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Saturday, October 10, 2020

7am Vancouver | 9am Houston | 10am Toronto | 3pm London | 5pm Nairobi | 7pm Karachi | 12am Melbourne (Sunday, Oct. 11)

PROGRAMME AGENDA

President's Address

Mr Firoz Rasul, President, AKU

Panel Discussion | Former & Current Faculty

Moderator: Dr Carl Amrhein

Panellists: Dr Yasmin Amarsi, Dr Andrea Baumann,
Dr Raisa Gul and Dr Michele Upvall

Dean's Address

Dr Rozina Karmaliani, Dean, SONAM, Pakistan.

Panel Discussion | Alumni from Around the World

Moderator: Dr Parveen Ali

Panellists: Mr Asif Hussainyar, Dr Gulzar Malik,
Ms Loveluck Mwasha and Ms Dilshad Pirani

Trustee's Address

Dr Afaf Meleis, Member, Board of Trustees, AKU

Leaving Your Legacy

Mr Richard Brow, Chief Development Officer and
Interim Chief Communications Officer, AKU

Hosts of the Event



Ms Sajida Chagani,
Nurse Manager, Nephrology
& Urology Service Line, AKUH



Ms Lubna Ghazal
Director, Outreach,
SONAM, Pakistan, AKU



Mr Abdul Haq Wahedna,
Director, Alumni Affairs, AKU



SONAM's 25 year celebrations
at the Rufayda Courtyard

SPEAKER PROFILES



Dr Afaf Meleis

Member, Board of Trustees, AKU

Dr Afaf Meleis is Professor of Nursing and Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. Over the course of more than five decades, Dr Meleis, PhD, DrPS (hon), FAAN, has demonstrated a profound passion for pushing the boundaries of nursing science, cultivating the next generation of healthcare leaders and improving women's health.

During her tenure as the fifth Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing (2002- 2014), she fostered a community that is voiced, empowered and dedicated to making an impact on global healthcare; launched multidisciplinary and global partnerships that are advancing nursing science, education and practice; expanded research in critical areas; cultivated a culture of innovation where new programmes and technologies are being developed to address emerging healthcare challenges; and strengthened its commitment to serving and supporting the local community.

Prior to joining the University of Pennsylvania, she was a Professor on the Faculty of Nursing at the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California, San Francisco for 34 years.

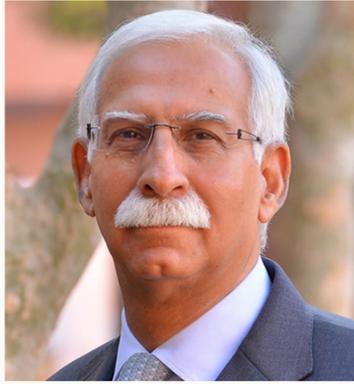
Dr Meleis' teaching focuses on structure and organisation of nursing knowledge, transitions and health, and international nursing. She has mentored hundreds of students, clinicians, and researchers from Thailand, Brazil, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Columbia, Korea, and Japan. Her scholarship is focused on global health, immigrant and international health, women's health, and on the theoretical development of the nursing discipline. She is the author of more than 175 articles in social sciences, nursing, and medical journals; over 40 chapters; 7 books; and numerous monographs and proceedings.

Dr Meleis is the recipient of numerous honours and awards, as well as honorary doctorates and distinguished and honorary professorships around the world. Among her awards, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak presented her the Medal of Excellence for professional and scholarly achievements in 1990, and in 2000 she received the Chancellor's Medal from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In 2007, she received four distinguished awards: an Honorary Doctorate of Medicine from the Linköping University, Sweden; the Global Citizenship Award from the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia; the Sage Award from the University of Minnesota; and the Dr Gloria Twine Chisum Award for Distinguished Faculty at University of Pennsylvania, which is awarded for community leadership and commitment to promoting diversity.

Dr Meleis graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Alexandria (1961), earned an MS in nursing (1964), an MA in sociology (1966) and a PhD in medical and social psychology (1968) from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Dr Meleis joined the AKU Board in 2015.



