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Fostering a culture of Academic Research and Innovation and Commercialization across disciplines at the IBA



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Forums Launched

1. The ORIC facilitated Associate Professor Islamic Finance, **Dr. Irum Saba** with the launch of her forum, **Women Leadership Forum (WLF)** dedicated to empowering women leaders by providing capacity-building programs and networking opportunities to help them thrive in leadership roles.



2. The ORIC facilitated Assistant Professor and Chairperson Marketing Department, **Dr. Nida Aslam** with the launch of her forum, the **Pakistan Sport Knowledge Cluster (PSKC)**. The PSKC aims to foster an innovative sports ecosystem in the country; bridging gaps in infrastructure and enhancing collaboration between the government and private sector.



Leadership Training Program

Tapal Leadership Excellence Program - LEAP

The ORIC conducted a 3-day training workshop, **Tapal Leadership Excellence Program - LEAP**, in collaboration with Tapal Tea led by Lecturer, **Atif Murtaza** and Assistant Professor, **Dr. Nyla Aleem Ansari**.

The program provided valuable insights for its 28 participants which included senior leadership and management from Tapal.

The CEO of Tapal, Mr. Samar Hayat Khan, delivered the keynote address, and IBA Registrar, Dr. Mohammad Asad Ilyas, delivered concluding remarks.



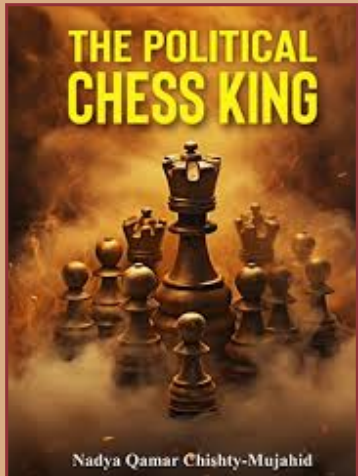
Consultancy Initiatives & Book Launch



The ORIC hosted a focus group, **FinTech Inclusion in Pakistan: Academia's Role in Closing the Gender Gap**. The session was attended by **Raeda Latif**, Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited, **Kanza Akhwand**, Oraan, and **Batool Hasan**, HBL. The discussion aimed to unite researchers, policymakers, and businesses committed to advancing financial inclusion in the country.



Associate Professor, **Dr. Rameez Khalid** presented a token of his appreciation to Assistant Professor and Director ORIC, Sohaib Saleem to acknowledge ORIC's support in the launch of his consultancy startup, SimulationX.



The ORIC held a book launch for Associate Professor, **Dr. Nadya Qamar Chishty**; showcasing *The Political Chess King*.

Trainings & Workshops



Professor and Director CBER, **Dr. Lubna Naz**; Assistant Professor and Director Writing Centre, **Maria Hassan**; and Assistant Manager ORIC, **Madiha Rehman**, attended a 4-day workshop organised by USAID's HESSA from the 16th till the 19th of Decemeber. The program targeted strategic planning in HEIs and best pratcices to facilitate research among faculty.

The ORIC hosted a grant-writing workshop led by Professor and Founder & Director KUL, **Dr. Nausheen Anwar** on ESG frameworks. The Workshop aimed to promote research in line with the Office's core objective through administrative support, funding & grants, collaboration and faculty capacity building. The training session was attended by 50+ IBA faculty members,



researchers and public and not-for-profit sector professionals.



Executive ORIC, **Sidrah Mehdi**, attended HEC's Grant-Writing Workshop; enhancing her understanding of funding opportunities and the grant application process.