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Quarter in Focus

On the academic front, the Institute wrapped up the calendar year with an assortment of collaborative activities held over a miscellany of contemporary topics, taking onboard a larger pool of national and international academics, intellectuals and field experts, while engaging and attracting a much wider set of audience.

The Institute's initiative in science and technology was ably reflected in a two-day international seminar on artificial intelligence co-organized with Defence Export Promotion Organization (DEPO) as part of the 11th edition of IDEAS (International Defence Exhibition and Seminar) in Karachi, attended by a galaxy of senior defence officials, academics and delegates from across the world.

A series of sessions titled 'Grand National Dialogue on Pakistan's Political System and Governance' was another prominent activity of the quarter organized in collaboration with Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI).

A joint effort with Riphah International University (RIU) produced a dialogue with VC-RIU Prof Dr Anis Ahmad in the context of IPS' Patron in Chief Prof Khurshid Ahmad's recent publication *Islam aur Maghrib ki Tehzeebi o Siyasi Kashmakash*.

Another joint venture with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) yielded a two-day workshop on humanitarian journalism.

A seminar was held in collaboration with Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU), and Qmentum Consulting on healthcare delivery system in Pakistan, whereas a lecture by Federal Shari'at Court (FSC)'s acting chief justice Dr Syed Muhammad Anwar on domestic violence was arranged at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) in Rawalpindi.

Apart from these collaborative efforts, the Institute hosted talks by Prof Monzer Kahf from Istanbul, Dr Dietrich Reetz from Berlin and Dr Shariq Siddiqui from USA on the topics of Islamic finance, Muslim activism and Muslim philanthropy respectively.

Another high point of the quarter for the Institute was the awarding of Turkey's prestigious Islamic Economics Award to IPS' founding chairman and now Patron-in-Chief Prof Khurshid Ahmad by ILKE Foundation in Istanbul, in recognition of his lifelong contributions to the field.

The Institute also held several independent discussions over matters such as climate financing for Pakistan, ongoing unrest in Iran, and water-sharing dispute between Ethiopia and Egypt, while also sharing its perspective and viewpoint on the issues like Pak-Afghan relations, engagement of youth in electoral processes, and importance of volunteerism, through participations in a number of externally organized sessions.

The IPS' energy desk actively presented Pakistan's case vis-à-vis the challenges of climate change and inefficiencies in its power sector at the United Nations' COP-27, as well as

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IDEAS 2022: AI bringing paradigm shift in modern warfare & state security

The unconstrained potential in AI progress demands Pakistan to keep abreast with the advancements in the field and match its pace through research & innovation, an imperative for making Pakistan a hub of AI, data science, Internet of Things (IoT), and others. In this regard, an essential role is played by universities, which serve as key institutions of research, creativity, collaboration, and combining expertise.

This was highlighted during the second day of

a two-day seminar titled 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Defence Market: A Paradigm Shift in Military Strategy and National Security', which was organized at Expo Centre, Karachi, on November 15-16, 2022, as part of IDEAS 2022 with joint-collaboration of IPS and Defence Export Promotion Organization (DEPO).

The first day of the seminar, which was chaired by Prof Dr Syed Irfan Hyder, vice chancellor, Ziauddin University & senior IPS associate, was

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Grand National Dialogue | 'Pakistan's Political System and Governance'

Governance weaknesses and problems in Pakistan are direct outcome of prevalent duality in its power structure, run by different *de jure* as well as *de facto* entities. This duality bearing on civil and military establishments, in non-compliance with constitutional obligations, has thrown the country's democratic political system out of equilibrium.

This aspect of the political system, along with several others, was highlighted in a series of three jointly organized sessions titled 'Grand National Dialogue on Pakistan's Political System and Governance', initiated by Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) with



an aim to take inputs and ideas from academics, intellectuals and practitioners over a host of national issues, in a bid to convert them into actionable recommendations for policy makers.

The roundtable held at IPS as part of the series on October 20, 2022, was chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and moderated by

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'Civilization and Politics: Islam's Engagement with the West'



The secular paradigm of the West has largely transformed the epistemological foundations of the Muslims' beliefs, which demands a revival of a universally applicable Islamic civilization.

This was the crux of a dialogue held with Prof

Dr Anis Ahmad, vice chancellor, Riphah International University (RIU), to discuss 'Civilization and Politics: Islam's Engagement with the West' in the context of the recent IPS Press publication *Islam aur Maghrib ki Tehzeebi o Siyasi Kashmakash*, authored by Professor Khurshid Ahmad, patron-in-chief of IPS, at Riphah International University (RIU), Islamabad on December 4, 2022.

