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Quarter in Focus

During the last quarter, a number of critical security and political developments in the region prompted IPS to engage relevant experts to analyze them for policy advice to the government. More notable among those were the deliberations on unprovoked aggression of Israel over Palestine and looming threats to regional peace following the US exit from Afghanistan, whereas the discussions on Pak-Afghan Central Asian connectivity and Pakistan's relations with Sierra Leone covered some other issues pertaining to international relations.

The talks over the blue economy, freedom of navigation operations patrol and especially ocean-related life, livelihood, and sustainability on the 'World Oceans Day' highlighted different aspects within the maritime domain; while a session on 'World Authors' Day' discussed publishing challenges and opportunities in the digital age.

In line with its annual practice, IPS held separate pre- and post-federal budget discussions, advising and analyzing the proposed and finalized fiscal schemes from different angles, preparing detailed reports of the findings, and sharing them with the concerned quarters. In addition, the Institute held a special session to understand and evaluate the proposed State Bank amendment bill.

Liberalization of Solar PV-based distributed generation in Pakistan was stressed in another session initiated by IPS' energy desk. The relevant research team also partook in an online meeting on integration of variable distributed renewable energy sources, attending a workshop on strategic renewable energy transition, and producing briefs on distributed generation growth and net-metered solar PV systems for residential households in Pakistan.

IPS also had opportunities to partake in two externally organized sessions in the period, with Chairman IPS participating in a webinar on 'seventy years of Pak-China friendship' organized by the University of Peshawar, and the Institute's Non-Resident Fellow Dr Maliha Zeba Khan presenting her co-authored paper on 'Non-Traditional Security Threats in Maritime Zones of Pakistan' at the University of Sindh.

Apart from these academic exchanges, IPS also signed MoUs with Karachi University, Pakistan Maritime Security Agency and University of Management and Technology, Lahore, to collaborate in policy research and advocacy endeavors.

IPS LEAD – the learning, excellence and development program of IPS – co-organized a session on indigenization of research in social sciences, arranged a talk on IPS' study on forced conversion with the students of Karachi University, and hosted a session of 'The Living Scripts' with the former foreign secretary of Pakistan.

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Intra-Afghan accord before US withdrawal critical for peace

An all-inclusive Afghan-owned accord among Afghanistan's internal power contenders is the only solution to end the issues engulfing the country's people and the region. Otherwise, bloodshed will continue in the war-torn country, which is already on the brink of a civil war, in case the US leaves the Afghans on their own, as it had done before, without striking an intra-Afghan agreement.

This was the crux of a webinar titled 'US Withdrawal from Afghanistan: Threats to Regional Peace, Within and Without' organized

by IPS on June 1, 2021.

Syed Abrar Hussain, IPS' vice-chairman and Pakistan's former ambassador to Afghanistan, chaired the webinar, which was addressed by Brigadier (r) Said Nazir, IPS' senior associate and geostrategic analyst, as the keynote speaker. Khalid Rahman, IPS' chairman, Jumma Khan Sufi, author and Afghan affairs expert, and Hasan Khan, senior journalist and analyst, were among the discussants.

In his address, Said Nazir said that as the date of US withdrawal is coming closer, violence in

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Budget's reliance on indirect taxation to widen rich-poor gap: Economic Experts

Excessive reliance on indirect taxation in budget 2021-22, including withholding tax as part of indirect taxes, will further widen the gap between the rich and poor. Besides, sustainable and inclusive growth will remain a pipedream in the absence of a paradigm shift in initiating structural reforms, economists have warned.

They were speaking at a webinar titled 'The Federal Budget 2021-22: A Review', which was organized by IPS on June 18, 2021.

The panelists included Dr Mahmood Khalid,

senior research economist at Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Dr Shahida Wizarat, dean, College of Economics and Social Development, Institute of Business



Dr Pervez Tahir

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'World Oceans Day' | Experts stress importance of ocean health, aquaculture development



Naghmana Zafar

Mapping and development of strategic human and natural resources in the maritime sector is the need of the hour to sow the seeds of blue economic revolution in Pakistan.

