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COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) actively participates in various local, regional, and national level committees and task forces. This includes attending meetings such as the National Assembly Standing Committee on Science & Technology, the Senate Standing Committee on Science & Technology, and the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat. CUI provides advice and contributes to discussions in these forums. CUI letters regarding actionable points from the Senate Standing Committee on S&T meeting, comments from CPS on the Draft National Science, Technology & Innovation Policy, and the Resource Enhancement Framework for Public Sector Universities.

CUI provides outreach, general education, upskilling, and capacity-building to policy- and law-makers on relevant topics e.g. economics, law, technology, migration and displacement, and climate change. In this regard, The Faculty Development Program (FDP) was established in 2004 and upgraded into the Faculty Development Academy (FDA) in 2011. Its major objective is to become a vibrant resource to promote quality teaching methodologies and help teachers become catalysts of change in our society. Accordingly, the Faculty Development Academy has been mandated to arrange Pre-Service and In-Service training for faculty as well as for their allied staff not only CUI but also for other national institutions in their respective field

The Centre of Policy Studies conducts research on a wide range of policy areas, including economic growth, trade, employment, income distribution, energy, environment, and social policy. It uses advanced economic modeling techniques to analyze the impacts of policy changes, assess their effectiveness, and identify potential risks and trade-offs.

The Centre of Policy Studies also actively engages with key stakeholders, such as other academic institutions, industry organizations, and international organizations, to promote knowledge exchange and enhance the impact of its research. It regularly publishes research papers, reports, and policy briefs to disseminate its findings and recommendations.

The Centre for Policy Studies (CPS) is focused on facilitating

collaboration and knowledge exchange between academia, research, and public policy-making. To effectively achieve this objective, the CPS brings together a diverse team comprising of academicians, scholarly researchers, and policy practitioners.

By bringing together these different perspectives, the CPS seeks to bridge the gap between theory and practice in public policy. The academicians and researchers contribute their expertise in generating innovative ideas, conducting rigorous research, and evaluating policy options. Here are some events related to CUI engagement with key stakeholders on facilitating collaboration and knowledge exchange between academia, research, and public policy-making. To effectively achieve this objective, the CPS brings together a diverse team comprising of academicians, scholarly researchers, and policy practitioners.

Jinnah: The Modifier of World Map and History, the Creator of Islamic State

CPS, CUI held a seminar titled “Jinnah: The Modifier of World Map and History, the Creator of Islamic State” on December 27th, 2022. Head CPS Dr. Ghulam Shabbir said that creation of Pakistan was the second foremost achievement of Muslims in Islam's 14 centuries career after the establishment of an Islamic state of Madina. Iqbal dreamt Pakistan for the realization of Islam's socio-political and economic ideals which Arab imperialism had forestalled. Though astonishingly swift conquests of early Islam expanded the political domain of Islam, still it was on the cost of democratization and economic organization of the community. He said the creation of Pakistan suits to both Muslims and Hindus. Whereas Muslims would able to remove the stamp of Arab imperialism from the Islam this very land would serve as a steel frame against any aggression from the North West corridor for India's defense. Iqbal single handedly reoriented the apologetic, West-ridden, porcupine posture or at best serving the history of others attitude of Ali-Garh Movement and All India Muslim League with such a vigor and fervor that Islam became a rallying cry of Indian Muslims. His was a genuine restatement of Islam derived from the Quran and Sunna, Sufi metaphysics of Ghazali, Ibn Taimiyya, Sheikh Sirhindi and Shah Wali Allah. The

Quixotism's ridden and stricken community found in Jinnah an idealist-cum-realist leader in whom ideal and real coalesced and he with the core of heart capitalized on and harnessed currents and cross-currents of history with his combination of learning, character and commitment to emerge as an Architect of Pakistan, the Reality. However, the symbiosis of Civil-Military Bureaucracy, Feudalism, Mercantile and Conservative religious elites denied Pakistan its birth-right to become a genuine welfare Islamic state. Prof. Dr. Shehzad Qiasar, NUML highlighted the organizational structure of Muslim league and an unbending, inflexible, unsellable attitude of Jinnah which won him Pakistan against the troika of British establishment, Hindu Congress and rivals from within. Senior journalist/Anchor-person Azhar Ali Abidi said the be-all-and-an-end-all of Pakistan was to establish a justice based society and present "elite capture" Pakistan is a far cry from what our forefathers envisioned and left indelible signs on the galaxies by achieving this beloved land.

