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## Summary

**Events:** 2 Webinars, 1 book launch and 1 international conference

**Research & Publications:** 9 newspaper articles, 6 Policy Briefs, and 2 Analytics & Projection Memos.

**Digital:** 12 infographics.

### Key Accomplishments:

- Launch of Afghan Watch Series
- IPRI has become the most followed Pakistani think tank across all social media platforms

- An international conference was organized in collaboration with Embassy of Republic of Korea in Pakistan
- An international event was organized with Dr Reza Baqir, 20th and current Governor of State Bank of Pakistan.
- Social Media Views: 2.6 Million
- Global Partnerships: Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Pakistan; Embassy of Indonesia in Pakistan; Embassy of Turkey in Pakistan; Institute of Foreign Affairs & National Security, Republic of Korea; 7amleh-Arab Center for Advancement of Social Media; State Bank of Pakistan; Profit Magazine; Deakin University; Pakistan Council on China; Center for Research & Security Studies; Tsinghua University; Sargodha University; China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations; IBA & QAU.

## Conference in Collaboration with Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Pakistan

**Middle Power Countries' Diplomacy on Global Issues: MIKTA & South Asian Countries**

**Date:** 29 June 2021

### Speakers:

- **Dr Moeed Yousuf**, National Security Advisor
- **Mr Ham Sang-Wook**, Deputy Minister for Multilateral & Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea
- **Mr. Lee, Kyung-chul**, Special Representative of ROK for Afghanistan & Pakistan
- **Ms Zahra B Mumtaz**, Pakistani Ambassador to Republic of Korea
- **Mr Adam M Tugio**, Indonesian Ambassador to Pakistan
- **Mr Ihsan M Yurdakul**, Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan
- **Mr Geoffrey Shaw**, High Commissioner, Commonwealth of Australia
- **Mr Suh Sangpyo**, Republic of Korea Ambassador to Pakistan
- **Dr Huma Baqai**, Associate Professor, IBA
- **Ms Kang Seonjou**, Professor, Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), Republic of Korea
- **Mr Aamir Hasan**, Secretary, National Security Division
- **Mr Kim Joon**, Chancellor, Korea National Diplomatic Academy

**Total attendants/ views:** 2200

## Distinguished Lecture Series

**Topic: Turning Crisis into Opportunity: The State Bank of Pakistan in the Time of COVID-19**

**Date:** 1 July 2021

**Distinguished Guest Speaker: Dr Reza Baqir**, 20th and current Governor of State Bank of Pakistan.

### Discussants:

1. **Mr Sakib Sherani**, renowned Economist; founder & Chief Executive, Macro Economic Insights; and former member, Economic Advisory Council headed by PM.
  2. **Ms Ariba Shahid**, Business & Economic Journalist at Profit Magazine.
- Total attendants/ views: 5,000

## Meeting with Embassies

**H.E. Mr. Adam Mulawarman Tugio**, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Pakistan, visited IPRI on June 16, 2021. He discussed bilateral relations, possibility of inclusion of Pakistan in ASEAN, and potential collaboration between Pakistani & Indonesian think tanks.

## IPRI Meetings

Meeting of Middle East Working Group was held at IPRI on **June 28, 2021**, to deliberate upon Iran's Presidential Elections and its implications for the region.

Defence/ Service attaches visited IPRI on **June 17 and 24, 2021**. They were briefed about the institution and the current geo-political situation coupled with policy options for Pakistan.

IPRI's BoG meeting was held on **June 4, 2021** under the leadership of **Dr. Moeed Yousaf**, Ex-Officio Patron of IPRI, to discuss the recent milestones achieved by IPRI.



## Book Launch in Collaboration with Pakistan Council on China and Pakistan Study Centre, Fudan University.

**Date:** June 10, 2021

**Book:** Perspectives on Geopolitical, Economic and Cultural Cooperation

**Guest of Honour:** H.E. Madam Pang Chunxue, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan.

### Speakers:

- **Dr Fazal ur Rahman**, Editor of the book.
- **Ambassador (R) Inam ul Haque**, former Foreign Minister and President, Pakistan Council on China
- **Professor Du Youkang**, Director, Pakistan Study Center, Fudan University, Shanghai and Co-Editor of the book.
- **Mr Muhammad Amir Rana**, Director, Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS) and contributor to the book.
- **Mr Imtiaz Gul**, Executive Director, Center for Research and Security Studies (CRSS) and contributor to the book.
- **Dr Li Li**, Deputy Director, Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University, China.
- **Dr Ishtiaq Ahmed**, Vice Chancellor, Sargodha University
- **Dr Lou Chunhao**, Deputy Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)
- **Dr Salma Malik**, Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University
- **Mr Humayoun Khan**, Director, Pakistan Council on China (PCC)

**Total attendants/ views:**1100

## IPRI Webinar Series

### Media and Social Media Bias in the Coverage of Palestine-Israel Crisis

**Date:** 8 June 2021

### Speakers:

- **Ms Mona Shtaya**, Advocacy Manager, 7amleh- Arab Center for Advancement of Social Media
- **Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani**
- **Mr Dan Cohen**, journalist and award winning filmmaker

### Moderator:

**Dr Zahid Shahab Ahmed**, Research Fellow, Research Fellow at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalization, Deakin University.