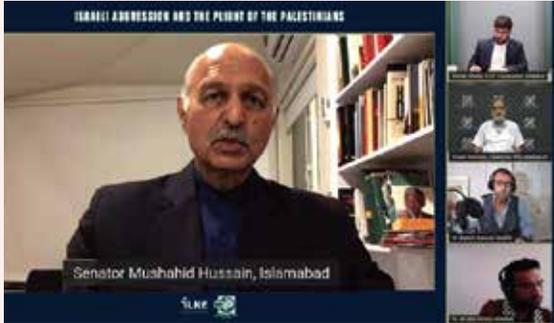
This was the crux of the views expressed by

maritime policy experts and marine scientists at a webinar 'The Ocean: Life, Livelihood and Sustainability – Opportunities and Challenges for Pakistan', which was organized on the eve of World Oceans Day 2021 by IPS in collaboration with University of Karachi, National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA), Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA), and Maritime Study Forum (MSF) on June 7, 2021.

The webinar was chaired by Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, IPS' vice chairman and addressed by Dr Azhar Ahmad, associate professor, Bahria University, Dr Nuzhat Khan,

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Recognize Israel' mantra buried deep in the debris of Gaza: Int'l webinar



A change in the world order is vital to rein in states like Israel and resolve the long-standing Palestine issue since the major roadblock is the prevalent unjust world order based on the paradigm of survival of the fittest. In addition, worldwide civil society linkages, alliances of the forces of good across the world, and the anti-apartheid movement model of South Africa can play a central role in this regard.

These views were expressed by eminent

geopolitical analysts at an international webinar titled 'Israeli Aggression and the Plight of the Palestinians' which was jointly organized by IPS and ILKE Foundation, Istanbul on May 19, 2021.

The speakers included Mushahid Hussain Syed, Pakistani senator and chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Khalid Rahman, IPS Chairman, Dr Ramzy Baroud, a US-based Palestinian author and journalist, and Dr Ali Abo Rezeq, a Palestinian journalist based in Turkey. The event was moderated from Istanbul by Ahsan Shafiq of ILKE Foundation.

It was underscored that Pakistan sees an inextricable linkage between Palestine and Kashmir; both are occupied territories, both are denied the right of self-determination, both are under the occupation of fascist regimes that are also racist and Islamophobic.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/israeli-aggression-and-the-plight-of-the-palestinians/>

US Navy patrolling in India's EEZ carries message for all coastal states

The US Navy's navigation operations in India's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) is an attempt to assert its dominating role in the Indian Ocean Region and carries a message for the coastal states in the region, especially the major maritime powers, India and China.

This was the crux of a webinar titled 'Freedom of Navigation Operations Patrol (FONOP) – Issues and Legalities', which was organized by IPS on May 6, 2021.

Chaired by IPS' Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, the session was addressed by Commodore (r) Syed Mohammad Obaidullah SI(M), former executive director, Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) and founding director of National Centre for Maritime Policy Research (NCMPR), and Commodore (r) Baber Bilal SI(M), director, National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA), Islamabad.

The session was also partaken by other maritime scholars and experts including IPS' Non-Resident Fellow Dr Maliha Zeba Khan, assistant professor, National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Naufil Shahrukh, GM Operations IPS and Secretary General, Maritime Study Forum, a Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) panel led by Commander Faisal Sadiq, Cdr 23rd offshore patrol squadron and CO, PMSS Indus, Dr Faisal Javaid, assistant professor, Federal Urdu University Karachi, Samina Qureshi, assistant professor, Karachi University, and Attorney Muslim Bin Aqeel, maritime lawyer and research associate at Maritime Study Forum (MSF).



Commodore (r) Baber Bilal SI(M)

Economic policy experts question motives behind controversial SBP Amendment Bill 2021



The recent move by the government to make State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) autonomous is part of IMF agenda being imposed on Pakistan as the decision lacks transparency and goes against national interest.

This was the unanimous view of economic and fiscal policy experts during a webinar titled 'Understanding State Bank Amendment Bill 2021' organized by IPS on April 5, 2021.

The event was chaired by Prof Dr Abdul Saboor, dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. The speakers and discussants included IPS' Chairman Khalid Rahman, IPS' Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, Dr Shahida Wizarat, dean, College of Economics and Social Development, Institute of Business Management, Karachi; Dr Pervez Tahir, former chief economist, Planning Commission, Qanit Khalil, chartered accountant and economic policy analyst; Raja Kamran, a Karachi-based economic journalist and Amanullah Khan, former president, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI).

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/understanding-state-bank-amendment-bill-2021/>

Energy experts stress liberalization of Solar PV based distributed generation in Pakistan

Enhancing public-private partnership, streamlining financial instruments in and paving grounds for increasing power purchase agreement (PPA)-based contracts is the only way forward for creating a conducive environment for third party intervention in solar based distributed generation in the country.