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CPS Seminar on "Pakistan's being on the Cusp of South Asia, Central Asia and Middle East: Pearl, Perils and Pitfalls; crisis and Opportunities"

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CPS, COMSATS University Islamabad organized a seminar on June 28th, 2022, titled "Pakistan's being on the Cusp of South

Asia, Central Asia and Middle East: Pearl, Perils and Pitfalls; crisis and Opportunities." Head CPS Dr. Ghulam Shabbir, in his opening remarks said that Pakistan being the fulcrum of three grand regions has a wide potentials of integrating socio-economic and cultural strengths of these belts, yet as a community we are like those who forget way amidst shifting sand dunes of the desert. Former Naval Chief, Admiral (R) Zafar Mahmood Abbasi said Pakistan has become like a ship adrift amidst the stormy waves of sea. We must resurrect the vision of Iqbal and Jinnah to set the dimension afresh. Senior seasoned politician Syeda Abida Hussain said we have achieved several milestones, yet we need scientific and technological education more advanced and equal to the needs of the time. She said socio-economic disparities and class system is a great hurdle in the way of our progress and prosperity. Head CPS in his closing remarks said the major strength of communities lies in common aspirations, history and cultural values. The geography of Arabian Peninsula was such a valueless entity that the Persia and Byzantine never bothered to conquer them, but when they were united on the ideology of Islam within thirty years of their splendid career, they destroyed the corrupt socio-economic structure of both empires and assumed the wheel of history. Geographies are peaceful abodes of communities, but the recurrent pattern of history suggests when communities forget their history and ideology, their geographies forget them.

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Seminar on “Was Pakistan means to an end or an end itself: What does state policy portray?”

Centre for Policy Studies (CPS), COMSATS University, Islamabad Held a seminar titled “Was Pakistan Means to an End or End Itself? What State Policy Portray?”. Head, CPS Dr. Ghulam Shabbir said Muhammad's monotheism was organically linked to Humanism i.e. socio-economic Reforms. An essential human egalitarianism based on socio-economic equilibrium was be-all-and-an-end-all of Prophet's concept of God's Oneness. With the onset of Dictatorship in Islam this complete monotheism of the Quran and Muhammad (PBUH) get lost for the vested interests of dynastic rule. Even Ghazali, Ibn Taimiyya and Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi despite their great services for Islam missed the point. It was Shah Wali Allah who re-discovered the idea of complete monotheism by delivering a marvelous concept of Irtifaq (Socio-economic security) and Iqtirab (Spiritual evolution). On this premise Iqbal demanded a separate homeland to translate the socio-economic, political and cultural ideals of Islam into reality. Seasoned journalist Hamid Mir displayed a remarkable ingenuity of covering the history of Islam in sub-continent. He said our parliament is full of those who served British interests and are inimical to any genuine reforms in Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Anees Ahmad, Rector, Riphah International University presented a comprehensive and decisive outlook of Iqbal the Dreamer and Jinnah the Architect of Pakistan. We are grateful to our honorable guests and audience without whom it was not an easy feat

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Seminar on “Iqbal and Jinnah's Vision of national education and our education policy”. (March 10, 2022)

CPS organized a seminar titled “Iqbal and Jinnah's Vision of National Education and our Education Policy” on 10th March 2022. The fundamental theme of the program was that Communities' rise and fall is organically linked to their intellectual foundations i.e. vision of education. Iqbal, The Dreamer of Pakistan, in prose and poetry with sound rationale not only refuted the basis of madrassa education based on dumb heritage of medieval Islam but also termed the secular education system as poison due to its rivalry to transcendentalism and loss of moral values- definite anchoring point for stability, foundation, intention and purpose of a civilization. Jinnah, The Architect of Pakistan, in cognizance of the malaise soon after 16 August 1947 in a social function arranged for the members of Constituent Assembly, said to the educationists, “Now that we have got our own state, it is up to you to establish a viable,

productive and sound system of education suited to our needs. It should reflect our history and our national ideals". Further, the enormity and urgency of the task of education in the minds of the creators of Pakistan could be gauged from the fact that despite the largest migration and the greatest slaughter in known human history – the Pakistan government took a tremendous initiative to summon an Education Conference on 27 November 1947 where the minister of education, Fazlur Rahman stated: " it is, therefore, a matter of profound satisfaction to me as it must be to you, that we have before us the opportunity of reorienting our entire educational policy to correspond closely with the needs of the times and to reflect the ideals for which Pakistan as an Islamic state stands. This is a great, indeed, a unique opportunity but even greater is the magnitude of the task which it imposes upon us."

