



3rd International Conference
**Travel Literature:
A Bridge Between
World Cultures**
(18–19 December 2025)

Department of Arabic, University of
the Punjab, Lahore – Pakistan
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Introduction

Travel literature is one of the oldest and most significant literary genres in the Arabic language. It documents journeys and explorations across various regions, reflecting human interaction with new cultures and lands. This literary form has played a key role in transmitting knowledge and promoting cultural exchange between East and West. Legendary Arab travelers like Ibn Battuta and Al-Idrisi emerged as mirrors of their times, offering invaluable insights into the world during the Middle Ages. Over time, travel literature evolved beyond mere geographical and historical documentation. It became a means of self-discovery, understanding others and examining social and political challenges.

In celebration of World Arabic Language Day, the conference aims to explore the various dimensions of Arabic travel literature—from its origins to the modern era—highlighting its role in fostering cross-cultural communication. The conference also aims to highlight the challenges involved in translating travel literature into other languages. It will explore how this genre serves as a powerful tool for understanding Arab cultural identity and its influence on world literature. We hope this event will provide a valuable platform for academics and researchers from around the globe to exchange ideas and promote intercultural and intellectual dialogue.

Conference Themes:

1. History of Arabic Travel Literature: From Pre-Islamic Times to the Modern Era
2. Travel literature as a tool for cultural exchange.
3. Travel Literature in the Modern Era: Between Imagination and Reality.
4. Time and Space in Travel Literature
5. Travel in Contemporary Arabic Literature: From Autobiography to Documentary Writing
6. Translated Travel Literature: A Bridge between Cultures
7. Travel Literature: Between Imagination and Reality.
8. Travel Literature in Arabic: From Classical to Modern Writing
9. Religious Travel in Arabic Literature

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1. The paper must be written in Standard Arabic.
2. It should be original and not previously published or submitted elsewhere.
3. The research must adhere to academic and methodological standards.
4. All submissions will be checked using Turnitin for plagiarism.
5. The full paper should not exceed 30 pages, including references and appendices.
6. All deadlines must be strictly followed.
7. Use Microsoft Word, Traditional Arabic font: size 16 for the text, and size 14 for footnotes.
8. Footnotes should be inserted electronically at the bottom of each page.
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10. Abstracts and papers must be submitted along with the author's CV to: intcon.arabic@pu.edu.pk

Note:

Participants will receive a certificate of participation. The conference will provide accommodation, meals, and transportation within Lahore for international participants. Travel expenses to and from Pakistan will be borne by the participants. Online Presentation (International): \$100

Participation Fees (For Pakistani Participants Only):

PKR 3000 without accommodation

PKR 5000 with accommodation

(International participants will be provided accommodation and meals by the university.)

Important Dates:

Conference Announcement: March 25, 2025

Deadline for Abstract Submission: April 30, 2025

Notification of Acceptance: May 25, 2025

Deadline for Full Paper Submission: June 30, 2025

Conference Dates: December 18–19, 2025

Venue: Department of Arabic, University of the Punjab, Lahore – Pakistan

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