This was the gist of a consultative session titled 'Prospects of Third-Party Intervention Framework and Business Models for Photovoltaic (PV) based Distributed Generation', which was held at IPS on April 30, 2021 to assess and discuss business models to foster solar PV based

distributed generation uptake for commercial and industrial power sector consumers.

Chaired by Former Federal Secretary Water and Power Mirza Hamid Hasan and co-chaired by Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, the deliberation was addressed by energy experts like Dr Ifran Yousuf, consultant renewable energy, NEPRA, and Dr Bilal Masood, additional director R&D, NEPRA, whereas Muhammad Saeed from Pakistan-Germany Renewable Energy Forum (PGREF), Muhammad Ali Qureshi from SAARC Energy Centre and Hamza Naeem, researcher from IPS were also among the speakers.

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Budget's reliance....

Management, Dr Pervez Tahir, former chief economist at Planning Commission, and Dr Abdul Saboor, dean faculty of Social Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University. IPS Vice Chairman Amb (r) Syed Abrar Hussain chaired the session, IPS Research Officer M Wali Farooqi was the moderator whereas senior practitioners including Mirza Hamid Hassan, former federal secretary at the Ministry of Water and Power, and Zaigham M. Rizvi, expert consultant on housing and housing finance, also took part in the discussion.

For complete report, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/the-federal-budget-2021-22-a-review/>

'Blue Economy: A shining economic future for Pakistan'



IPS and National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) collaborated with Dunya Forum to hold an online interactive session titled 'Blue Economy: A shining economic future for Pakistan' on April 6, 2021 with a view to highlight the importance of the subject issue for the country. IPS on the occasion was represented by its GM

Operations Naufil Shahrukh, Non-Resident Fellow Dr Maliha Zeba Khan and IPS Associate Syed Ikram-ul-Haq from Islamabad, whereas the other panelists Dr Nuzhat Khan, director general, National Institute of Oceanography, Commander Mohammad Akhtar, deputy director, NIMA, Naghmana Zafar, senior lecturer at NIMA, and Commander (r) Mohammad Kamran were partaking from Karachi. The session was also

addressed via video link by Director NIMA Commodore (r) Ali Abbas, Executive Director Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) Khurram Mirza and Commodore (r) Syed Muhammad Obaidullah, former executive director, PNSC and founding director of National Centre for Maritime Policy Research (NCMPR).

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/blue-economy-a-shining-economic-future-for-pakistan/>

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World Oceans Day.....

former director general, National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Nisar A Memon, technocrat and former chairman of the parliamentary committee on water resources, Dr Asma Tabassum, manager ORIC, Karachi University, Naghmana Zafar, senior research fellow, NIMA, Naufil Shahrukh, GM Operations, IPS and general secretary, Maritime Study Forum (MSF), while Commander Moeed, Lt Cdr Imran, and Lt Jameel represented the PMSA. The session was moderated by Hafiz Inamullah Khan, deputy manager outreach at IPS.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/the-ocean-life-livelihood-and-sustainability-opportunities-and-challenges-for-pakistan/>

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Intra-Afghan accord.....

Afghanistan is increasing – underlining the intense power struggle that is going on between the Taliban and the Afghan government. He said Washington, after the pullout, would act as a mere distant spectator of the mess it would leave behind in Afghanistan.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/us-withdrawal-from-afghanistan-threats-to-regional-peace-within-and-without/>

Afghan stability key to Pak aspirations for regional connectivity with Central Asia

Unless peace and stability prevail in war-torn Afghanistan, regional connectivity will remain a dream. This was the crux of a webinar titled 'Afghanistan-Pakistan-Central Asian Connectivity', which was organized on April 1, 2021 by IPS in collaboration with the Department of International Relations, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST).

IPS' Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain was the keynote speaker of the webinar, which was chaired by Dr Rubina Mushtaq, vice-chancellor, FUUAST. The event was also addressed by Dr Asghar Dashti, HoD, IR department at FUUAST and Dr Faisal Javaid, assistant professor, IR department, FUUAST.

Ambassador (r) Hussain believed that over the

years successive Afghan governments have created hurdles in letting Pakistan develop

direct road links with Central Asian states; even though the whole region, not Pakistan alone, will benefit from regional connectivity if achieved.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/afghanistan-pakistan-central-asian-connectivity/>



Dr Rubina Mushtaq

Pakistan's Relations with Sierra Leone



A session titled 'Pakistan's relations with Sierra Leone' was held on June 3, 2021 as part of IPS' Understanding Africa Project.