But soon after the early demise of its founder Jinnah and martyrdom of Liaquat Ali Khan this euphoria gives way to a merciless pragmatism on the part of political dispensation and national education policy proved the continuation of Lord Macaulay's education policy. To address the malaise of educational policy two distinguished scholars of Pakistan Prof Fateh Muhammad Malik, former rector IIUI; and Professor Jalil Aali (Tamgha e Imtyaz), poet, aadeb and distinguished researcher delivered lectures.

Professor Jalil Aali remarked that while Iqbal was Dreamer of Pakistan, Jinnah was the Architect and Pakistan the Reality. Jinnah had categorically proclaimed that Iqbal nourished and developed his mind and he only materialized his vision of separate Muslim Polity. Prof. Fateh Muhammad Malik condemned continuation of Macaulay's education system in Pakistan quoting Iqbal's verses that it is an acidic solution in which the personalities of the generation are dipped to soften then molded to suited goals. This is such a strong solution that can turn a Himalaya of Gold into a mound of dust.

Head CPS Dr. Ghulam Shabbir said in his closing remarks that remedy of our educational problems lies in an integration of the traditional and the modern education. Quoting George Sarton he said the decline of Greek civilization was that their rational

philosophy failed to integrate morality in their political thought and institutions. Islam struck fusion between pure reason and revelation and spread like a prairie fire from Baghdad eastward to India, Transoxonia and further still and in the West to the very edge of the world. Today religion should be employed as a synthetic construct to combine metaphysics and social fact the great achievement of pristine Islam otherwise world stands on the threshold of utter annihilation. At the end head CPS presented souvenirs to honorable guests and thanked the participants for their valuable time.

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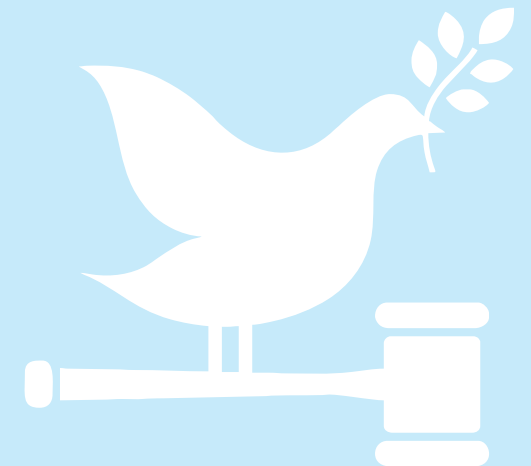
Seminar On Importance Of E-Commerce In Affiliation With Enablers

The Department of Mechanical Engineering & Bachelor of Business Administration, in collaboration of ASHRAE & SSBC COMSATS Wah Campus Chapter arranged a seminar “Importance of E-commerce in affiliation with Enablers” on March 17, 2022. The main intention of the entire gathering is coming together to share exclusive knowledge, tactics and actionable strategies on how to build, operate, and scale profitable E-commerce businesses for growing students as an entrepreneur. The foremost guests, Siddiqa Zubair Representative of Enablers at Wah Cantt, along with her companions, Afshan Abid from Enablers Consultant Islamabad concise students about E-commerce & how they market their product by shaking hands with cherished platform like Enablers & become a precious enterpenuer engineer. They also shared their gigantic expertise on enhancing digital skills to secure future by generating impulsive revenue. The students also presented epitome of their skills they learn from enablers & start their own business on different platforms like Amazon. The students had a very fruitful interactive session with guest speakers. The seminar adjourned by appreciating & showing appetency with presenting campus keepsake to guest speakers.

The session ended up with the Director and SBA ASHRAE Prof Dr Muhammad Abid address to the students and he presented souvenir shield to the guest. On behalf of Department of Mechanical Engineering, ASHRAE CUI Wah Society is grateful to Enablers for sparing their valuable time and imparting conducive session.

ASHRAE CUI Wah society is thankful to Director Prof. Muhammad Abid, Engr. Arsalan Hussain and Engr. Samad Ali Taj for making this event successful.

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