Sindhology (Sindhi: سنڌولوجي) is a field of study and academic research that covers the history, society, culture, and literature of Sindh, a province of Pakistan. The subject was first brought into the academic circles with the establishment of the Institute of Sindhology at Sindh University in 1964. Since then, it has developed into a discipline that covers the aspects of history and archaeology from the Indus Valley Civilization to the modern Sindhi society. The subject has also received wider attention at international levels.[1] An academic or expert who specialises in Sindhology is called a Sindhologist.  
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History[edit]  
The term Sindhology to denote a subject of knowledge about Sindh was first coined in 1964 with the establishment of the Institute of Sindhology.[2] The objective at the time was to promote the study and broader research on Sindh, and develop a repository of archives, books, manuscripts, and research papers. Another wider objective was to promote the knowledge about Sindh in various other national and regional languages of Pakistan,[3] as well as international languages such as Arabic, English, Persian and Urdu.[4]  
The subject was actually developed on the patterns of Egyptology and Indology.[5] The study area encompassed the multidisciplinary research about the land that has been shaped by the 5000 years old Indus Valley Civilization as well as the Indus river (locally known as Sindhu Darya). This enables the scope of the study to cover the antiquities, relics, culture, traditions, and literature with unique forms of music, art, and poetry that has prevailed in both the ancient and modern Sindh.[6]  
Organisations[edit]  
Institute of Sindhology, Pakistan  
Indian Institute of Sindhology  
American Institute of Sindhology  
Prominent Sindhologists[edit]  
The first major attempt to bring together the leading Sindhologists was an international seminar 'Sindh Through the Centuries' held in Karachi in Spring 1975 under the auspices of the Government of Sindh.[7] Some of the prominent names in Sindhology include:  
Ali S. Asani  
Dr. Nabi Bux Khan Baloch  
Hassam-ud-Din Rashidi  
Ahmad Hasan Dani  
Annemarie Schimmel  
Allama I. I. Kazi  
Asko Parpola  
Dr. Ghulam Ali Allana  
Jean-François Jarrige  
N. G. Majumdar  
K. R. Malkani  
Muhammad Usman Diplai  
Ghulam Rabbani Agro  
Muhammad Qasim Maka  
See also[edit]  
Institute of Sindhology  
Encyclopedia Sindhiana  
University of Sindh  
Sindhi literature  
Sindhi Adabi Board  
Jamshoro  
List of museums in Pakistan  
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