The event, organized through the collaboration of IPS and RIU, was joined as discussants by Soumia Aziz, assistant professor, International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad, Dr Ghulam Hussain, IPS' research fellow and assistant

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National Media Workshop on Humanitarian Journalism for Islamic Periodicals



Aimed at honing the skills and capacity of the editors of Islamic periodicals while reporting and analyzing armed conflicts, violence and natural disasters, a two-day 'National Media Workshop on Humanitarian Journalism for Islamic Periodicals' was co-organized by IPS and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on October 6-7, 2022, at a private hotel in Murree.

The first session included mutual introduction of the event participants, followed by the lectures by Dr Ziaullah Rahmani, regional advisor of the ICRC on Islamic Law & Jurisprudence, and Dr Kamran Azam, associate professor, The University of Haripur. Professor Dr Muhammad Mushtaq, chairman, Department of Law at the Mirpur University, AJK, apprised the audience about the international humanitarian law and humanitarian principles in context of the Islamic law of war, whereas Azam Khan, a representative of a British broadcasting agency, talked about field reporting in afflicted and war-torn areas. A study circle was also organized for the

participants on the topic 'Humanitarian Organizations and the Basic Principles'. Arif Khalil, a social worker from the Helping Hands for Relief and Development (HHRD), conducted this session and enlightened the audience regarding the basic principles which humanitarian groups follow.

While sharing his insights on practical journalism, Zazar Khan, a seasoned teacher of journalism and a reporter himself, illustrated instances of how emotions need to be kept apart while reporting humanitarian scenarios, and writing editorials, columns, and articles.

On the second day of the workshop, Faizullah Khan, reporter of a private TV channel, and Waqar Bhatti, Islamabad-based health reporter of a renowned media group, talked about different aspects of journalism including health issues during natural disasters.

Syed Nadeem Farhat, IPS research fellow and Ahsan Kohati, senior journalist and columnist moderated the workshop as master trainers.

Domestic violence legislation ensures justice delivery and protection of women: CJ FSC Dr Syed Muhammad Anwer



The provincial laws against domestic violence constitute major steps towards ensuring delivery of justice and protection of women according to *Shari'ah*, which asserts that violence against women is forbidden in all forms.

While domestic violence is being normalized as a social norm in Pakistan, it is the responsibility of the Muslim society as a whole to take small steps, shoulder to shoulder, in the right direction to change the non-Islamic societal structure, standards, customs, and approaches, along with correct implementation of law.

This was underscored by the Acting Chief Justice and Aalim Judge of Federal Shari'at Court (FSC) Dr Syed Muhammad Anwer, during his lecture on domestic violence in the context of the recent judgment of the FSC passed in favor of the Punjab Protection of Women against Violence Act, 2016. The lecture was held at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), Rawalpindi, with the collaboration of IPS on December 8, 2022.

Dr Anwer emphasized that Islam gave women their rights much before the West. The only problem is that Islamic principles and commands have not been understood, analyzed, and implemented in their true sense. In this context, it is an achievement that such legislation, which is in line with the teachings of the holy Qur'an and Sunnah, has been implemented now to provide comprehensive protection to women in Pakistan against various crimes.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/domestic-violence-legislation-ensures-justice-delivery-and-protection-of-women-cj-fsc-dr-syed-muhammad-anwer/>

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Grand National Dialogue...

Dr Syed Tahir Hijazi, senior academic and former member (Governance), Planning Commission of Pakistan. The speakers and discussants of the roundtable included Brig (r) Raashid Wali Janjua, director research, IPRI, Ahmed Bilal Mehboob, president, Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT), Amb (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, former federal secretary and senior research fellow, IPS, Dr Rashid Aftab, director, Riphah Institute of Public Policy, Riphah International University (RIU), Zaheeruddin Dar, founder, Centre for International Entrepreneurship and Trade and political economist, Nazeer Ahmad Mahar, executive director, The Research Initiative, Dr Riaz Inayat, member NADRA, Dr Muhammad Saleem, senior economic and former member, Competition Commission of Pakistan, Mirza Hamid Hasan, former federal secretary and senior IPS associate, and Farzana Yaqoob, former AJ&K minister.