The session was chaired by IPS Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, addressed by Sana Haroon, assistant advisor, Federal Tax Ombudsman and Michael Trucker, MPhil scholar from Sierra Leone at the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), whereas Senior Research Associate at IPS Ambassador (r) Tajammul Altaf and IPS Non-Resident Fellows Dr Tughrah Yamin, Associate Dean, National University of Science and Technology (NUST) and Dr Maliha Zaiba Khan, assistant professor, NUML formed the discussion panel.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/pakistans-relations-with-sierra-leone/>

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IPS Press - the Institute's publishing arm chipped in with two publications *Breaking the Breakers – Public Policy & Governance Case Studies from Pakistan and Family Law in Islam: Theory and Application*, whereas the Institute's research work yielded ten publications in form of briefs, articles and reports.

'World Book and Copyright Day' | Authors accentuate importance of books in digital age



Celebrating World Book and Copyright Day 2021 on April 23, IPS Press organized 'Live Authors' Meet' – an online gathering of authors and writers to discuss challenges and prospects faced by the publishing world in the continuously evolving digital age.

Chaired by IPS' Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain – who is also the author of a recent IPS Press publication *Afghanistan: Mullah Umar Say Ashraf Ghani Tak* – the session was participated by book authors and editors such as Syed Irtiqah Ahmed Zaidi, author of *Negotiating the Power Corridors: Forty Challenging Years of Civil Service*, Rehan Ali, author of *Rallying for Rules: Parents Versus Private Schools*, Former Federal Secretary Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, Shazia Gilani, Aneela Shehzad, Syed Nadeem Farhat, and Naufil Shahrukh, all of whom shared their thoughts regarding World Book and Copyright Day.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-press-celebrates-world-book-and-copyright-day-2021/>

Sharing Insights

IPS encourages interaction with different national and international organizations and scholars to share their studies and exchange views on the subjects of mutual interest. A glimpse of such interactions in the last quarter is being presented here.

Pak-China friendship maintaining regional peace: Chairman IPS



Invited by China Study Centre, University of Peshawar, Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman participated in a webinar titled '70th Anniversary of Pakistan-China Stronger than Steel Friendship' on June 10, 2021.

The webinar, which was set to highlight and study different aspects of Pak-China relations, was participated by high officials and renowned international relations experts from the two countries.

Rahman delivered a presentation on the

occasion titled 'Friends in Need and Deeds', stating that when the diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China were established in 1951, few could have imagined that the customary move would lay foundations for such extraordinary bilateral ties. Today these deep-rooted relations are not only benefitting each other mutually, but also are instrumental in maintaining regional balance, peace and stability. Based on mutual respect, humility, modesty and sharing, Rahman viewed, the relationship model practiced by the two sides can serve as a prototype for any two or more countries to ensure durable peace, prosperity and development among them, provided they adhere to these principles in true spirit.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-partakes-in-a-webinar-on-70-years-of-pak-china-friendship/>

Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)



IPS inked MoUs with Karachi University on April 7, University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore on June 15, and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) on April 13, 2021 to foster collaboration in policy research, dialogue and outreach in areas of mutual interest.

The MoU with Karachi University was signed by the University's Vice Chancellor Dr Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, Director ORIC (Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization), Karachi University Dr Alia Rehman, IPS' Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain and IPS' GMO Naufil Shahrukh in a ceremony held via video link.

Paper on law enforcement in maritime zones presented

IPS was represented by its Non-Resident Fellow Dr Maliha Zaiba Khan, assistant professor, National University of Modern Languages (NUML) in first international conference on 'Non-Traditional Security Paradigms of Pakistan: Options and Challenges', which was organized by the Department of International Relations, University of Sindh, Jamshoro on June 24-25, 2021.

Dr Khan presented a paper on the occasion titled 'Non-Traditional Security Threats and Law Enforcement in Maritime Zones of Pakistan: Role of Pakistan Maritime Security Agency', which she co-authored with Commander Faisal Sadiq from



VC University of Sindh Dr M Siddique Kalhoro presenting certificate of participation to Dr Maliha Zeba Khan

Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA).

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-represented-in-intl-conference-non-traditional-security-paradigms-of-pakistan/>



The MoU signing with UMT Lahore was attended by UMT's Dr Mohammad Shoab Pervaiz, HoD department of political science & IR, and Dr Abeeda Qureshi, assistant professor, department of political science and IR. IPS was represented by Ambassador (r) Tajammul Altaf, senior associate, Naufil Shahrukh, GM Operations, Kulsoom Belal, research officer and Shafaq Sarfraz, manager outreach.

