

# Fukuoka Prize 2016 Arts and Culture Prize

## Yasmeen LARI

Pakistan

Architect, Architectural Historian, Heritage Conservationist, Humanitarian Aid Worker

Co-Founder, Chair and Chief Executive of Heritage Foundation of Pakistan

Born 28 June, 1942 (aged 73)

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### Biography

1942	Born in Dera Ghazi Khan, Punjab Province, Pakistan
1963	DiplArch (RIBA Part 2) from Oxford School of Architecture (now MArchD from Oxford Brookes University)
1964-2000	Founder and chair of Lari Associates, Architects, Urban Designers
1969	Elected Member of Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
1980-83	President, Institute of Architects, Pakistan
1980-	Co-Founder, Chair and Chief Executive of Heritage Foundation of Pakistan
1983-86	First Chairperson of Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners
1994-97	Initiated the Sindh Cultural Heritage Preservation Act 1994, due to which 600 historic buildings of Karachi catalogued and published by Heritage Foundation of Pakistan were provided protection
2003-05	As UNESCO's National Advisor saved the endangered Shish Mahal Ceiling of Lahore Fort
2004	Fellow of Ashoka, Innovators for the Public, USA
2005-	Established Humanitarian wing of Heritage Foundation of Pakistan Devised "Heritage for Rehabilitation and Development" after the Great Earthquake 2005, a collaboration program with Nokia Siemens Network
2007-14	Member, Board of Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA)
2009	Set up relief camps in Mardan, Pakistan to help women and children among Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) affected by military action in Swat
2010	Project Director, UNESCO Women empowerment program in Swat and Manshera, Pakistan
2015	Exhibition of her low carbon footprint DRR-compliant designs at the First Chicago Architecture Biennial
2016	RIBA Exhibition "Creation from Catastrophe"

### Major Awards

2006	<i>Sitara-i-Imtiaz</i> (The Star of Excellence), award by Government of Pakistan
2011	1st Wonder Women of the Year Award by National Hero Foundation, Pakistan
2013	Islamic Development Bank Prize for Women's Contribution to Development 8th Edition (Heritage Foundation of Pakistan)
2014	<i>Hilal-i-Imtiaz</i> (The Crescent of Excellence), award by Government of Pakistan

## **Major Publications**

*Traditional Architecture of Thatta*, Lari Research Centre, Karachi, 1989.

*The Dual City: Karachi During the Raj* (co-author with Mihail S. Lari), Oxford University Press, 1997.

*The Jewel of Sindh: Samma Monuments on Makli Hill* (co-author with Suhail Zaheer Lari), Oxford University Press Pakistan, 1997.

*Kurrachee: Past, Present and Future* (Introduction) Oxford University Press, 1998.

*Karachi: Illustrated City Guide*, Oxford University Press, 2001.

*Governor's House Lahore* (photographs by Sami ur Rehman), Punjab Government, Lahore, 2008.

*Build Back Safer with Vernacular Methodologies*, Heritage Foundation, Karachi, 2011.

## **Major Architectural Works**

*Taj Mahal Hotel, Karachi* (1981)

*Finance and Trade Center* (concept design with Eva Vecsei), Karachi (1983-89)

*Pakistan State Oil House, Karachi* (1985-91)

*ABN Amro Bank, Karachi* (2000)

## **Major Conservation Works**

Quaid-e-Azam House (19<sup>th</sup> c.), Karachi, 1981

G.P.O. (19<sup>th</sup> c.), Lahore, 1982

UNESCO Endangered Shish Mahal Project, WH Lahore Fort, 2003-05

Tomb of Samma Noble I (15<sup>th</sup> c.), WH Makli, 2012

Ashabi Mosque (16<sup>th</sup> c.), WH Makli, 2013

Tomb of Sultan Ibrahim and Amir Sultan (16<sup>th</sup> c.), WH Makli, 2014-16

## **Major Humanitarian Works**

Heritage for Rehabilitation and Development

- A collaboration program with Nokia Siemens Network after the Great Earthquake 2005

Build Back Safer with Vernacular Methodologies

- Largest Zero Carbon Footprint Shelter Program for Floods (40,000 shelters built with IOM), 2012-14

- Fuel efficient, smokeless, zero cost/zero carbon Karavan Pakoswiss Chulahs on earthen platforms (over 30,000 stove kitchens) built by Barefoot Entrepreneurs (2014-16)

Lari Adobe Green Shelter

- Using earth, bamboo and lime for 2013 and 2015 earthquakes

- Shaking Table Test simulation demonstrates earthquake proof-ness at 275% above Kobe earthquake