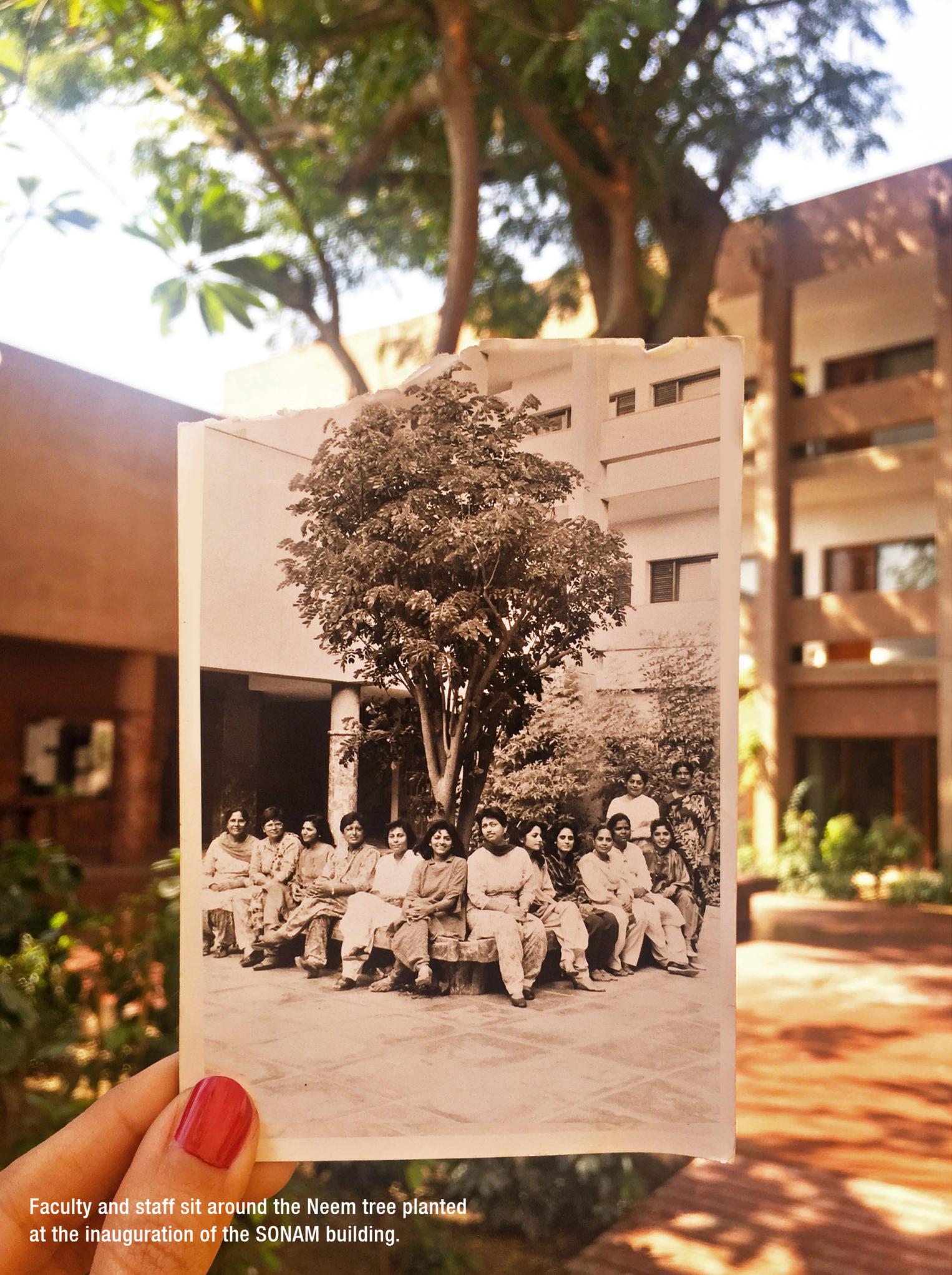


Mr Firoz Rasul

President, AKU

Mr Firoz Rasul joined AKU as its President in May 2006. Prior to that, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer for Ballard Power Systems, a world leader in fuel cell technology, from 1988 to 2003. Between 2000 and 2006, he was President of the Aga Khan Council for Canada, where he led the development of the Global Centre of Pluralism in Ottawa and the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto, initiatives of the Aga Khan Development Network, with significant education and research agendas. He has also served as a member of the University of British Columbia's Board of Governors and as a Director on the Board of Science World, British Columbia. Mr Rasul holds a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the University of Hertfordshire in the UK and an MBA from McGill University. He was conferred the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, by Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, in 2001 and honorary Doctor of Science by University of Alberta in June 2017. Recently, he has been awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Hertfordshire in recognition of his contribution to education and business in the developing world and beyond.





Faculty and staff sit around the Neem tree planted at the inauguration of the SONAM building.



Dr Rozina Karmaliani
Dean, SONAM Pakistan, AKU

Dr Karmaliani is Professor and Dean at School of Nursing and Midwifery and joint faculty with Community Health Sciences at AKU. She is the first AKU alumna to obtain a PhD in nursing in 2000 from the University of Minnesota.

She has received the Juran Fellowship Award for Leadership in Quality and the Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals for her work at AKU. Dr Karmaliani's research interests include women's empowerment and adolescents' health, with special focus on gender-based violence and mental health. Her voluntary service includes Director for Aga Khan Health Services, Rural Support Programme and Founding Chair of the Aga Khan Health Board for Pakistan.



Mr Richard Brow
Chief Development Officer and
Interim Chief Communications Officer, AKU

Mr Richard Brow joined AKU in August 2017. He has overall strategic responsibility for international fundraising, communications and alumni affairs. He has experience working with diverse philanthropic cultures in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and North America.