IPS participates in renewable energy policy discourse

IPS researchers Hamza Naeem and Mohammad Wali Farooqi participated in an online meeting on 'Integration of Variable Distributed RES (Renewable Energy Sources)' organized by Pakistan German Renewable Energy Forum (PGREF) on May 25, 2021, and attended the third workshop of INETTT (International Network of Energy Transition Think-Tank) on 'Data Dashboard Demonstration and Strategic Renewable Energy Transition', which was held on June 29, 2021.

The PGREF meeting was held as part of a special working group initiated earlier by GIZ – *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit*, with the support of German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Pakistan Ministry of Energy.

IPS was the only think tank from Pakistan that was invited to participate in the discussion that was otherwise partaken by the officials and representatives of Ministry of Energy, NEPRA, NTDC, AEDB, LESCO, FESCO, IESCO and many other notable international and national organizations of the country's power sector.

The INETTT workshop on the other hand, which aimed at highlighting the need for collaborative efforts to transit the power sector towards clean and renewable energy sources, was attended by the organization's members from 15 countries out of which IPS as a think tank working on renewable energy policy exclusively participated from Pakistan.



In the virtual MoU signing ceremony with Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA), Commander Farooq, Director Training PMSA accompanied by other fellow officials represented PMSA, whereas Vice Chairman IPS Amb (r) Syed Abrar Hussain along with Shafaq Sarfaraz, manager outreach, Hafiz Inam, deputy manager outreach and publications, and Kulsoom Belal, research officer attended the event on behalf of IPS.

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Human Development

The Institute's human development activities are carried out under 'IPS LEAD' (Learning, Excellence and Development Program) that aims at promoting knowledge economy for individual, organizational and societal excellence.

'Indigenization of Research in Social Sciences'



without a vibrant and rational culture of research in social sciences, any produced theoretical perspectives and empirical research – upon which sound national and regional level policymaking

ought to rest – will always remain inadequate. Thus, a regular and meaningful discourse among scholars of social sciences is essential to forge intellectually coherent policy-oriented research. The speaker maintained that the state of social science research as well as the choice of topics and methods reflect the general climate of research in any country, and that is why it is the need of the hour for Pakistan to forge a change in its research culture, not only to meet the concurrent socio-economic, political and cultural challenges faced by the country, but also to examine existing methodologies, techniques and conceptual paradigms, while attempting to identify solutions to address the country's contemporary and emerging needs.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/indigenization-of-research-in-social-sciences/>

IPS LEAD – the Learning, Excellence and Development Program of IPS - in collaboration with AIESEC-NUST chapter, organized an online session titled 'Indigenization of Research in Social Sciences' on April 28, 2021 as part of its program 'Indigenizing Policy Research in Pakistan'.

The session, which was attended by the students of advanced studies from the School of Social Sciences (SSS)-NUST, was addressed by Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, who apprised the participants about the need and importance of research for any society, while advising them with some prospective areas for their research work. Rahman, in his keynote speech, pointed out that all developed nations we see today were propelled by a strong culture of research that they were able to develop within their societies. He viewed that

The Living Scripts | Riaz Mohammad Khan (Former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan)

Aimed at acquiring tacit knowledge from experienced practitioners of the public sector and imparting it to the audience as food for thought, IPS LEAD - the learning, excellence and development program of IPS - is organizing series of sessions titled 'The Living Scripts'. The idea behind the initiative is to pursue accomplished personalities and eminent individuals of national stature, providing them a window to share invaluable experiences and knowledge from their personal and professional lives. The sitting held within this quarter featured former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan Riaz Mohammad Khan. Continuing from the previous quarter, his talk over all was split over four sittings that were held on February 26, March 16 and 2, and April 4, 2021.



Riaz Mohammad Khan

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-lead/the-living-scripts/>

IPS' Study on 'Forced Conversions' discussed in KU's session on 'Content Analysis Techniques'



Dr Ghulam Hussain Sufi

In an online interactive session organized by IPS in collaboration with the Department of

Mass Communication, Karachi University, on May 27, 2021, students of media research deliberated on the methodology and findings of a recent IPS' study titled 'Forced Conversions or Faith Conversion: Reality and Rhetoric' with its researchers.