The seminar hosted by IPS on November 3, 2022 was chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and co-hosted by Brig (r) Raashid Wali Janjua, director research at IPRI and Amb (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS. The session was addressed by Syed Abu Ahmad Akif (SI), former federal secretary, Dr Syed Tahir Hijazi, former member (Governance), Planning Commission of Pakistan, Dr Noreen Saheer, associate professor/chairperson, Department of Anthropology, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Muhammad Arshad, CEO, Sehat Sahulat Program, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Govt. of Pakistan, and Jawad Akhtar Khokhar, advisor, maritime affairs, Planning Commission of Pakistan.

The third phase of the Grand National Dialogue was held with students at the National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad, on December 16, 2022. The youth interaction session was addressed by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Dr Syed Tahir Hijazi, former vice-chancellor, Muslim Youth University, and former member (Governance), Planning Commission of Pakistan, and Farzana Yaqoob, co-founder, Mantaq, and former minister of AJ&K, while Sana Maqbool, broadcast journalist at PTV World, moderated the session.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/grand-national-dialogue-pakistans-political-system-and-governance/>

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Civilization and Politics...

professor, Bahria University, Islamabad, Dr Hamid Farooq, assistant professor, RIU, Ahmad Hamidi, lecturer, RIU, and Ahmad bin Qasim, a young researcher and activist, whereas it was concluded by Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman.

Prof Khurshid Ahmad's book, as discussed by the panelists, serves as an asset of information and insights on Islam's political and civilizational outlook *vis-à-vis* the Western civilization. As indicated by several anecdotes from the book, the West is facing a crisis of human development and civilization, causing cultural conflicts and raising social, political, and moral issues like economic inequality, social injustice, and blasphemy in the name of freedom of speech *vis-à-vis* Islam.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/civilization-and-politics-islams-engagement-with-the-west/>

'Strengthening of Healthcare Delivery System of Pakistan'

12 October 2022



The government has created an enabling environment for health service providers (HSPs) through Sehat Sahulat Program that has resulted in secondary and tertiary healthcare becoming a win-win proposition for the stakeholders, and is providing much-needed relief to millions of patients in need of hospitalization across the country. A number of new hospitals are being built by the private sector to provide for the needs of the patients who can afford their treatment to a large extent in the shape of the health card. The result has not only increased universal healthcare facilities in

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Punjab, but also a beneficial impact on the economy. However, there is a long way to go in terms of the improvement of quality in healthcare services and their standardization for the benefit of the patients.

This was observed by health professionals and experts during a seminar titled 'Strengthening of Healthcare Delivery System of Pakistan', jointly organized by the IPS, Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU), and Qmentum Consulting on October 12, 2022.

The seminar was chaired by Prof Muhammad Umar, vice chancellor, RMU, and co-chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS, while Muhammad Arshad Muqarib, CEO, Prime Minister's Health Program, joined as the chief guest.

The discussion, revolving around the country's health delivery system landscape, was addressed by Muhammad Nasrullah, advisor and program lead IPSTECH (an IPS initiative for technology-based governance solutions), Manzoor Ahmad, eHR consultant, Dr Asif Maqsood Butt, public health specialist, and Dr Khizar Pervaiz, palliative care specialist.

Arshad Muqarib highlighted that even though the Sehat Sahulat program is in its early phase, it has already started creating an enabling environment for both the public and private sector hospitals; new hospitals and facilities are being established, jobs being created and certain medical devices are being manufactured domestically, which has helped reduce their prices.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/strengthening-of-healthcare-delivery-system-of-pakistan/>

Experts demand creation of long-awaited Climate Change Authority



Pakistan's own environmental governance structure needs to be comprehensively operationalized to seek assistance through international climate financing, especially the 'loss and damage' fund ahead of COP-27. The long-awaited Climate Change Authority should be created without any further delay as mitigating climate change disasters and seeking climate financing and compensation from the international community needs comprehensive policy, legislative and governance mechanisms at all the levels of the state.

This was demanded during a dialogue, titled 'Post COP27 Strategy for Pakistan: Climate Financing and De-carbonization', organized by the IPS on December 16, 2022, to deliberate on necessary mitigation and adaptation measures to tackle the crises arising from climate change following the 27th UN climate change conference held in November 2022 in Egypt.