Previously he was Vice President for University Advancement at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon (and New York), where he was responsible for fundraising, alumni relations and communications. In the UK, he has consulted for diverse clients in the non-profit sector, higher education and in the arts, and has led university advancement and fundraising operations at institutions including University of the Arts London, the London School of Economics and the School of Oriental and African Studies. He also worked with former US President Jimmy Carter in the Middle East Programme of the Carter Center in Atlanta. Originally from Canada, he has a Masters in Middle East Studies from SOAS and a BA in Political Science from Concordia University in Montreal.

PANEL DISCUSSION

FORMER AND CURRENT FACULTY

MODERATOR



Dr Carl Amrhein

Provost and Vice President, Academic, AKU

Dr Carl Amrhein was appointed Provost and Vice President, Academic at AKU in 2017. From 2015 to 2017, Dr Amrhein was Deputy Minister of Alberta Health where he achieved many significant outcomes on primary care, mental health, physician compensation and clinical information systems during his tenure.

Prior to joining Alberta Health, Dr Amrhein was the Official Administrator of Alberta Health Services, from 2014 to 2015. He served as Provost and Vice President, Academic at the University of Alberta from 2003 to 2014. He came to the University of Alberta following 17 years at the University of Toronto. He also served as Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Education, Peking University in October 2012, and named Visiting Professor at Zhejiang University in 2012 and Fudan University in 2016.

Dr Amrhein holds a Bachelor of Science in Geography from Pennsylvania State University (1978) and a Ph.D. in Geography from State University of New York at Buffalo (1984) with research interests in economic geography, labour markets, decision theory, migration, and quantitative methods.

Dr Amrhein was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit from the Federal Republic of Germany in 2011. In honour of his contributions in advancing the role of traditional knowledge of the First Nations in university programming, Dr Amrhein was awarded the prestigious Eagle Feather. In 2014, he was awarded the Alberta Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration. He was inducted into the Bethel Park Secondary School (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) Hall of Fame, in 2017.

PANELLISTS



Dr Yasmin Amarsi, was Dean of SONAM Pakistan for ten years and the Founding Dean of East Africa for six years. Dr Amarsi holds 50 years of experience as a nurse. She is the first nurse to obtain a PhD in Pakistan from McMaster University in 1998. She was the founding Chair of the Academic Council of Pakistan's Nursing Council and recipient of its Life Time Achievement Award. She has also received AKU's Award of Distinction, Professor Emeritus and other awards in recognition of her distinctive services in nursing education.