Dr Ghulam Hussain Sufi, IPS research officer and author of the study, Syed Nadeem Farhat, senior research officer at IPS, responded to the questions and comments of media research students, whereas Samina Qureshi, assistant professor, mass communication, moderated the discussion.

Busting the so-called forced conversion myth in Pakistan, Sufi Ghulam Hussain said marriage is the prime reason behind such conversions as Islam does not allow Muslims to tie the knot

outside their religion. Hence, faith conversion is instead a ritualistic need for a converter, he added.

The baseline study, Hussain said, analysed the content of around three dozen reports of various rights organizations.

He added that these reports are often presented as evidence for alleging that there is an organized and systemic effort to forcibly convert non-Muslims to Islam. However, he contended in the study that these reports lack any primary or empirical data.

Such reports, the study claims, rely on clichés cited from other reports which too have been prepared without any evidence. At most, he said, some reports had based themselves on anecdotal evidence taken from newspaper reports and political statements but they still do not independently verify the allegations of forced conversions from 'the supposed victims and so-called perpetrators'.

Claims in these reports are tautological and make circular arguments based on unverified, unverifiable secondary sources, the study noted.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-study-on-forced-conversions-discussed-in-kus-session-on-content-analysis-techniques/>

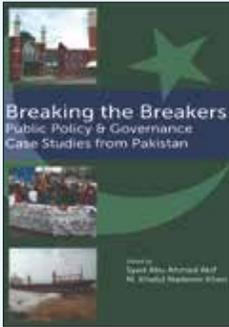
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Breaking the Breakers – Public Policy & Governance Case Studies from Pakistan



Editors: Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, Muhammad Khalid Nadeem Khan
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 ISBN: 978-969-448-803-5
Breaking the Breakers brings together 11 case studies from Pakistani public governance.

This volume aims to not just guide students of governance and civil servants about the case method, but also to enlighten general readers with an interest in public sector management. It is anticipated that these 'governance stories' would enable all readers to appreciate some of the complexities of public service in Pakistan; for non-Pakistanis these should provide

deeper insights into a difficult-to-govern country. While these narratives propose to educate and inform a broad readership, these can also be used to explore the peculiarities of public governance in the world's fifth most populous country.

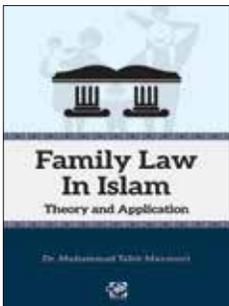
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For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/breaking-the-breakers-public-policy-governance-case-studies-from-pakistan-2/>

Family Law in Islam: Theory and Application



Author: Dr Muhammad Tahir Mansoori
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 ISBN: 978-969-448-804-2
 The book is a systematic exposition of *Shari'ah* rules of Muslim marriage contract on which family organization is structured.

It explains legal injunctions on important issues of marital relations and family organization.

The book explores and investigates the ideals and precepts on marriage and divorce both in classical

jurisprudence as well as in the modern legal codes of personal status of Muslim countries.

The work also highlights areas of tension between the classical jurisprudence and the modern legislation on a number of issues of Islamic Family Law. Although the focus of the book is primarily on the traditional law of Islam as explained and interpreted by the early jurists, nevertheless, it also examines modern legislation in the sphere of family law to offer points of comparison and contrast between the theory and practice.

The author Dr Muhammad Tahir Mansoori is a professor of Islamic law and former Vice President, Higher Studies and Research, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/family-law-in-islam-theory-and-application/>

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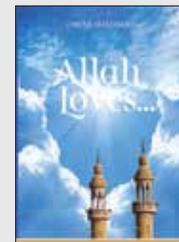
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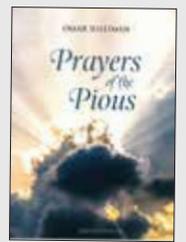


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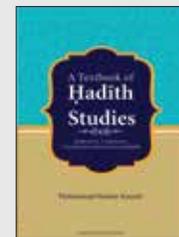
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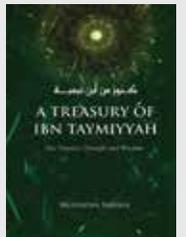
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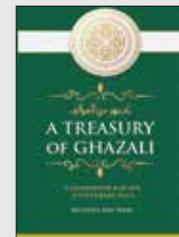
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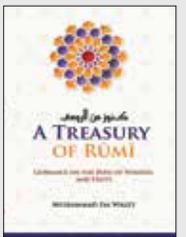
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