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Highlights of Summer & Fall 2025

Welcome to our biannual newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in success of the University of Central Punjab.

Trainings & Workshops: The English Language Centre remained actively engaged throughout the semester, fostering a culture of training, continuous learning, and professional growth.

Our Initiatives: ELC organized the Interfaculty English Language Quiz, introduced German, Japanese, and Turkish courses, and launched the English for Employability course to enhance students' professional communication and career readiness skills.

Our Contributions: The Summer and Fall 2025 semesters witnessed notable research contributions from ELC faculty, with several publications in national and international journals, and organization of seminars.

Our Achievements: The ELC celebrated key achievements, including faculty promotions, collaborations, recognition through Best Teacher and Best Researcher awards, international nominations, professional development, and new opportunities.

Celebrations and Recreational Activities: Alongside these milestones, ELC also marked important celebrations and campus events with enthusiasm.



Editor & Designer: *Mr. Rashid Hussain* Reviewed by: *Ms. Zainab Samee & Ms. Iqra Fatima*

Trainings & Workshops



Listening Skills Enhancement

Ms. Hina Ehsan conducted a focused faculty training session on Listening Skills, providing structured guidance on effectively implementing the newly introduced course pack. The session enhanced teachers' understanding of active listening strategies and practical classroom application.



Brushstrokes and Melodies

Mr. Rashid Hussain delivered an interdisciplinary session exploring the evolution of art and music in West and South Asia, highlighting their role in shaping cultural identity and social critique. Participants gained a broader appreciation creative expression.



Partition Trauma

Mr. Muhammad Shahid facilitated a thought-provoking training session examining the psychological and socio-cultural impacts of Partition through literary and historical perspectives. The discussion after the session, encouraged critical reflection on identity, memory, and collective trauma.



Relationship Management

Ms. Faiza Tanzeem delivered an insightful session on relationship management using Neuro-Linguistic Programming, equipping participants with effective communication techniques for personal and professional growth. The session provided practical tools to strengthen interpersonal understanding at workplace.

Trainings & Workshops



Mindful Technology Use

Ms. Sheba Sultan conducted an engaging workshop on digital wellbeing, addressing screen-time management, cognitive focus, and practical strategies to foster healthier and more mindful technology use.



Writing Skills Development

Ms. Mariyam Javaid and Ms. Zukhruf Shaukat led a comprehensive writing skills session, guiding faculty on the upcoming course pack while reflecting on pedagogical insights from the previous semester.



Conclusion of CPD Sessions - Summer 2025

The trainers were joined by the Dean, Faculty of Languages and Literature, Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Director ELC, Dr. Muhammad Habib Qazi, and Deputy Manager ELC, Ms. Tayyaba Rana, during the closing and certificate distribution

ceremony of the Summer 2025 CPD sessions. The Dean appreciated the initiative, commending the faculty's commitment to continuous professional development, academic excellence and intellectual growth.

Our Initiatives



Interfaculty English Language Quiz Competition

The English Language Centre organized an Interfaculty English Language Quiz Competition aimed at promoting linguistic excellence, critical thinking, and healthy academic competition among students across departments. The event provided participants with an engaging platform to demonstrate their language proficiency, analytical abilities, and teamwork skills in a dynamic academic environment. Students enthusiastically participated, reflecting a strong culture of intellectual curiosity and collaborative learning. The competition concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, where outstanding performers and participants were formally recognized for their dedication and achievement, reinforcing ELC's commitment to encouraging academic excellence and student engagement.



Foreign Language Courses

The introduction of German, Japanese, and Turkish courses reflects ELC's commitment to multilingual education and global engagement. These offerings expand students' linguistic horizons and equip them with valuable intercultural competencies essential for academic advancement and international career opportunities.



English for Employability

The 8-week English for Employability program was launched to enhance students' professional communication, interview readiness, and digital presence through industry-focused training. The program also emphasized practical workplace skills, enabling students to confidently navigate professional environments.

Research Contributions



One Publication in an International Journal

Dr. Muhammad Habib Qazi, the Director ELC, published the article "Voices of Resistance: Afghan Women's Lived Experiences under the Taliban's Ban on Education," published in Central Asian Survey (Routledge, Taylor & Francis), contributing to global scholarship on education and gender rights.



Two Publications in National Journals

Ms. Tayyaba Rana, the Deputy Manager ELC, published two research articles in the national journals: JSSRP and CJSSR on mix-methods assessment of multimedia content and effect of dialogic teaching on vocabulary acquisition and phonological awareness contributing to the ELT scholarship.



Two Publications and One Paper Presentation

Ms. Habiba Khatoon published her two research articles in the Journal of Applied Linguistics and TESOL and Journal of Arts and Linguistics Studies. Also, she presented a separate paper at the National Conference on Worldscapes in the Digital Age: Linguistics, Literature and Society.