The session, chaired by Mirza Hamid Hassan, chairperson, IPS Steering Committee on Energy, Water and Climate Change, and

former federal secretary, Ministry of Water and Power, was addressed by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Dr Muhammad Irfan Khan, dean, Environmental Sciences, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), Syeda Hadika Jamshaid, climate policy specialist, Ministry of Climate Change, Syed Aqeel Hussain Jafri, director, Policy and International Cooperation, Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB), Dr Shafqat Munir Ahmed, director, Resilient Development Program, SDPI, Dr Kanwar Muhammad Javed Iqbal, general secretary, Pakistan Panel for Climate Change (PPCC) and Lubna Riaz, researcher, IPS.

The experts deplored that despite the passage of the Climate Change Act 2017 the formation of Climate Change Authority and Climate Change Council still seems an uphill task. They were of the view that the Council of Common Interests (CCI) and other concerned bodies should prioritize this critical national issue.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/post-cop27-strategy-for-pakistan-climate-financing-and-de-carbonization/>

Islamic finance provides best alternative to the issues of conventional financial system: Prof Monzer Kahf

Islamic Finance has an inherent element of stability and sustainability that reflects in all dimensions, if adopted properly, and provides the best alternative solution to the challenging issues of the conventional financial system, according to Prof Monzer Kahf.

The professor of Islamic finance and economics at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University was speaking during an online lecture titled 'Sustainable Development Aspects of Islamic Finance' organized by IPS on October 12, 2022.



He upheld that stability and sustainability are closely interrelated and overlap in most of the ingredients of a financial system. With instability comes unsustainability. And the instability of financial systems, according to Prof Monzer, comes from the nature of financial relationships and the capitalist financial system.

He pointed out that interpersonal relationship uncertainties are a major factor causing instability, along with weak governance, bad supervision, macroeconomic problems, and currency exchange issues.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/sustainable-development-aspects-of-islamic-finance/>

Prof Khurshid Ahmad bestowed with Turkey's prestigious Islamic Economics Award



IPS' Founding Chairman (now Patron-in-Chief), academician, statesman, and veteran politician who is also internationally known as the father of Islamic Economics Professor Khurshid Ahmad has been bestowed with Turkey's prestigious Islamic Economics Award for his lifelong contributions to the field of Islamic Economics and Finance, during the 10th Islamic Economics Workshop being held in Istanbul from October 14-16, 2022.

The award is announced each year by the Islamic Economics Research Center (IKAM), which is based in Istanbul, and works under the umbrella of the popularly known ILKE Science, Culture and Education Foundation (Ilim Kültür Eğitim Vakfı), Turkey.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/prof-khurshid-ahmad-bestowed-with-turkeys-prestigious-islamic-economics-award/>

'The Current Unrest in Iran and its Impact on Pakistan and the Region'

Though there are a few genuine problems with the Iranian regime, the fault-lines are being systematically targeted through media-framing and threat-perception building in an orchestrated manner which, in turn, fuels unrest by mobilizing the populace, both domestically and internationally.

This was observed during a session, titled 'The Current Unrest in Iran and its Impact on Pakistan and the Region', held at IPS on October 27, 2022.

The session was addressed by Iran affairs experts Ambassador (r) Asif Durrani and Dr Nazir Hussain, dean faculty of social sciences and humanities, University of Wah, besides Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and Amb (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS.

The speakers were of the view that continuity of such political instability and unrest in Iran would have implications for Pakistan and the region. Moreover, the Western world, by making Iran's unrest a pivotal debate, may produce a fallout in Pakistan and exploit its fault-lines revolving around internal issues.

The speakers emphasized that in order to preempt these implications, exploitation, and media framing, it is crucial that there is unity and less polarization between all religious and



political elements of Pakistan.

The speakers were of the view that incidents that caused unrest are not new for Iran but, at times, an increased level of turmoil provides an opportunity for entities to exploit it to fulfill their ulterior agendas and corner elements which are a bigger threat or problem. The current unrest in Iran follows the same trend and is of interest to many global players for varied reasons entailing domestic or international agendas.

Considering this, a prominent role in forming public political opinion on Iran's situation is being played by the Western media, they highlighted.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/the-current-unrest-in-iran-and-its-impact-on-pakistan-and-the-region/>

'Muslim activism, Muslim thoughts, and its roots' – A talk by Dr Dietrich Reetz

Muslims and Islamic perspectives in the West have been reduced to a security narrative whereas the socio-political narrative, i.e., Muslims as political and social beings and Muslim activities as social activities, needs to be normalized. The socio-political narrative refers to identifying the activities of Muslims based on a social and/or political agenda, not merely on religious grounds even if done in the name of Islam.

