

33rd EXETER GULF CONFERENCE

BALOCHISTAN BEYOND BORDERS

Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter Lecture Theatres 1 and 2

23-24 June 2023

Friday 23 June

9.00 - 9.30 **Registration** (IAIS, Reception)

Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room)

9.30 – 9.45 **Welcome Address** (Marc Valeri, University of Exeter)

9.45 – 11.15 The Baloch in the Age of Empires

Chair: Ahmed Dailami (University of Exeter)

Ahmed Y. AlMaazmi (Princeton University)

The Mamluks of the Indian Ocean: The Baloch in Arab Nationalist Historiography

Ameem Lutfi (Lahore University of Management Sciences)

Arms and Arms that Carry Them. Microhistory of Baloch Military Labor in a

Changing Global Order

11.15 – 11.45 **Coffee Break**

11.45 – 1.00 The Baloch Question in Central Governments' Eyes

Chair: **Ross Porter** (University of Exeter)

Carina Jahani (Uppsala University)

The Balochi Language and its Vitality: Problems and Prospects

Salman Rafi Sheikh (Lahore University of Management Sciences)

Post 18th Amendment Balochistan: The Failed Promise of Provincial Autonomy

1.00 – 2.00 **Lunch** (IAIS, Common Rom)

2.00 - 3.15 The Quest for Human Rights

Chair: Claire Beaugrand (University of Exeter)

Faheem Baloch (Baloch National Movement)

Challenges to a Baloch Student in Pakistan and Exile

Maryam Kanwer (Activist and independent researcher) Women in Balochistan Resisting Enforced Disappearances

3.15 – 3.30 **Coffee Break**

3.30 – 5.15 **Screening Balochistan**

Chair: Katie Natanel (University of Exeter)

The State of Dissent (United Kingdom, 2022)

Director: Roshaan Khattak

Lyari. Survival of the Fringes (France, 2020)

Director: Luc Bellon

Saturday 24 June

9.00 – 9.30 **Tea and Coffee** (IAIS)

9.30 – 11.00 Political Control and State Violence

Chair: Marc Valeri (University of Exeter)

Mahvish Ahmad (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Thinking with Baloch Women Nationalists: On Power, Patriarchy, and Politics under Pakistani Rule

Stéphane Dudoignon (Paris Sciences et Lettres University) Society and State in Iran's Balochistan: A Prosopography

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break** (IAIS, Common Room)

11.30 – 12.45 **Generations of Political Activism**

Chair: Abdulla Moaswes (University of Exeter)

Mir Mohammad Ali Talpur (Independent writer)

Treading a Difficult Historical Path: The Essence and Nature of the Baloch Struggle

Kiyya Baloch (Freelance journalist)

Generations of Militancy: The Educated Middle-Class Baloch Youth Worrying China in Gwadar, Pakistan's Belt and Road Hub

12.45 – 2.00 **Lunch** (IAIS)