One Publication and One Paper Presentation

Ms. Rakhshanda Furnaz presented at IEEE HITE 2025 on ethical AI and sustainable HRM and co-authored a publication in ACADEMIA International Journal for Social Sciences on media discourse and refugee representation. Her contributions highlight the critical intersection of emerging technology, social justice, and organizational ethics.



One Publication in a National Journal

Mr. Hamza Amin co-authored the article "Representation of Trauma, Power, and Identity in 'The Housemaid': A Critical Discourse Analysis," published in The Study of Religion and History (Vol. 3, Issue 2, 2025), advancing scholarly inquiry into discourse, identity, and power structures.



One Publication in a National Journal

Mr. Muhammad Shahid published his article, "Partition, Memory, and Trauma," in the Pakistan Social Sciences Review (Vol. 9, No. 4, 2025), exploring post-Partition identity through literary analysis. His research highlights the enduring psychological legacy of displacement on the collective consciousness.

Research Contributions



One Publication in an International Journal

Ms. Faiza Ghulam Nabi co-authored the IEEE-published research paper "Sign Language Interpreter using Machine Learning," contributing to interdisciplinary innovation at the intersection of linguistics, accessibility, and artificial intelligence in the current scholarship and academia.



One Publication in a National Journal

Ms. Saima Naeem co-authored the research on Gender and Misogyny in Classical Literature, examining the cultural roots and contemporary implications of misogynistic narratives highlighting how historical biases are mirrored in today's social structures.



One Publication in a National Journal

Ms. Zainab Samee published the article "Assessing Spoken English Development Using an Adapted Analytic Rubric: Evidence from a Classroom Observation Study," published in The Critical Review of Social Sciences Studies. Her research contributes to the advancement of classroom-based assessment.



Paper Presentation in a National Conference

Ms. Faiza Ishfaq presented her paper, "Issues of Identity and Honour: A Study of Quest for Justice, Inequality and Socio-Cultural Dynamics Disempowering Women in Aysha Baqir's Beyond the Fields," at Government College University, Lahore, contributing to critical literary and gender discourse.



PhD Research Seminar 2025

The English Language Centre organized a PhD Research Seminar to provide an academic platform for emerging scholars to share their research journeys and findings. The seminar featured engaging presentations by PhD scholars, fostering rigorous scholarly dialogue and interdisciplinary exchange. The event reinforced ELC's commitment to cultivating a vibrant research culture and supporting advanced academic inquiry. Participants gained valuable insights into diverse research methodologies, theoretical frameworks, and contemporary issues in linguistics and literature. The interactive discussions encouraged critical reflection and constructive feedback among faculty and students.



Best Teacher Award

Ms. Noreen Akhtar was honored with the Best Teacher Award in recognition of her exceptional dedication and commitment to teaching excellence. Her innovative pedagogy and student-centered approach have significantly contributed to learners' academic and personal growth. This award reflects her sustained impact on fostering an engaging and supportive learning environment.

Ms. Noreen Akhtar

Research Excellence Award

Dr. Aisha Saleem received the the Research Excellence Award, conferred by the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization in acknowledgment of her outstanding scholarly contributions. Her research excellence has strengthened the academic profile of the English Language Centre and promoted a vibrant research culture. This recognition underscores her commitment to advancing knowledge and maintaining rigorous academic standards.



Dr. Aisha Saleem

Our Achievements



MoU with Yunus Emre Institute (Turkish Language Center)

The English Language Centre, Faculty of Languages and Literature, formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Yunus Emre Institute (Turkish Language Center) to strengthen academic and cultural collaboration. The ceremony was honored with the worth presence of the Pro-Rector UCP, Dr. Hammad Naveed and held under the supervision of Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt and Dr. Muhammad Habib Qazi, Director ELC. This partnership aims to promote Turkish language education and foster cross-cultural engagement between institutions. The MoU outlines collaborative initiatives in language instruction, faculty and student development, cultural exchange programs, and professional workshops. The agreement represents a strategic step toward expanding global academic linkages and international outreach. Through this collaboration, ELC reaffirms its commitment to multilingual education and global engagement.



International Nomination

Ms. Sheba Sultan has been nominated from Pakistan to contribute to the Fellowship of Young Science Enthusiasts (FYASE), an international research-oriented initiative. Her involvement supports global academic dialogue at the intersection of language, science, and ethics.



Pre-Dissertation Defense

Ms. Faiza Ghulam Nabi successfully defended her PhD pre-dissertation, marking a significant milestone in her academic journey. Her research focuses on the morphological analysis of Urdu complex constructions within a theoretical linguistic framework.

