

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Research Vision

In line with the Lahore School's Vision/Mission/Strategic Plan 2026-2031, the Department of Social Sciences will organize and sustain an active research agenda aimed at initiating multidisciplinary research in contemporary and emerging issues in social sciences.

Research Mission

The Department of Social Sciences is committed to cutting-edge research on a broad spectrum of contemporary issues in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Research Objectives

1. Diversify the research profile of Lahore School of Economics by making it one of Pakistan's leading higher education institutions dealing with both the study of, and research in, social sciences and humanities.
2. Ensure that research standards follow international protocol and remain sensitive to individual diversity of interest.
3. Establish and maintain research links with academic partners within Pakistan as well as internationally, leading to collaborative ventures such as joint publications, conferences, and research-related visits.
4. To encourage publications in internationally respected journals in subject-specific areas.
5. To encourage faculty to write books and book chapters on topics that further academic literature in the social sciences and humanities.
6. To encourage non-traditional research output such as creative publications, film-making and visual arts.
7. To facilitate and support international exposure by encouraging presentations at international conferences in specific areas of interest and expertise.

Department/Institute/ Centre Five Year Research Programmes 2026-2031

1. To initiate an MPhil in English Literature
2. To initiate an MPhil in Political Science

Five-Year Research Plan 2026-2031

1. Expand the faculty with suitably qualified PhD instructors with a view to introduce an MPhil program.
2. Engage with faculty from other departments within the Lahore School with a view to undertake collaborative and multi-disciplinary research.
3. Organize an Annual Social Sciences Conference to disseminate research findings to the relevant stake holders.
4. Launch a journal of Social Sciences and Humanities.

Research Themes

- Migration/Trauma/Displacement/Identity/Security
- The Use and Utility of AI in Research and Teaching
- Policy Research in Education/ Environment/Gender and Political Sciences
- Translation and Indigenous Literatures
- Creative and Critical Writings: Fiction and Non-Fiction.