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9:30–9:45 **Welcome and Introduction**
Guillaume Beaud (University of Oxford)

9:45–10:15 **Christophe Jaffrelot** (Sciences Po)
A Tale of Two Sacred Sites: Ajmer (India) and Kartarpur (Pakistan)

10:15–10:45 **Maria Rashid** (University of Wolverhampton)
Citizenship as Memory Politics: Bengalis in Post-1971 Pakistan

10:45–11:15 Discussion
Chair : Adnan Naseemullah

11:15–11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30–12:00 **Sameen Mohsin Ali** (University of Birmingham)
'I am just here rising': A Feminist Institutional Analysis of Pakistan's Women Public Servants

12:00–12:30 **Guillaume Beaud** (University of Oxford)
'Bureafluencers' and the State : Social Change and the Privatisation of Bureaucratic Power in Pakistan's Civil Service

12:30–13:00 Discussion
Chair : Laurent Gayer

13:00–14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00–14:30 **Zoha Waseem** (University of Warwick)
Algorithmic Governance and Administrative Discretion in Pakistan: An Exploratory Study

14:30–15:00 **Laurent Gayer** (Sciences Po)
The Public Resources of the Private Sector: Building Corporate Security in the Shadow of the State in Karachi

15:00–15:30 Discussion
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15:30–15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45–16:15 **Ayaz Qureshi** (University of Edinburgh)
Health Bureaucracy and Doctors Protest in Pakistan

16:15–16:45 **Sanaa Alimia** (Aga Khan University)
(Re)Conceptualising Structural Racism: Islamophobia and Pakistan's Bad(dest)Muslims

16:45–17:15 Discussion
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17:15–17:30 **Concluding Remarks**
Adnan Naseemullah (University of Oxford)