CHANGE OF LOCATION

Join us at 10:30am today to celebrate our AAS 2023 award winners, including special honorees recognized for their contributions to Asian Studies and service to the AAS. Please note a change in location for this event: it will be held in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom (2nd floor), not the Hynes Convention Center.

Immediately following the Awards Ceremony we will hold the AAS Member Meeting in the same location. AAS Executive Director Hilary Finchum-Sung and members of the Board of Directors will provide updates and respond to your questions and feedback about the association.

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NEW AND IMPROVED

AAS EXHIBIT BOOTH

We’ve taken a different approach to the AAS booth in our Exhibit Hall space this year. As in the past, the booth is the place to check out AAS publications and get information about association activities. In addition, though, the AAS 2023 booth offers a relaxing lounge experience: tables and chairs where you can rest and chat, games to play, a photo station, and (starting at noon today) a custom tea-blending opportunity. Talk with AAS staff, enter to win prizes, and connect with other members of the Asian Studies community—all at the AAS booth.

RE-CONNECTING

#AAS2023

Both in-person and on the #AAS2023 Twitter conversation, a common theme has emerged over the past two days: it’s so good to see everyone again.

We’ve been fortunate to forge connections in virtual spaces over the last three years, and those are crucial to maintaining our Asian Studies community. At the same time, at AAS we see the value of coming together on a regular basis—to share, to bond, and to learn. There’s something uniquely generative about gathering and engaging in face-to-face exchange. Thank you to everyone who has joined us here in Boston to create this vibrant and productive celebration of Asian Studies.
The capstone event of each AAS President’s term in office is delivering their Presidential Address at the Annual Conference. On Friday evening, 2022–23 President Kamran Asdar Ali reached this milestone, speaking on “Partition Violence and National Unity: Pakistan’s Cinema from the 1960s.”

Drawing on a number of powerful film clips, Ali showed how Pakistani cinema grappled with the legacy of Partition and the violence it had engendered, particularly against women. National histories often celebrate the victory of independence, too frequently glossing over the traumas involved in reaching that moment: family separation, death, rape, and the breakdown of communities. In the following years, filmmakers found ways to remember those stories and center the experiences of those who would not otherwise be found in the grand narrative of the national history project.

Ali spoke about the ways in which media and culture can commemorate those who would be forgotten, such as women abducted during the chaos of Partition. While focusing specifically on cinema from Pakistan, the broader themes of Ali’s address are applicable to scholars studying many other countries in Asia, both in the past and present. At a time when violence and instability are everyday realities for people around the world—as discussed by Pasuk Phongpaichit in her Keynote Address—we all must remain sensitive to the loss, disruption, trauma, and sacrifice experienced by the people with whom we interact during research.
## AAS 2023 Schedule At-A-Glance

### MORNING

- **Registration Open**
  8:00am – 6:30pm ET

- **Exhibit Hall Open**
  8:30am – 6:00pm ET

- **Film Expo**
  8:30am – 8:05pm ET

- **Session Block F**
  8:30am – 10:00am ET

- **Mentor Sessions**
  9:30am – 5:00pm ET

- **Awards Ceremony and Member Meeting**
  10:30am – 12:00pm ET

### AFTERNOON

- **Mid-Day Break**
  12:15pm – 1:45pm ET

- **Session Block G**
  2:00pm – 3:30pm ET

- **Session Block H**
  4:00pm – 5:30pm ET

- **Session Block J**
  6:00pm – 7:30pm ET

- **Evening Receptions and Business Meetings**
  7:15pm – 11:00pm ET

- **MIT Bhangra Club and Gund Kwok Women’s Lion Dancers**
  Starting at 7:45pm
Room Changes

Awards Ceremony and Member Meeting
has moved to the Grand Ballroom, Sheraton

SESSION F013 has moved to Sheraton, The Fens

SESSION H020 has moved to Sheraton, Back Bay C

SESSION H022 has moved to Sheraton, Boston Commons

Time Changes

SESSION L030 has been rescheduled to the 9:00am-10:30am
time slot in Public Garden, Sheraton, Sunday
(original time was 10:45 am, Sunday)

Canceled Sessions

SESSION F033: Saturday at 8:30am - Canceled

SESSION K001: Sunday at 9:00 am - Canceled

SESSION L017: Sunday at 10:45 am - Canceled

Canceled Meetings-in-Conjunction

Society for Queer Asian Studies (SQAS)
(original time was 12:15pm, Saturday) - Canceled

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