These notions were shared by Dr Dietrich Reetz, a research scholar of international relations with particular emphasis on South Asia, conflict



studies, and Islam in the non-Arab world, including Central Asia, South East Asia, and Europe, who was visiting IPS on November 4, 2022, to deliver a talk on Muslim activism, Muslim thoughts, and its roots.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/muslim-activism-muslim-thoughts-and-its-roots-a-talk-by-dr-dietrich-reetz/>

Islamic Social Finance for Social Protection: IPS delegation visits Malaysia



An IPS-led delegation, as part of its ongoing study on Islamic Social Finance for Social Protection, visited Malaysia from November 4-9,

2022 to study the various initiatives and models developed there for providing support and protection to the vulnerable segments of the society through Islamic social finance tools.

The five-member delegation included Dr Salman Ahmed Shaikh, principal investigator and Dr Anwar Shah, co-principal investigator of the study, along with Mohammad Mustafa Khan, technical advisor, GIZ, Rana Sajjad Babar, administrator zakat, Punjab, and Syed Mubashar Raza, deputy administrator zakat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

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sector at the United Nations' COP-27, as well as in an online multinational discussion organized by INETTT (International Network of Energy Transition Think Tanks).

The Institute also hosted a delegation of participants of the 52nd PN Staff Course at Pakistan Navy War College (PNWC), Lahore, a delegation of Afghan scholars and professors attending a capacity building training at CIPS-NUST, and a group of students from Al Kauthar Islamic university.

The period also saw an initiative of IPS blogs being launched on the Institute's website with a view to provide a room for sharing ideas and expressions from a relatively larger pool of contributors in somewhat less formal and less scrutinized way.

Two IPS Press publications: *Policy, Qanoon Sazi aur Nizam – Abtari, Tashkhees aur Ilaj* – which is a part of *Armughan-e-Khurshid* series, and *International Peacekeeping: Perspectives from Pakistan* hit the racks, whereas two policy briefs discussing 15th constitutional amendment in AJ&K and development in Balochistan were also brought forth.

IPS Press also participated in the annual Karachi International Book Fair (KIBF) and a number of other book fairs across the country.

Muslim Americans donate more generously than their non-Muslim countrymen: Dr Shariq Siddiqui



Philanthropic Studies and director, Muslim Philanthropy Initiative at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, who was visiting IPS on October 19, 2022, to

American Muslims, despite being merely 1% of the total US' population and poorer than their native non-Muslim compatriots, donate around \$4.5 billion annually, which is more than what the general population hands out. The conservative Muslims, moreover, also happen to be more open to diversity in their philanthropic practices. While their motivational factors may vary, including empathy and social welfare, a big reason behind this range of Muslim philanthropy is their religious beliefs and values.

These were the research findings depicting the trends of Muslim philanthropy in the US, as put by Dr Shariq Siddiqui, assistant professor,

deliver a talk on 'Trends in Muslim Philanthropy and Cooperation Models'.

Underscoring the significance of research on Muslim philanthropy, Dr Siddiqui shared that these research findings and philanthropic trends equip nonprofits and philanthropic leaders and organizations with the knowledge to educate people about Muslim philanthropy, and respond to the challenges of the society. This also gives way to more questions that should be made a priority by Muslim non-profit organizations to develop empirical research.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/trends-in-muslim-philanthropy-and-cooperation-models/>

Filling of Ethiopia dam's reservoir legally justified if followed by equitable water-sharing

The long-standing water-sharing discord and competing interests of Ethiopia and Egypt are likely to escalate and destabilize Africa unless a solution is forged. A win-win solution to prevent the escalation, while also fulfilling the states' interests, lies in a negotiated settlement and formulation of a collaborative water management mechanism based on legally binding principle of reasonable and equitable sharing of water.



This was observed during a session 'The Politics over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam: Need for a Collaborative Management Framework', held at IPS on October 25, 2022.

The session was addressed by Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS, Ambassador (r) Ghulam Dastgir, Ambassador (r) Mushtaq Ali Shah, Mirza Hamid Hasan, former federal secretary, Water and Power and senior fellow at IPS, Ashfaq Mahmood, former secretary, Water and Power, Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, former federal secretary and senior research fellow, IPS, Ameena Sohail, energy lawyer, Farzana Yaqoob, IPS associate and Naufil Shahrukh, GM Operations, IPS.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/the-politics-over-the-grand-ethiopian-renaissance-dam-need-for-a-collaborative-management-framework/>

Lack of objectivity, prejudice and partisan approach by journalists hurting the profession, society

The standard of journalism in Pakistan is gradually deteriorating as many journalists have become biased parties, listening to one side, and then building and reporting narratives in a distorted way. This way, they are not only failing to report the truth but also creating instability and confusion in the society.

