

International Conference
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Pakistan has become a frontline state in the war on terror both as a result of foreign intervention and due to its own foreign and security policy. Consequently, the country has suffered tremendous losses of human lives and development opportunities especially in the past decade. One part of the problem is that the definition of security for the country so far has mainly been given from a military-strategic point of view. As a result, Pakistan has become increasingly isolated.

This international conference aims at broadening the perspective by focusing on the interface between human and military security, the role of the government and Pakistan's role in the region. How has the existing approach triggered the wave of violence that now threatens the very core of Pakistan? How is it related to the conflicts in its provinces? What are the most urgent needs that have to be addressed in order to secure Pakistan's success as a state and a life in dignity for its citizens? How can it improve its relations with its immediate neighbors and cooperate in the region in order to secure peace and stability? And last but not least: what shall be its future relation with the rest of the world?

8th December 2011, Thursday

09.00 - 09.45	Welcome by Britta Petersen, Country Director HBS Making Sense of Chaos: National Security, Militancy and Interpersonal Violence - Intersecting Levels of Violence Keynote Address by Prof. Dr. Yunas Samad , Bradford/UK
	Panel I: Defining Security Chair: Britta Petersen
09.45 - 12.30	Interlocking Crises: Energy, Climate Change, Water, Food Dr. Abid Suleri, Islamabad In the Line of Fire: Women in Armed Conflict Dr. Saba Gul Khattak, Islamabad Climate Change and Security Shakeel Ahmad Ramay, Islamabad Rethinking Security: Strategic Depth - Myth or Reality? Ambassador Retd. Ayaz Wazir, Islamabad Discussants: Muhammad Ziauddin, Islamabad Prof. Dr. Naudir Bakht, Sargodha
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch break
	Panel II: Conflict and the Pakistani State Chair: Imtiaz Gul
13.30 - 16.00	Redefining Civil Military Relations in Pakistan Ejaz Haider, Lahore

	The Nuclearisation of South Asia Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy, Islamabad The Anti-Nuclear Movement in Pakistan Dr. Haider Nizamani, Vancouver/Canada The Right Wing Jihadi Discourse: New Constituencies of Radicalism Afiya Shehrbano Zia, Karachi Followed by Q&A and discussion
16.00 - 16.15	Tea break
	Case studies from Pakistan Chair: Iqbal Haider Butt
16.15 -17.30	External Wars, Internal Impacts: FATA Syed Irfan Ashraf, Peshawar De/Radicalization and contested local Narratives: Swat Dr. Tahmina Rashid, Canberra/ Australia Problems of Sectarian Violence: Balochistan Mohammad Nafees, Karachi Radicalization and Violence: South Punjab Mukhtar A. Ali, Islamabad Followed by Q&A and discussion
18.00 -19.30	Launching of the Book by Prof. Dr. Yunas Samad THE PAKISTAN-US CONUNDRUM Jihadists, the Military and the People: The Struggle for Control
9th December 2011, Friday	
	Panel III: Ways towards Peace in the Region Chair: Ambassador (R.) Arif Ayub
09.30 - 12.15	Pakistan and Afghanistan: Estranged Brothers or Conjoined Twins? Abdul Rahman Habibzui, Kabul/Afghanistan Human Cost of Pak-India Hostility I.A. Rehman, Lahore Confidence Building Measures between India and Pakistan. A Giant Leap or a Small Step towards Peace? Dr. Smruti S. Pattanaik, New Delhi/India Turkey's Growing Role in Afghanistan/Pakistan and the War on Terror Mehmet OZKAN, Ankara/Turkey Followed by Q&A and discussion

12.15 - 12.30	Cultural programme: Short movie by Akifa Mian "Kahani wali Game"
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch & Friday Prayer Break
Panel IV: Pakistan and the World Chair: Ambassador (R.) Ayaz Wazir	
14:00-17:00	Pakistan and the United States: An Ever Rockier Marriage Jeffrey Laurenti, New York/USA The Dynamics of Sectarian Conflicts in Pakistan Dr Mariam Abou Zahab, Paris/France British Policy Towards Pakistan amid the War on Terror Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad, Oxford/UK From Kalashnikov to Keyboard: Jihadism Online Thomas K. Gugler, Berlin/Germany Discussants Ejaz Haider, Prof. Dr. Yunas Samad
17.00 - 17.15	Tea break
17.15 - 18.15	Presentation of Resolution Closing remarks by Imtiaz Gul, Executive Director CRSS

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (HBS)

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