

HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2024
1:00 pm UK

Present: Paul Anand, Sandra Boni, Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, Jay Drydyk, Giulia Greco, Petya Ilieva-Trichova, Matthias Kramm, Ann Mitchell, Arunima Mukherjee, Roni Kay O'Dell, Nozomi Sakata, Jack Simpson, Melanie Walker

Chair: Melanie Walker, President

1. 2024 Conference update

- a. Received 40 thematic panels, 170 individual papers, 8 young scholar meets senior scholar, and other papers/posters. Currently assigning reviewers.
- b. Confirmed keynote speakers: Jean Dreze (Sen Lecture), Mamta Murthi (ul Haq Lecture), Pratap Bhanu Mehta (Nussbaum Lecture.)
- c. Logistics are proceeding. There will be one plenary in the morning and one in the afternoon each day. There will be a plenary session on Day 1 marking the HDCA's 20th anniversary.
- d. HDRO 2024 report launch will be done as a pre-conference session. They also want a consultation session for the 2025 report.
- e. A pre-conference writing workshop was proposed, similar to the one held in Sofia in 2023.
- f. Summer School is being planned and will be held on the two days prior to the pre-conference days.

2. 2025 Conference update

- a. A more detailed budget was received from the 2025 hosts and will be discussed at the next EC meeting, likely in May.
- b. The dates are of the 2025 conference are September 1-4. Venue and tech support will be supplied by the University.

3. Report on 2023 ul Haq scholars

- a. The 2023 ul Haq scholars have each become involved in an HDCA Regional Network and Thematic Group, and will receive mentoring to prepare papers to submit to the JHDC for publication. They will also participate in the general mentoring program run by the Early Career Researchers and Practitioners' Network. They will be involved with organizing a webinar(s) in conjunction with HDRO.
- b. We are expecting to receive funding to be able to offer ul Haq scholarships in 2024 and 2025.

4. 2024 EC Elections/Focus of Director at Large position

- a. Open positions in 2024 – Treasurer, Network Coordinator(s), Education Coordinator(s), Director at Large position. A focus for the Director at Large position will not be pre-determined, but rather projects will be agreed with the EC year on year.

5. Donations in memory of Lori Keleher's daughter

- a. It was agreed that EC members may make individual donations to organizations or initiatives designated by the Keleher family to honor the memory of Lori's daughter.

6. AOB-

- a. It was clarified that in 2024, Summer School is Sept. 20-21, pre-conference days are Sept. 22-23, conference dates are Sept. 24-26.

7. Next meeting

- a. First or second week of May

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rosenblum