These views were expressed by Ariful Haque Arif, a veteran journalist and social activist, during a session held at IPS on November 23, 2022. The discussion was also partaken by Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, Saleem Bismil, former secretary, AJ&K, Dr Ijaz Shafi Gilani, founder Gallup Pakistan, Rauf Klasra, a



Ariful Haque Arif and Dr Ijaz Shafi Gilani

renowned journalist and columnist, and other prominent media persons.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/an-evening-with-ariful-haque-arif/>

An interactive session on the constitution of Pakistan

A three-member IPS team visited the National Assembly on November 23, 2022, to hold an interactive session with the research associates of Tadveen (Legislative Research and Drafting Program) of Mantaq Pvt Ltd.

The visiting team comprised Dr Shahzad Iqbal Sham, IPS' senior research associate, Syed Nadeem Farhat, IPS' research fellow, and the Institute's GM Operations Naufil Shahrukh, whereas Mantaq founders Aisha Chaudhary and Farzana Yaqoob were also present on the occasion.

The session concluded on prospects of future collaboration between Mantaq and IPS for

improving the legislative quality of the constitution and conditional interpretation as well as capacity building of legal researchers.



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graced as Chief Guest by Lt Gen (Retd) Humayun Aziz, HI (M), federal secretary, Ministry of Defence Production, and addressed by Maj Gen Muhammad Arif Malik, HI (M), DG DEPO, Lars G A Hilse, a German scholar and global thought leader in the field of digital strategy and cyber security, Dr Sigit Jarot, CEO, Cloudtech and Head of Infrastructure, MASTEL, Indonesia, Dr Yasar Ayaz, CPD/chairman, National Center of Artificial Intelligence (NCAI), and Dr Jawwad Shamsi, dean, FAST-NUCES.

The second day of the forum was attended as chief guest by Muhammad Israr Tareen, federal minister, Defence Production. Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman delivered the introductory remarks while Dr Yasar Ayaz, CPD/chairman, NCAI, moderated the event. The speakers included Lt Colonel Dr Ghulam Murtaza, College of EME, NUST, Dr Muhammad Tayab Ali, NCAI, NUST, Major Aon Safdar, College of EME, NUST, Dr Waleed Bin Shahid, MCS, NUST, Lt Colonel Usman Zia, MCS, NUST, and Sqn Ldr Javeria Farooq, CAE, NUST.

Attended by various foreign dignitaries, high-rank government officials, academics, representatives from public and private sector industries the insightful presentations delivered on both days were followed by very thought-provoking discussions by the panelists.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/artificial-intelligence-ai-in-defence-market-a-paradigm-shift-in-military-strategy-and-national-security/>

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.

Chairman IPS at the 7th annual convocation of COTHM



Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman was invited by the College of Tourism & Hotel Management

(COTHM), Karachi, as chief guest to address its 7th Annual Convocation held with the theme of 'Tumse hai Umeed e Sahar' on November 20, 2022. The session held at NED Auditorium was attended by around 200 passing out students belonging to the fields of culinary, baking & hospitality management, as well as a large number of guests from Karachi's hotel and food industry.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/chairman-ips-addressing-the-annual-convocation-of-college-of-tourism-hotel-management/>

Pakistan, Afghanistan should focus on commonalities, create business opportunities to facilitate each other, VC-IPS maintains

VC-IPS Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain represented IPS as a speaker in a number of externally organized sessions relating to the topic of 'Pakistan-Afghanistan relations' during the month of November 2022.

Invited by Centre for Afghanistan, Middle East and Africa (CAMEA), Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), VC-IPS participated in three separate sessions held by ISSI within the month.

On November 1st, he took part in a roundtable on 'Pak-Afghan relations', in which he suggested that Pakistan should introduce Afghan investor visas, facilitate transit trade and try to create more and more Afghan stakes within the country.

In a webinar titled 'Pak-Afghan Economic Ties: Opening New Vistas' held on November 14, he advised policy makers from both countries to listen to the recommendations put forward by Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of Commerce and Joint Business Forum.