**Total attendants/ views:** 1,416

## Training Session for Subscribers of IPRI's WhatsApp Broadcast List

As part of IPRI's public outreach, IPRI hosted an introductory virtual training session with over 170 academics and students from all across Pakistan and abroad.

## IPRI Publications

### Book:

Margalla Dialogue' 19: Peace and Development in South Asia, Middle East, Central Asia

### Policy Brief:

#### Muhammad Nawaz Khan Research Associate

1. "Amelioration of Psychological Issues as a Consequence of Psychosocial Trauma in Youth of Ex-Fata/Swat (Protracted Conflict Area)"
2. "Pakistani Diaspora – An Instrument of Soft Power"

#### Adeel Mukhtar Mirza

#### Assistant Research Associate

"How to Counter the Impact of Climate Change on Pakistan's Food Security?"

#### Hamza Rifaat Hussain

#### Assistant Research Associate

"Neutralizing Secessionist Tendencies in Balochistan, Way Forward 2021"

#### Usama Nizamani

#### Assistant Research Associate

1. "Emerging Scenarios and Threats to Strategic Stability in South Asia"
2. "Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Air Defence Systems and Unmanned Air Vehicle Drone Platforms: Identifying Area of Improvement"

### IPRI Scholars' Opinion Articles:

#### Brig. (R) Raashid Wali Janjua

#### Acting President

1. "Fallout Management"  
*The News*
2. "The Gathering Storm"
3. "Afghanistan: The Coming Anarchy"  
*EU Reporter*

#### Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani

#### Senior Research Fellow

"The Future of Afghanistan"  
*The News*

#### Muhammad Nawaz Khan

#### Research Associate

"How to Deprogram the Human Bomb?"  
*Balochistan Times*

#### Gulshan Rafiq

#### Assistant Research Associate

"Ode To Afghan War: Wishes Vs. Wounds"  
*Eurasia Review*

#### Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri

#### Assistant Editor

1. "Palestine Unsettled Issue: The One-Sided War"  
*The Truth International*
2. "Whither Strategic Depth"  
*Express Tribune*
3. "Saudi Arabia and UAE are Pakistan's Wings in Middle East"  
*Defence Journal*

## IPRI's Afghan Watch Series

IPRI has launched a specialized Afghanistan series to disentangle the past and project a possible future of the region. Under the Afghan Watch Series, IPRI is hosting a series of special dialogues and webinars, and publishing research, infographics and projections on the subject.

As part of the Afghan Watch Series, IPRI is also initiating 3 competitions with the theme War and Peace: 20 Years in Afghanistan.

For submission details, refer to <<https://ipripak.org/ipris-digital-media-competition/>>

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## Digital and Communications

### Impact Assessment:

- 2.6 Million views, 82,000 profile visits, and 4,400 mentions. Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn followers increased to 20,300, 40,000 and 10,000 respectively.
- Distinguished Lecture Series with Guest Speaker Mr Reza Baqir, Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, got 2600 tweets through #RezaBaqir\_at\_IPRI.
- Global Partnerships: Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Pakistan; Embassy of Indonesia in Pakistan; Embassy of Turkey in Pakistan; Institute of Foreign Affairs & National Security, Republic of Korea; 7amleh- Arab Center for Advancement of Social Media; State Bank of Pakistan; Profit Magazine; Deakin University; Pakistan Council on China; Center for Research & Security Studies (CRSS); Tsinghua University, China; Sargodha University; China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations; Institute of Business Administration and Quaid e Azam University.

### Policy Beats:

The latest episodes of Policy Beats featured **M Kamran Akhtar**, Director General, & **Muhammad Adeel**, Assistant Director of Science Diplomacy Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and **Ambassador (R) Richard Olsen**, former US Special Representative for Afghanistan & Pakistan (SRAP).

### Launch of IPRI's new website

On June 11, 2021, IPRI Journal's new website was launched. The website can be viewed on the following link: <<http://journal.ipripak.org>>