Dr Andrea Baumann RN, PhD, FAAN, C.M., is the Associate Vice President of Global Health, Faculty of Health Sciences and Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre in Primary Care and Nursing Health Human Resources. She was the Co-Director of a seven-year CIDA funded project with AKU entitled, "*Development of Women Health Professionals in Pakistan*". She has made substantial contributions as a health services researcher, writer and award-winning academic. She has received numerous awards, including the Order of Canada in July 2018.



Dr Raisa Gul, PhD, MHA, Post-RN BScN, RM, RN, is currently Professor and Dean at the Shifa College of Nursing and a visiting professor at SONAM, Pakistan. She has held various clinical and administrative positions at AKUH and with SONAM, Pakistan. She has published more than 45 articles in national and international journals. Dr Gul has been conferred with several awards in recognition of her scholarship, including the esteemed "Pride of Performance" award by the government of Pakistan.



Dr Michele Upvall is the Vice Dean and Professor of Nursing at Vin University in Hanoi, Vietnam. While at AKU (1998-2003), Dr Upvall was the Director of the BScN and MScN programmes. She then became Associate Dean for Nursing at Carlow University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and more recently, the Director of the Graduate Nurse Educator programme at the University of Central Florida. Her research focuses on global health and implementation science with numerous publications including the book, *Global Health Nursing: Building and Sustaining Partnerships*.



PANEL DISCUSSION

ALUMNI FROM AROUND THE WORLD

MODERATOR



Dr Parveen Ali

Dr Parveen Ali works as a Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of Research and Innovation, Health Sciences at the University of Sheffield where she also completed her PhD. Dr Ali did her MScN ('04) and BScN ('00) from AKU. She is an editor of Nursing Open and member of the editorial board of the Journal of Advanced Nursing and Journal of Interpersonal Violence.

Dr Ali is a mixed-method researcher and also leads a health programme on a community radio station to raise awareness about various health issues. She is a recipient of various awards including the Mary Seacole Leadership Award, Sigma's Emerging Nurse Researcher Award for Europe and the Pakistani Diaspora Achievement Award.

PANELLISTS



Mr Mohammad Asif Hussainyar obtained his Post-RN BScN in 2015 from AKU. He works as a Training and Policy Unit Coordinator for Academic Projects, at AKU in Afghanistan. He is Chair for the Education and Accreditation Committee of Afghanistan Nurses and Midwives Council (ANMC). He has conducted trainings and workshops for nursing teachers across Afghanistan and has experience in curricular development.



Dr Gulzar Malik, PhD, MN, Critical Care Cert, Post-RN BScN, RN, serves as a Senior Lecturer at the La Trobe University Australia. Dr Malik completed her Diploma of Nursing in 1997 and Post-RN BScN in 2002 from AKU. Dr Malik has over 20 years of experience in healthcare settings and academic institutions and has completed several Honours, Masters and PhD supervisions.



Ms Loveluck Mwashwa holds a BScN from AKU's SONAM East Africa ('05) and a MScN from SONAM Pakistan ('10). She is the recipient of 2017 International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and Save the Children Midwife for Life Award. Ms Mwashwa joined AKU as faculty in 2015. Prior to this, she was the Head of Nursing Services of the Aga Khan Health Service in Tanzania. Ms Mwashwa is a PhD candidate at the University of South Africa.



Ms Dilshad Pirani has a RN Diploma ('88) and a Post-RN BScN ('96) from AKU. She joined the University of Calgary in Qatar in 2018 as a nursing instructor. She has more than 20 years of hospital experience as a staff nurse, clinical instructor and nurse manager. Her research interests include leadership and management, palliative care, healthy ageing, obesity and healthy lifestyle. She also holds a Master's in Nursing from the University of Toronto and an MBA from Wilfred Laurier University.



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