dr Faustus” by Grips Theatre Khaled Anam		CULTURE A Tribute to the Masters by Suhel Rais Khan Introduction by: Malahat Awan		YOUTH PAVILION Poetry Readings with Atif Badar
8.45 p.m. - 11.30 p.m.	CULTURE Feature Film Screening Nayab						

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11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	PUBLIC INTEREST Pakistan-Bangladesh Relations: A Reset Ikram Majeed Sehgal and Mushahid Hussain Syed MODERATOR: Salma Malik	PUBLIC INTEREST Pakistan’s Population: Time Bomb or Dividend? Azra Fazal Pechuho, Lubna Naz, Rehana Ahmed, Khalid Masud MODERATOR: Naeem Sadiq	PUBLIC INTEREST Integrating Impact and Sustainability into Business, Investment, and Life Martin Dawson, Maya Inayat Ismail, Qasim Ali Shah MODERATOR: Ali Habib		LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH <i>Poems: On Being Human</i> by Ghazala Alam Ghazala Alam in conversation with Amra Alam MODERATOR: Nusrat Ali		YOUTH PAVILION Theatre Fun and Games with Atif Badar
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	LITERATURE اُردو جو یوں ہے سو ہے وہ بھی آدمی Arfa Sayeda Zehra and in conversation with Zarminae Ansari	PUBLIC INTEREST Have Electronic & Social Media eroded the quality of Political Debate? Azhar Abbas, Amber Rahim Shamsi, Shehzad Ghias Shaikh, Faisal Subzwari MODERATOR: Nadeem Farooq Paracha	LITERATURE Crime Fiction and the Pursuit of Justice Omar Shahid Hamid in conversation with Tooba Masood-Khan		LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION <i>In the New Century: An Anthology of Pakistani Literature in English</i> Compiled & Edited by Muneeza Shamsie Muneeza Shamsie in conversation with Syra Vahidy and Ghazi Salahuddin		YOUTH PAVILION Mind Twisters: The Thinking Zone with Amna Ghulam Hussian
1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH <i>Of Reason, Romance and Ruin: A Conceptual History of the ‘Pakistan Ideology’</i> by Nadeem Farooq Paracha Nadeem Farooq Paracha in conversation with Khurram Qureshi	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH شاکاہاری مترجم اسماء حسین Urdu Translation of 2024 Nobel Prize for Literature Winner Han Kang’s Novel The Vegetarian Najeeba Arif and Tanveer Anjum MODERATOR: Syed Kashif Raza	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH <i>Soliloquies? Existing on Earth: In Verse</i> by Tariq Alexander Qaiser Tariq Alexander Qaiser in conversation with Ayesha Tammy Haq		LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH <i>A Woman on a Suitcase</i> by Shazaf Fatima Haider Shazaf Fatima Haider in conversation with Taha Kehar	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH <i>Akbar in Wonderland</i> by Umber Khairi Umber Khairi in conversation with Maheen Usmani	YOUTH PAVILION Music and Dance with Atif Badar
2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	PUBLIC INTEREST Urban Dialogue: The Karachi Katcheri Murtaza Wahab, Mansoor Raza, Bilal Hassan MODERATOR: Mahim Maher	LITERATURE کچہ غزلیں کچہ نظمیں Moazzam Ali Khan Ki Zubani MODERATOR: Maya Khan	EDUCATION Call to Action: Transforming Education in Pakistan Farid Panjwani, Shahid Siddiqui, Pervez Hoodbhoy, Faisal Mushtaq, Myra Murad Khan MODERATOR: Faisal Bari		LITERATURE کراچی کہانیاں اور نظمیں Raja Shehzad, Sajjad Ahmed, Afzal Ahmad Syed MODERATOR: Peerzada Salman	LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION <i>No Funeral for Nazia</i> by Taha Kehar Taha Kehar in conversation with Christie Marie Lauder BOOK LAUNCH <i>Coining A Wishing Tower</i> by Ayesha Raees Ayesha Raees in conversation with Christie Marie Lauder	YOUTH PAVILION Story time by Aunty Tashi
