

## Dr ILYAS AHMAD CHATTHA

Educated at the universities of Warwick and Southampton, Dr Ilyas Chattha is a historian of South Asia. Prior to his LUMS, he was based at the Centre for Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies, University of Southampton, where he received his PhD in 2009. He has written extensively on late colonial Punjab and the legacy of the 1947 partition for the early post-colonial Pakistan state. He is author of *The Punjab Borderland: Mobility, Materiality and Militancy, 1947-1987* (Cambridge, 2022) and *Partition and Locality* (Oxford, 2012). His third upcoming monograph is on the 1971 wartime experiences of Bengalis in West Pakistan. In addition, Dr Chattha has published extensively in reputed academic journals such as *Modern Asian Studies*, *History Workshop Journal*, *Journal of Royal Asiatic Society*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review* and *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, as well as in numerous edited volume and other publications. His writing can be accessed [here \(google scholar citation link\)](#).

His current teaching work is focused on the legacies of the violent partitions of 1947 and 1971 and methods in collective violence and topics within borders and borderlands studies. His current course offerings include: Partition and Its Aftermath; Civil War in 20<sup>th</sup> Century; Communal Violence in South Asia; and Conceptual Understanding of Borders and Borderland Studies.

## Publication

### Selected peer-reviewed Journals Articles

- 'Prisoners of Pakistan: Bengali Civil and Military Personnel in West Pakistan, 1971-1974', *Modern Asian Studies* (Forthcoming 2023).
- 'Australian Press Representations of the 1947 Partition Violence in Punjab', *Sikh Formations* (Forthcoming 2023)
- 'Meos' Community's Post-Partition Experiences in Pakistan', *South Asian: Journal of South Asian Studies* (Forthcoming 2023).
- 'Border Bureaucracy and Discourses: Demarcation and Surveillance of the Punjab Border in the Wake of Partition', *Critical Pakistan Studies* (Forthcoming 2023)
- 'Communalized Force: The 1947 Partition Violence in Punjab and Role of Law Enforcers', *India Review*, 21:1 (2022), pp. 1-20.
- 'City of 'Red Assassins'? Crime, Control, and Resistance in Colonial Lahore', *History Workshop Journal* 94, (June 2022), pp. 22-50 (with co-author Dr Ali Usman Qasmi)
- 'Partition's Abandoned and Orphaned Children', *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 59:1 (April 2022), pp.1-20.
- Looting on the NWFP and West Punjab in the Partition Violence', *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 44.6 (Oct; 2021), pp.1075-1089.

- 'Partition and the History of Evacuee Property in Pakistan', *Journal of Migration Affairs*, 4: 1 (Sept 2021), pp.36-53.
- 'After the Massacres: 'Nursing Survivals of Partition Violence in the Pakistan Punjab Camps in 1947', *Journal of Royal Asiatic Society*, V28: 2, (2018), pp. 273-293.
- 'Faction—building in Pakistan: Sir Francis Mudie and Punjab Politics, 1947-49', *Contemporary South Asia*, 22:3 (2014), pp. 225-39.
- 'Partisan Reporting: Press Coverage of the 1947 Partition Violence in the Punjab', *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 36:4 (2013), pp. 608-625.
- 'Economic Change & Community Relations in Lahore', *Journal of Punjab Studies*, 19:2 (2012).
- 'Competitions for Resources: Partition's Evacuee Property and the Sustenance of Corruption in Pakistan', *Modern Asian Studies*, 46:5 (Sept; 2012), pp. 1182-1211.

### **Book Chapters**

- 'Partition and the History of Evacuee Property in Pakistan', in A. Ranjan (ed.) *Migration, Memories, and the 'Unfinished' Partition* (London: Routledge 2023).
- 'The Long Shadow of 1947: Partition, Violence and Displacement in Jammu and Kashmir', in Amritjit Singh et al (eds.), *Revisiting India's Partition: Memory, Culture, and Politics* (London: Lexington Books, 2016), pp. 143-156.
- 'Impact of the Redistribution of Partition's Evacuee Property on the Patterns of Land Ownership and Power in 1950s Pakistani Punjab', in R.D. Long et al (eds.), *State and Nation-building in Pakistan: Beyond Islam and Security* (Routledge, 2015), pp. 1-44.
- 'Patterns of Partition Violence in West Punjab: A Study of Police Records', in I. Talbot, *The Independence of India and Pakistan* (Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 58-89.
- 'Escape from Violence: The 1947 Partition of India and Migration: Experience of Kashmiri Muslim Refugees' in P. Panayi and P. Virdee (eds.), *Refugees and the End of Empire: Imperial Collapse and Forced Migration during the Twentieth Century* (Palgrave, 2010), pp. 196-218.
- 'Ethnic Cleansing of Jammu's Muslims in 1947', in Qalb-i-Abid (eds.), *History, Politics and Society: The Punjab* (Lahore: Research Society of Pakistan, 2009), pp. 236-256.
- 'The Muslim League's Response to the Partition Violence and Arrival of Muslim Refugees in West Punjab' in R. Ahmad (ed.), *The Centenary of Muslim League 1906-1947* (Islamabad: Quaid-i-Azam University Press, 2006), pp. 139-170.

### **Policy Reports**

- 2012: 'Refugee Resettlement from Pakistan: Findings from Afghan Refugee Camps in the NWFP' (Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole).

- (2010) 'Indian and Pakistani Irregular Migrants in the UK' (LSE collaboration with FCO).

### **Recent Media Contributor**

- 'An Obituary of Seth Abid', BBC Urdu, 10 Jan 2021
- 'Contraband as a form of resistance at the India-Pakistan border,' Oxford's Routed Migration Magazine, 8 May 2021.

### **My recent conference invited talks included:**

- 15-16 June 2023: Oxford, Conference on 'Christians in Pakistan', presented a paper on 'Neutral: Role of Christian Missionaries during the 1947 Partition-related Humanitarian Crisis'.
- 16-17 June 2023, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, conference on 'The Contemporary Challenges of the Partition of the Indian Sub-Continent in 1947', presented a paper on 'Meos' Post- Partition Experiences in Pakistan'.
- 8 December 2022: South Asian Institute, University of Heidelberg, 'New Interventions in the History of Partition, presented a paper, 'Partition Violence in Punjab: Opportunistic Characteristics and Political Imperatives'.
- 10 September 2022: Michigan University conference on 'the Partition of India and the Sikhs: New Perspectives', presented a paper on 'Property and Violence in Partition of 1947'.
- 10 June 2022: Royal Holloway, Conference 'Citizenship & Migration in South Asia: Looking Beyond Partition' presenting a paper on 'Citizen Internees: Bengali Servicemen in Pakistan, 1971-1974'.
- 2 August 2022: the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, Annual Conference '75 Years of Partition: Rupture and Connectivity', presenting a paper on 'The Impact of Partition on Divided Institutions'.
- 15 March 2022: The 1947 Partition Archives 'Sunday Live Stories' live talk on Partition's Abandoned and Orphaned Children'.
- 22 March 2022: ISAS, University of Singapore, 'Bookshelf', talked on The Punjab Borderland.
- 7 Dec 2021: University of Warwick, my book launch event, The Punjab Borderland
- 11 July 2012, New York University, conference on the 50th Anniversary of 1971, presented a paper on 'Prisoners of Pakistan: East Bengali Military Personnel and Civil Servants in West Pakistan, 1971-74'.
- 24 March 2021: Oxford's Conference on 'Border Histories' presented a paper on 'Punjabi Border Ballads and Contraband Solidarity at the Punjab Borderland, 1947-1965'