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**Summary** 

**Events:** 2 Webinars, 1 Seminar, 2 Roundtables, and 12 Media briefings

**Research & Publications:** 12 newspaper articles, 6 Policy Briefs, and 2 Analytics & Projection Memos.

Digital: 12 infographics, and 7 Videos

**Key Accomplishments:** 

An international event was organized with **Steve Coll**, Dean of Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, a staff

writer at The New Yorker, the author of eight books of nonfiction, and a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

- Social Media Views: 3.2 Million
- Global Partnerships: Alfred Deakin Institute; Columbia University; Institute of Strategic Studies (ISSI); Pakistan Institute of China Studies, University of Sargodha; Peace and Culture Organization; Coventry University; Shenzhen University; Embassy of Kazakhstan in Pakistan; EU Pakistan; and USIP.

# Seminar

Topic: Indian Transgressions in IIOJK: Post 5th August 2019 Developments and Future Prospects

**Date:** August 4, 2021

**Speakers:** 

- •Foreign Minister H.E. Shah Mahmood Qureshi
- •Ms Mushaal Mullick, Human Rights Activist and Chairperson, Peace and Culture Organization
- Senator Mushahid Hussain
- •**Dr Serena Hussain**, Associate Professor, Coventry University

**Total attendants/ views: 2,000** 

# **Distinguished Lecture Series**

Topic: Afghanistan at the Crossroads: What Went Wrong & How to Move Forward

**Date:** August 27, 2021

Distinguished Guest Speaker: Steve Coll, Dean of Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, a staff writer at The New Yorker, the author of eight books of nonfiction, and a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

#### **Discussant:**

**Ejaz Haider**, South Asian affairs analyst & journalist.

#### **Moderator:**

Amina Khan, Director, Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East & Africa (CAMEA), Institute of Strategic Studies (ISSI)

Total attendants/views:: 4,000

# **IPRI Webinar Series**

Topic: 70 Years of Friendship: Navigating the Future

Date: August 24, 2021

**Speakers:** 

- •Dr Moeed Yusuf, National Security Advisor
- Professor Tao Yitao, Director of the China Center for Special Economic Zone Research, Shenzhen University
- Ambassador (R) Inam-ul-Haq
- **Dr. Fazal ur Rahman**, Director, Pakistan Institute of China Studies, University of Sargodha

Total attendants/views: 1,000

# **IPRI Roundtable Series on Afghanistan**

IPRI hosted 2 roundtables with Alfred Deakin Institute and USIP to discuss the current situation in Afghanistan, and evaluate the security implications on the region. The roundtables were held under the Chatham House Rule.

# Meetings

A meeting was held between Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin, and IPRI team. During the meeting, bilateral relations and collaboration between IPRI & think tanks in Kazakhstan were discussed.

IPRI also hosted representatives from EU Pakistan. **Thomas Seiler**, Deputy Head, EU Delegation in Pakistan, and **François Zablot**, security policy expert, were briefed about IPRI's work, & matters of strategic importance were discussed.

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# **IPRI Publications**

#### **Factsheet:**

Kashmir Factsheet 1947-2021: The Indisputable Facts (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

#### **IPRI Paper:**

# Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani Senior Research Fellow

"US Pullout from Afghanistan: Concerns of Civil War, Implications for Pakistan and the Region"

#### **Policy Brief:**

# Maheen Ahmed Assistant Research Associate

"Lawfare Challenges Related to Blasphemy Laws and Remedial Measures"

# Zeeshan Javed Assistant Research Associate

"Use of Cyberspace by Extremists and Militants"

# Waleed Yawer Assistant Research Associate

"Efficacy of Track II Pak-US Dialogue under Indian Supervision"

# Usama Nizamani Assistant Research Associate

"Appraisal of Pakistan's Approach towards Cyber Security"

# Hussain Shahbaz Researcher, G5i0

"Possibilities of Dark Web Monitoring"

# Waqas Ejaz Researcher, G5i0

"Social Media a Tool for Hybrid Warfare: Nation's Strategy of Moving Forward"

# New Publication: Kashmir Factsheet 1947-2021: The Indisputable Facts (2nd Edition)



#### Read the factsheet:

<a href="https://ipripak.org/kashmir-factsheet-1947-2021-the-indisputable-facts-2nd-edition/">https://ipripak.org/kashmir-factsheet-1947-2021-the-indisputable-facts-2nd-edition/</a>

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# **IPRI Scholars' Opinion Articles:**

# **Dr Hussain Nadim Executive Director**

"Is Pakistan Fueling a Taliban Takeover?" The Interpreter

# Brig. (R) Raashid Wali Janjua Acting President

- 1. "Kashmir in Chains"

  The News
- 2. "Canter Down the Dark Defile" *EU Reporter*

# Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani Senior Research Fellow

- 1 "Role of Pashtunwali in Taliban's Return" China Global Television Network (CGTN)
- 2. "Kabul Suicide Attacks Should Ring the Alarm Bells"
- 3.How a New Generation of Afghan Taliban Fighters was Forged under American Fire" *Arab News*

# Gulshan Rafiq

# **Assistant Research Associate**

"Agony and Chaos in Afghanistan" Eurasia Review

#### **Maheen Ahmed**

#### **Assistant Research Associate**

"Afghan Peace: Why Pakistan Should No More 'Do More'" Global Village Space

# **Zeeshan Javed Assistant Research Associate**

- 1. "Kabul Suicide Attacks Should Ring the Alarm Bells"
  - China Global Television Network (CGTN)
- 2. "India's Systemic Subjugation of Kashmir" Strafasia

# Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri Assistant Editor

- 1. "Resist Influx 2.0 and Stay Aloof from Afghan Mess"

  Defence Journal
- 2. "The Sindh Pursuit"

  The Nation

# **Digital and Communications**

#### **Impact:**

• 3.2 Million views, 86,000 profile visits, and 7,000 mentions. Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn followers increased to 26,300, 54,000 and 22,000 respectively.

# **IPRI** on Television

- In an interview to **Syed Muzamil Hasan Zaidi** (*Thought Behind Things*), **Dr Hussain Nadim**, Executive Director, IPRI, spoke about the evolving security situation in Afghanistan and how the Taliban managed to seize power so quickly.
- Brig (R) Raashid Wali Janjua, Acting President, IPRI, was part of 2 panel discussions appearing on PTV World and Hum News. He spoke about Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan.
- Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani, Senior Research Fellow, IPRI, was part of several panel discussions appearing on PTV World, VOA Urdu, Indus News, ARY, HUM TV, GTV, Channel 92, 24 News, Express News, and Capital TV. He shared his views on the rapidly changing security situation in Afghanistan and implications on the region. He also spoke about Indian atrocities in IIOJ&K.
- **Usama Nizamani**, Assistant Research Associate, IPRI, spoke to PTV World and South Africa's FM702 radio channel, about the future of Afghanistan post US withdrawal.

# Policy Beats and IPRI's Special Afghan Transmission

The latest episodes of Policy Beats featured Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood, Advisor to the PM on Commerce and Investments, and Dr Ashfaq Hassan Khan, Economist & Dean, S3H, NUST. IPRI's Special Afghan Transmission featured NSA Moeed Yusuf and Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani.