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Summary

Events: 4 events in total- 2 Roundtables, 1 Special Talk, and 1 Distinguished Lecture.

Research & Publications: 11 newspaper articles, 7 policy briefs, 1 Policy in Review, and 6 articles of Dispatches Magazine.

Digital: 13 infographics and 2 videos

Key Accomplishments:

 An international event was organized with Dr Ammar Malik, Senior Research Scientist at AidData.

- Global Partnerships: AidData; Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP); United States Institute of Peace (USIP); Embassy of Indonesia in Pakistan; National Archives of Pakistan; Air Center, Baku; and Embassy of Korea in Pakistan.
- In light of COP26, IPRI initiated Climate Change Series to highlight the climate crisis.
- In collaboration with Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP), IPRI is conducting research on "Traffic Congestion & Violations in Islamabad".
- IPRI launched "Policy in Review" aimed at analysing and evaluating state policies in place. The first policy assessed was the ban of TikTok in Pakistan.

IPRI Roundtables

1. IPRI Roundtable with United States Institute of Peace (USIP) on US-Pakistan relations.

Date: November 18, 2021

Participants:

USIP team:

- Andrew Wilder, VP, Asia programs
- Tamanna Salikuddin, Director, South Asia programs
- Adnan Rafiq, Country Representative

Special speakers at IPRI:

- •Lt. Gen (R) Amir Raiz
- •Nasim Zehra, National Security Expert
- Dr Talat Farooq

The roundtable was attended by the diplomatic community, which included Razgulayev Alexander, Second Secretary, Russian Embassy in Pakistan; & Francois Zablot, Counsellor security & counter-terrorism, EU Pakistan.

The Roundtable was held under the Chatham House Rule.

2. IPRI Roundtable on "Afghanistan: The Post-US Withdrawal Realities and the Way Forward"

Date: November 5, 2021

Participants include Ambassador (R) Inam ul Haq, Ambassador (R) Aziz Khan, Major General (R) Inam, Dr Shabbir Ahmed, & journalist Taahir khan.

The Roundtable was held under the Chatham House Rule.

IPRI Special Talk

Topic: "Banking on Chinese Belt & Road Initiative: Where does CPEC Stand on the Global Map?"

Date: November 2, 2021

Speakers:

Dr Ammar Malik, Senior Research Scientist at AidData

Total attendants/views: 10,500

Distinguished Lecture Series

Topic: Indonesia as Emerging Economic Market: Opportunities for Pakistan

Date: November 8, 2021

Distinguished Guest Speaker: H.E. Adam Mulawarman Tugio, Ambassador of

Indonesia to Pakistan

Total attendants/ views: 1200

IPRI Meetings

On November 25, 2021, a meeting was held between National Archives of Pakistan and IPRI to discuss collaboration on strategic communications, innovation and projections.

On November 11, 2021, IPRI and Air Center, Baku held a virtual joint session discussing Azerbaijan-Pakistan bilateral relations & collaboration between the two institutes.

On November 8, 2021, OIC Special Envoy for Kashmir visited IPRI. Discussion took place regarding the developments in Kashmir & the inhuman atrocities conducted by the Indian govt.

On November 3, 2021, Korean delegation headed by **Mr. Sangjin Kim**, DG Intl Policy Bureau, Ministry of National Defence, Republic of Korea, visited IPRI. During the meeting, Pakistan- Korean bilateral relations and the evolving situation in the region was discussed.

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IPRI Publications

Policy Brief: Dr Khurram Abbas Research Associate

"Opportunities and Challenges in US-India Strategic Relationship"

Amna Ejaz Rafi Research Associate

"Entry of ASEAN's New Dialogue Partners: Status of Pakistan's Request"

Gulshan Rafiq Research Associate

"Critical Appraisal of Reconstruction Opportunity Zones (ROZ) Potentialities and Pitfalls"

Adeel Mukhtar Mirza Assistant Research Associate

"Afghanistan: The Post-US Withdrawal Realities and the Way Forward"

Hamza Rifaat Hussain Assistant Research Associate

"Challenge of a Two-Front war for India"

Usama Nizamani Assistant Research Associate

"Need of Pakistan's own Cyberspace – Impact on National Security Challenges and Way Forward"

Faizan Fakhar Assistant Research Associate

"AFNOR – Afghanistan Neighbors Organization"

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Policy in Review
TikTok Ban in Pakistan

IPRI Scholars' Opinion Articles:

Brig (R) Raashid Wali Janjua Acting President

1."Despair over Hope" *The News International*2."A Closer Relationship"

Dr Khurram Abbas Research Associate

"The Abraham Accords and Pakistan" *Middle East Policy Journal*

Amna Ejaz Research Associate

"Economic Integration - A Foreign Policy Tool" Express Tribune

Maheen Ahmad Assistant Research Associate

"The Crisis of Pakistan's Millions" Natura Magazine

Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri Assistant Editor

- 1. "Reorienting a New Narrative" Express Tribune
- 2. "India is Changing from Within"
- 3. "United States and India Should get Real with Pakistan" Defence Journal
- 4. "Empowering the Electorate" *The Nation*

Muneeb Salman Assistant Research Associate

"Why does Pakistan need Strategic Petroleum Reserves?" Global Village Space

Amna Ejaz and Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri Research Associate and Assistant Editor

"Rise of Hindutva as a Creed: It's impact on India's Politics and Society" Institute of Regional Studies (IRS)

Digital and Communications

Impact:

3.4 Million views, 122,000 profile visits, and 6,400 mentions. Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn followers increased to 30,745, 55,873 and 22,845 respectively.

IPRI on Television

Acting President Brig (R) Raashid Wali Janjua was part of panel discussion appearing on PTV World. He shared his views on the talks between the govt of Pakistan and Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani, Senior Research Fellow, IPRI, was part of several panel discussions appearing on various television channels. He spoke about the political situation in Afghanistan and the second round of talks between the United States and the Taliban in Doha.

IPRI's Assistant Research Associates **Adeel Mukhtar Mirza** spoke to PTV World about Facebook's latest controversy and how Pakistan can address misinformation.