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	LITERATURE Weaving Worlds with Words Kamila Shamsie in conversation with Hasan Zaidi	LITERATURE Ode to our Fathers: Hameed Akhtar, Talat Hussain Saba Hamid and Tazeen Hussain MODERATOR: Harris Khaliq	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH کلیات احمد فراز: یہ میری غزلیں یہ میری نظمیں Ashraf Shad, Ashfaq Hussain, Fazil Jamili, Ambareen Haseeb Amber MODERATOR: Mehboob Zafar		LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH <i>Forgotten Images – Postcards of Pre-Pakistan 1890-1947</i> F.S. Aijazuddin in conversation with Victoria Schofield	EDUCATION New Directions in Teaching and Teacher Education Anjum Halai, Mohammad Ali Shaikh, Salma Alam, Khadija Bakhtiar MODERATOR: Neda Mulji	YOUTH PAVILION گیٹوں کی محفل Sohail Rana’s famous songs by Atif Badar
4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	PUBLIC INTEREST چھوٹی اسکرین کی بڑی فتوحات Noorul Huda Shah, Saba Hamid, Nadeem Baig, Sarmad Khoosat MODERATOR: Shaista Lodhi	EDUCATION The Role of AI in Stepchanging Educational Outcomes in Pakistan Salma Alam, Hammad Malik, Zeeshan Hassan MODERATOR: Khurram Jamali	LITERATURE تجلی، سامی، لطیف Jami Chandio, Madad Ali Sindhi, Sahar Gul Bhatti MODERATOR: Sher Muhammad Mehrani		LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH <i>A Man with a Pen</i> by Waqas Khan Waqas Khan in conversation with Naazish Ata Ullah	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH بے موسیٰ خواہشیں از ناصرہ زبیری Nasira Zuberi and Inaam Nadeem Moderator: Syed Kashif Raza	YOUTH PAVILION ان فٹ بال سے دنیا میرے آگے Grips Theater with Khaled Anam and team
6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	LITERATURE BOOK LAUNCH <i>Journey Through Chaos</i> by Mazhar Abbas Saeed Ghani, Mazhar Abbas, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Wusatullah Khan, Faisal Subzwari MODERATOR: Ahmed Shah	CULTURE Emergence of Urdu Rap in Pakistan Faris Shafi, Babar Mangi MODERATOR: Arshad Mahmud	LITERATURE شاعری کے رنگ جوانوں کے سنگ SADARAT: Ambareen Hasib Ambar NIZAMAT: Abdul Rehman Momin Ali Zaryoun, Umair Najmi, Dilawar Ali Aazar, Naeem Sameer, Sadiq Marri, Zahida Raeesi, Amar Pirzado, Sabeela Inam Siddique, Imtiaz Danish		LITERATURE <i>From Chapters to Change: Literature and Environmental Justice</i> Uzma Aslam Khan, Tariq Alexander Qaisar, Saba Pirzadeh MODERATOR: Framji Minwalla		YOUTH PAVILION Young authors and poets with Scherazade Jamali



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CLOSING CEREMONY

Sunday 9 February 2025

TIMINGS

MAIN GARDEN

7.15 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEECHES BY

Arfa Sayeda Zehra

Educationist and Urdu language expert

Mishal Husain

Journalist, broadcaster and author

VOTE OF THANKS BY

Khalid Mahmood

Managing Director & CEO, Getz Pharma Pvt. Ltd.

VOTE OF THANKS BY

Maya Inayat Ismail

Chief of Staff to the Chairman and Chairperson, Sustainability Forum-HBL

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Ayesha Tammy Haq

8.15 p.m.

Qawwali

by Ustad Farid Ayaz & Ustad Abu Muhammad

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