Speaking during a bilateral dialogue between Afghanistan & Pakistan, which was held by CAMEA-ISSI in collaboration with Heart of Asia



Society (HAS), Kabul, on November 24, VC-IPS urged the two brotherly nations to highlight commonalities among them and put their differences on the back burner in order to move ahead towards a better

future.

VC-IPS also delivered a talk at a session titled 'Future of Taliban', which was organized by Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) on November 22. The former ambassador underscored Afghanistan's political situation, economic potential and future prospects on the occasion.

Ambassador Abrar also took part in a seminar 'Post US Afghanistan', organized by the Contemporary Studies Department of National Defence University (NDU) on November 23, where he highlighted the need for engaging Taliban, lifting sanctions, de-freezing Afghan assets and supporting Afghan government to fight terrorism.

IPS represented at UNFCCC's COP-27

Pakistan witnessed a major setback in climate severity where the climate change has claimed thousands of lives as well as monetary losses accounting to around USD16 billion; whereas the country contributes a mere 1% to the total carbon emissions of the planet.



This was the agenda with which Hamza Naeem, a research officer at IPS' Energy, Water and Climate Change desk, participated at the United Nations' Framework of Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC)'s Conference of Parties (COP-27), which was held in Egypt from November 6th to 18th, 2022.

VC-IPS in a dialogue on youth in electoral processes

Vice Chairman IPS Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain represented IPS in a dialogue on improving participation of youth in electoral processes of Pakistan, titled 'Missing Young Voters of Pakistan', which was jointly organized by PILDAT (Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Pakistan on November 10, 2022.

IPS at the 5th Int'l Conference on 'Dawah Strategy'

IPS' Research Fellow Dr Ghulam Hussain Sufi took part in the 5th International conference on 'Da'wah Strategy in Contemporary World (in context of Non-Muslim Missionary Activities)', which was organized by the Da'wah Academy of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI) on October 25-26, 2022. Dr Sufi presented a paper on the occasion titled 'Seeing liberal-secular NGOs as the latest avatars of Christian missionaries'.



Participants of 52nd PN Staff Course visit IPS



Participants of the 52nd PN Staff Course at Pakistan Navy War College (PNWC), Lahore, visited IPS on October 5, 2022, to get exposure to independent think tanks, their role in the contemporary world as well as in enhancing

strategic capabilities.

The delegation, headed by Cdr Fahad Malik and Cdr Ahmed Raza Tahir, comprised faculty members of PNWC and officers from 11 friendly countries – including Bahrain, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Jordan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Oman, South Africa, and Sri Lanka – pursuing MS Defense Studies at National Defense University,

Islamabad, till May 2023, under 52nd PN Staff Course.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/participants-of-52nd-pn-staff-course-visit-ips/>

IPS at the INETTT meeting on 'Global Energy Efficiency'



An online multinational meeting on 'Global Energy Efficiency – Challenges and Opportunities', which was organized by INETTT – International Network of Energy Transition Think Tanks, on October 26, 2022, was partaken on behalf of IPS by its energy desk members Hamza Naeem and Lubna Riaz.

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.

■ Afghanistan advised to develop, build upon national potential to address post-conflict reconstruction challenges



help Afghanistan in post-conflict reconstruction and building its potential.

This was the crux of discussion with a delegation of 30 young Afghan scholars and professors, receiving capacity-building training at the Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS), NUST, who visited IPS on November 16, 2022 on an exposure visit.

The delegation, headed by Tughral Yamin, dean, CIPS, NUST, and Dr Aqab Aalik, associate professor, CIPS, NUST, was addressed by Vice Chairman IPS Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain and Sr IPS Associate Brigadier (r) Said Nazir Mohmand.

The delegation interacted with the speakers and talked about Pak-Afghan relations, community, social, and political challenges being faced by Afghanistan, and the future of Afghanistan and the region.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/afghanistan-advised-to-develop-build-upon-national-potential-to-address-post-conflict-reconstruction-challenges/>

Notwithstanding the challenges of the current situation, Afghanistan should focus and build on the opportunities to develop national potential and address internal and external issues peacefully. For this, it is important to provide assistance to Afghanistan since the country's stability benefits the whole region. As Pakistan has been contributing to Afghanistan's development, it needs to discuss, analyze, and probe new opportunities and avenues where it can

■ Young scholars urged to study issues of the Muslim world empirically, through a broader lens

The issues of Pakistan and the Muslim world must be researched through a broad lens and logical process to encompass all underlying factors and complexities and arrive at empirical conclusions. Young academics and scholars, with the help of research organizations, can contribute to this effort by conducting comprehensive and evidence-based research built upon facts and not narratives.

