Gilgit-Baltistan is located in the northern Pakistan which borders with Laddakh, China and Afghanistan. Since independence from Dogra Rule in 1947, the region is facing the issue of its constitutional status, representation in Pakistan’s national legislation and political development. Successive governments and regimes in Pakistan have tried to regulate the problems of G-B through different reform packages but granting autonomy to the region is still open to question. In August 2009 the Government of Pakistan announced Gilgit-Baltistan Empowerment and Self-governance Order which is considered a step to provide more liberties and autonomy to the region. The recent elections in 2015 and the successful transition from one government to the other is an important milestone. The lecture will focus upon the historical trajectory of developments in G-B since independence to the recent political context.

You are cordially invited!

**Date:** 26th October 2015  
**Venue:** Room E 11, SAI  
**Time:** 2 pm