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Events: 6 Webinars

Research & Publications: 5 newspaper articles, 2 Policy Briefs, and 2 Analytics & Projection Memos.

Digital: 11 infographics.

Key Accomplishments:

- IPRI has been ranked #74 in the world in UPenn Global Think Tanks Ranking of 2020, under the “Government affiliated think tank” category.
- Launch of IPRI’s G5 Internet Observatory

- Social Media Views: 2.2 Million
- An international event was organized with Dr Adeel Malik, Globe Fellow in the Economies of Muslim Societies, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies; and Associate Professor in Development Economics, Department of International Development, University of Oxford, UK.
- Global Partnerships: University of Oxford, UK; Tabadlab; Verso Consulting; Digital Media Wing, Ministry of Information; Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE); Foreign Service Academy; Prime Minister’s Office; Japanese Institute of International Affairs (JIJA); Digital Forensic Research Lab, Atlantic Council; Embassy of the Republic of Korea; and the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), UK.

IPRI Webinar Series & Launch of IPRI’s G5 Internet Observatory



Dr Hussain Nadim, Executive Director, IPRI, launched IPRI’s G5 Internet Observatory on the side lines of the webinar. He explained that as a digital arm of IPRI, G5iO will study the digital space through data & analytics to develop insights for policy & public interest. The objective of G5iO is to map the digital space, track disinformation including hateful content, and collaborate with global think tanks & social media companies to make social media a safer and more productive platform for engagement.

Mapping Disinformation in the Digital Age

Date: 19 May 2021

Speakers:

- **Mr Emerson T. Brooking**, Resident Senior Fellow, Digital Forensic Research Lab, Atlantic Council
- **Dr Arslan Khalid**, Focal Person to Prime Minister on Digital Media
- **Ms Amber R. Shamsi**, an award-winning multi-media journalist, and Head of Communications at Tabadlab.

Total attendants/ views: 2200

UPenn Global Think Tanks Ranking of 2020



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StratComm Training

IPRI is collaborating with Digital Media Wing, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, to design StratComm trainings for State institutions to enhance capacity in Data Analytics, Digital and StratComm.

On May 6, 2021, IPRI conducted its first training session on Strategic Communications for Diplomacy for Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Meeting with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea

Date: 6 May 2021

IPRI team had a meeting with Republic of Korea **Ambassador Suh Sangpyo** and **Second Secretary Byeongseo Ahn**. During the meeting discussion on collaboration between IPRI & Korean think tanks was held.



Dialogue with the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), UK

Date: 6 May 2021

IPRI and International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), UK, held a joint dialogue on the US-China competition and its impact on South Asia.

Distinguished Lecture Series

Islam and the Politics of Development

Date: 25 May 2021

Distinguished Guest Speaker: Dr Adeel Malik, Globe Fellow in the Economies of Muslim Societies, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies; and Associate Professor in Development Economics, Department of International Development, University of Oxford, UK.

Discussant:

Mr Khurram Husain, Business & Economy journalist

Moderator:

Ms Azeema Cheema, Director at Verso Consulting.

Total attendants/ views: 2700

Guest Lecture Series

Date: 21 May 2021

As part of IPRI's Guest Lecture Series, **Mr Daisuke Kawai**, Research Fellow, Japanese Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) delivered a virtual lecture on "Indo-Pacific Region: Evolving Trends" for IPRI's research team.



Series of Pre-Budget Webinars in Collaboration with Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE)

Topic: Federal Budget 2021-22: Growth and/or Austerity

Date: 7, 18 and 21 May 2021

Speakers:

1st Webinar

- **Dr Hafiz A. Pasha**, former Federal Minister
- **Dr Pervaiz Tahir**, former Chief Economist
- **Dr Aqdas Afzal**, Director, Social Development and Policy Program (SDP)
- **Dr Vaqar Ahmed**, Joint Executive Director, SDPI

2nd Webinar

- **Dr Ashfaque Hasan Khan**, Dean & Professor, S3H, NUST
- **Mr Shahid H. Kardar**, former provincial Finance Minister
- **Ms Anam Saeed**, Consultant, M/O Finance KPK

3rd Webinar

- **Dr Abid Aman Burki**, Fellow, Mahbub ul Haq Research Center (MHRC)
- **Dr M Salahuddin Ayyubi**, Assistant Professor, Forman Christian College University.
- **Dr Ikramul Haq**, Advocate, Supreme Court
- **Mr M Sabir**, Principal Economist, Social Policy & Development Centre

Total attendants/ views: 1300

IPRI Publications

Policy Brief:

Maheen Ahmed
Assistant Research Associate
"Rise of Bareilvi Extremism:
Policy Options for Pakistan"

Zeeshan Javed
Assistant Research Associate
"Analysis of the Indian
Chronicles"

IPRI Scholars' Opinion Articles:

Brig. (R) Raashid Wali Janjua
Acting President
"Afghanistan deja vu"
The News

Dr Hussain Nadim
Executive Director
"Ties that don't bind: Challenges
in the Cooperation between
Academia and National Security
Establishment in Pakistan"
*Journal of Policing, Intelligence and
Counter Terrorism*, Volume 16,
Issue No. 1

Khurram Abbas
Research Associate
Operation Wall Guard
The Nation

Maheen Ahmed
Assistant Research Associate
"Amid Judge Shootings and Violence,
Pakistan Needs Anonymous Courts"
Global Village Space

Adeel Mukhtar Mirza
Assistant Research Associate
"Radioactive Quandary"
Eurasia Review

Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri
Assistant Editor
1. "The Pivot of Geoeconomics"
Defence Journal
2. "Speak Out and Be Heard"
The Truth International

Digital and Communications

Impact Assessment:

- 2.2 Million views, 75,000 profile visits, 3,120 mentions, Twitter followers increased to 18,700, and Facebook followers increased to 30,000.
- Global Partnerships: University of Oxford, UK; Tabadlab; Verso Consulting; Digital Media Wing, Ministry of Information; Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE); Foreign Service Academy; Prime Minister's Office; Japanese Institute of International Affairs (JIJA); Digital Forensic Research Lab, Atlantic Council; Embassy of the Republic of Korea; and the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).

IPRI on TV:

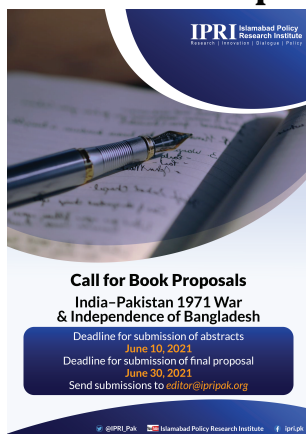
Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani, Senior Research Fellow, IPRI, was part of 8 panel discussions during the month of May, appearing on PTV World, PTV News, GTV News, and Capital TV. He shared his views on US President Biden's decision to withdraw all American troops from Afghanistan over the coming months and the security situation in Afghanistan. Pak-Saudi relations & PM Imran Khan's visit to Saudi Arabia, and Israeli atrocities in Palestine were also discussed.

Policy Beats:



The latest episodes of Policy Beats featured **Mr. Haroon Kanth**, country head of Teradata in Pakistan, **Ms. Tania Aidrus**, former Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Media; **Mr. Malik Amin Aslam**, Federal Minister & SAPM on Climate Change; and **Ambassador (R) Abrar Hussain**.

Call for Book Proposals



IPRI has announced a call for book proposals on the historical facts leading to the creation of Bangladesh. Submission guidelines can be viewed on the following link:
<<https://ipripak.org/call-for-book-proposals>>

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