

Pashto Language and Pashtoon: Tracing the origin through The study of culture and linguistic

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Abstract:

The discourse on the origin of Pashto and Pashtuns has long been resonated in academic and research domains. Incepted in the beginning of seventeenth century (AD) the discourse has taken several shapes. Until Orientalist intervene in the late eighteenth century the prominent theory of Pashto and Pashtoon Semitic - Israelites origin was pervasive. This paper is going to unpack the evolution of this discourse and the diverse opinions that has created an interesting scenario of mutually contradicting stances. The author has raised questions regarding the predominant Aryan stance that solely define races on the basis of linguistic assimilations.

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