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To keep up to date with film screenings, talks, and other events, subscribe to the SOUTHASIA listserv or visit us at:

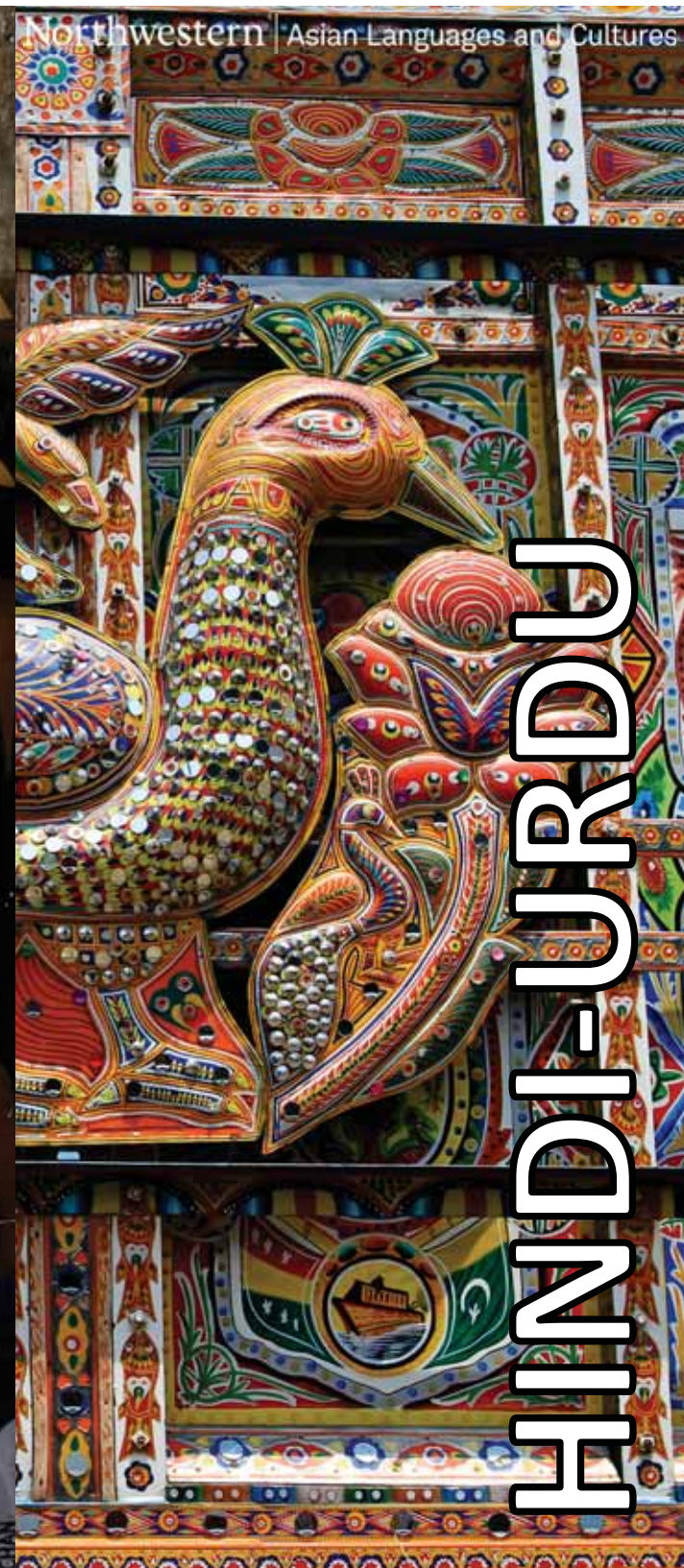
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HINDI-URDU

# HINDI-URDU AT NORTHWESTERN

## DID YOU KNOW?

Bandana, bangle, bungalow, cot, goon, jungle, khaki, loot, pajamas, shampoo, shawl, and thug—all these words come from Hindi-Urdu!

Hindi-Urdu is spoken by 700 million people—that puts it right behind English and Mandarin Chinese! It's spoken in India and Pakistan, as well as in Fiji, Mauritius, Nepal, South Africa, the US, the UK, and many other countries.

Hindi and Urdu are the same language, also called Hindustani. Two scripts are used—Devanagari, written left to right, and Nastaliq, written right to left—and at Northwestern, you'll learn both.

Hindi-Urdu is closely related to Punjabi, Bengali, Gujarati, and other languages of northern South Asia. More distantly, it's related to Persian and Pashto, and then to other Indo-European languages like English, German, Russian, and Greek.

## WHY LEARN HINDI-URDU?

*Sheer pleasure*—you can say things like, “hey, you fly-sucking cheapskate, what does a monkey know about the taste of ginger?”

*Pop culture*—there's YouTube comedy, Bollywood musicals, Pakistani TV dramas and hip-hop music, and lots more!

*Literature*—learning Hindi-Urdu opens up a world of literature, from the poetry of Ghalib and Faiz to the stories of Manto and Krishna Sobti.

*Travel*—with Hindi-Urdu, you can get around and interact with people all over South Asia. Even in places where other languages are spoken, Hindi-Urdu is widely understood.

*Work*—from the tech industry to entertainment, India and Pakistan have growing economies, with many exciting places to work and live.

## HINDI-URDU ON CAMPUS ...

Northwestern offers:

- A course on reading and writing for heritage speakers (HIND\_URD 116)
- A two-year introductory sequence (HIND\_URD 111 and 121)
- Third- and fourth-year courses on film, literature, and media (HIND\_URD 211 and 310)
- Bilingual courses for native speakers and advanced learners (HIND\_URD 316)
- Weekly language tables
- Courses on Hindi-Urdu literature in translation
- Majors and minors in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures and the Asian Studies Program

## ... AND BEYOND

There are numerous scholarships and opportunities for study abroad, both through Northwestern as well as through programs like CLS, Fulbright, the Boren fellowship, the American Institute of India Studies, and the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan.

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