

[Political Kinship in Pakistan: Descent, Marriage, and Government Stability](#)

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We are delighted to invite you to the book launch of *Political Kinship in Pakistan: Descent, Marriage, and Government Stability* by Professor Stephen M. Lyon, AKU-ISMC, on Wednesday 22 January 2020.

The discussion will be followed by a reception.

Abstract

In *Political Kinship in Pakistan*, Stephen M. Lyon illustrates how contemporary politics in Pakistan are built on complex kinship networks created through marriage and descent relations. Lyon points to kinship as a critical mechanism for understanding both Pakistan's continued inability to develop strong and stable governments, and its incredible durability in the face of pressures that have led to the collapse and failure of other states around the world. Building on nearly four decades of engagement with Pakistan, this book weaves together detailed ethnographic analyses of village politics with the volatile world of national electoral office holders and their families.

Speaker

Stephen M. Lyon is Professor of Anthropology and Head of Educational Programmes at the Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations in London. He has carried out extensive fieldwork in rural and urban Pakistan and has authored numerous publications on kinship, politics, education, religion and development.

Time and Venue

Wednesday 22 January 2020, 18.00-20.00

Atrium Conference Room,

Aga Khan Centre,

10 Handyside Street,

London N1C 4DN

Booking

This event is free but booking is essential. [Book as soon as possible.](#)

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