Academic Certifications and Professional Development

Mr. Rashid Hussain (9 Certifications):

He earned specialized certifications in classroom assessment, IELTS preparation, English teaching methodologies, lesson design, AI in language learning, and English for teaching, alongside completing Part 1 of the 150-hour ASU TESOL program.

Ms. Tayyaba Rana (8 Certifications):

Through institutions like the University of Michigan and DeepLearning.AI, she mastered workplace communication, growth mindset, AI literacy, academic writing, presentation skills, project development, and lifelong learning.

Mr. Hamza Amin (1 Certification): He earned a 150-hour TESOL Certification from Arizona State University via Coursera, specializing in global English teaching methodologies.

Ms. Nida Qadar (1 Certification): She completed a comprehensive 150-hour TESOL certification through Coursera, authorized by Arizona State University.

Mr. Muhammad Shahid (1 Certification): He completed Part 1 of the 150-hour TESOL Certification from Arizona State University through Coursera to reinforce his pedagogical foundations.

Ms. Iqra Fatima (1 Certification): She successfully finished a 60-hour TESOL International Association Training of Trainers (ToT) course focusing on SWOC analysis and reflective practice.

Ms. Faiza Ishfaq (1 Certification): She completed the "Storying the Self: How Stories Shape Our Identities" course from the University of Colorado Boulder, focusing on narrative identity.

Dr. Aisha Saleem (1 Certification): She completed the Wiley-organized, HEC-recognized certification in "AI Tools for Increasing Research Productivity, Integrity, and Effective Authorship" to advance ethical AI-assisted research.



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Ms. Faiza Ishfaq



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Faculty Promotions – A Milestone of Excellence

The English Language Centre proudly congratulates its faculty members on their well-deserved promotions, marking a significant milestone in the department's academic profile.

Dr. Habib Qazi, Director ELC, has been promoted to Professor of English, a testament to his scholarly excellence and visionary leadership.



Mr. Muhammad Shahid, Ms. Sumaira Latif, Ms. Hina Ehsan, Ms. Shahzadi Mahjabeen, and Ms. Nargis Nadeem have advanced to the position of Principal Lecturer, reflecting their leadership and academic distinction.



Ms. Maryam Javaid, Ms. Somia Saif, Mr. Hamza Amin, Ms. Sheba Sultan, Ms. Noreen Akhtar, Ms. Rakhshanda Furnaz, and Mr. Rashid Hussain, have been promoted to Senior Lecturer in acknowledgment of their impactful teaching and professional contributions.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all and wish them continued success in their new roles.

These advancements reflect the collective strength of our faculty and their unwavering commitment to academic excellence. We look forward to the continued innovation and leadership they will bring to the department in this next chapter of their professional journeys.



Welcoming the Dean

The English Language Centre hosted a warm Hi-Tea at Faletti's Hotel, Lahore, to welcome Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt as the new Dean. The gathering provided a pleasant opportunity for faculty members to connect and celebrate the beginning of a new chapter under his leadership. Colleagues engaged in meaningful conversations, sharing their vision and aspirations for the future of the department. The event fostered a spirit of unity, collaboration, and renewed enthusiasm for academic excellence.



Independence Day Celebration

ELC proudly celebrated the 78th Independence Day of Pakistan on 14th August with patriotic spirit and unity. The event reflected our collective pride, national solidarity, and commitment to the country's progress. The department was beautifully decorated with national flags, green and white themes, and creative displays that added vibrancy and enhanced the celebratory atmosphere.



War for Peace – Chinese Films Exhibition

Faculty members of ELC, along with the Dean and Director, attended the War for Peace – Chinese Films Exhibition at Alhamra Arts Centre, Lahore. The event promoted cultural understanding and strengthened academic and artistic engagement with international communities.



76th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China

UCP celebrated the 76th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China with vibrant cultural activities under the leadership of Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt. The event highlighted unity and friendship between Pakistan and China, with special appreciation for Ms. Iqra Fatima's exceptional organizational efforts. Her creativity, dedication, and meticulous planning ensured that every aspect of the celebration reflected professionalism and cultural harmony.



Pink October – Breast Cancer Awareness

ELC faculty observed Pink October in solidarity with the global Breast Cancer Awareness campaign. By wearing pink, the team emphasized the importance of awareness, early detection, and community support for health advocacy.



New Year Celebrations

The English Language Centre welcomed 2026 with enthusiasm and positivity. A joyful cake-cutting ceremony with the Dean marked the occasion, symbolizing new beginnings and aspirations for continued excellence. Faculty members shared warm wishes and reaffirmed their commitment to achieving greater milestones in the year ahead.

Thank you for reading!

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