This was discussed during a session held with a delegation of 30 students of Jamia Al Kauthar – headed by Dr Muntazir Mehdi, faculty member of the Department of English – which visited IPS on December 1, 2022.

The session was addressed by Khalid Rahman,



chairman IPS, Dr Ghulam Hussain, IPS' research fellow and assistant professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Bahria University, Islamabad, and Naufil Shahrukh, GM Operations at IPS.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/young-scholars-urged-to-study-issues-of-the-muslim-world-empirically-through-a-broader-lens/>

■ The Living Scripts | Session with Ambassador (r) Javed Hafeez



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 sittings held within this quarter featured Ambassador (r) Javed Hafeez in two sittings on October 14 and 21, 2022.

Javed Hafeez is a former diplomat with a long service experience in the Middle East, including Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Oman. He also served in Canada, Tajikistan, Myanmar, and Greece.

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

■ Chairman IPS at Al-Kauthar Islamic University



Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman was invited as a chief guest by the Department of English, Al-Kauthar Islamic University on December 24, 2022, to deliver a talk in a conference titled 'Quaid aur Iqbal ka Pakistan: Prospects, Responsibilities, Opportunities'.

■ Volunteerism helps youth channelize their energies towards a fruitful direction

IPS' Chairman Khalid Rahman was invited to speak at a ceremony titled 'The Experience Journey of Camp Himalayas', which was organized by Youth Impact – a not-for-profit social development organization – on November 30, 2022, to showcase and acknowledge 75 peace-building projects undertaken by youth leaders it trained from across Pakistan this year.

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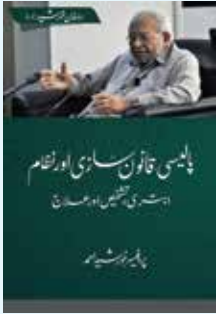
- ▶ Hadika Jamshaid (Ministry of Climate Change) highlighting Pakistan's achievements in COP27
- ▶ Aqeel Jafri (AEDB) highlights Pakistan's initiatives for transition towards renewable energy
- ▶ Pakistan needs to improve governance to counter climate change challenges | Dr Irfan Khan
- ▶ Chairman IPS urges Pakistan to improve governance and resilience against climatic threats
- ▶ Inherent flaws in political practices leave no space for better governance | Abu Ahmad Akif
- ▶ Dr Mushtaq Ahmad speaks about Int'l Humanitarian Law, Humanitarian Principles & Islam
- ▶ 'The alarming situation of health sector in Pakistan' | Health Correspondent Waqar Bhatti
- ▶ Govt. has created enabling environment for Health Service Providers | CEO PM's Health Program
- ▶ Elections and Electoral Reforms in Pakistan | Nazeer Ahmad Mahar
- ▶ Lack of political will & duality of political system doesn't befit constitutional values
- ▶ Every society has its own strengths that can only be gauged through indigenously developed indexes
- ▶ Mere physical and military might is not enough in the contemporary world | Chairman IPS

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Policy, Qanoon Sazi aur Nizam – Abtari, Tashkhees aur Ilaj



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Edition: 1st

Transparency and participation of various sections of the society or their representatives in the formulation of any law increases the chances of its acceptance and implementation. The vastness and diversity in the scope of human life has also made it important that every law should be made to be coherent with all other laws as a whole. From the perspective of Islam, not only the legal structure, but the entire state system is created in the light of the Qur'an and Sunnah to achieve the 'goals of the Shari'ah', which include the protection of religion and faith, the protection of human life and honor, and the protection of reason, protection of genealogy and protection of property. In this sense, this point becomes of key importance in the legislation for any community of Muslims. Consisting of eight chapters, this book clarifies how the non-seriousness of the members of parliament affects legislation and its implementation. The second chapter specifically discusses women's protection law. In the next three chapters, the laws made on various topics in the

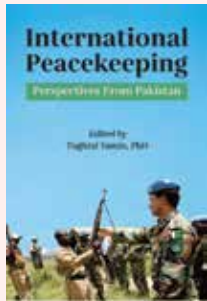
context of natural calamities, security of human life and law and order situation are discussed. Chapter six deals with discriminatory decisions based on violation of merit and injustice. While the last two chapters are related to commenting on some important events in the field of diplomacy, the behavior of the media and the government's attitude towards them.

This is the tenth book of IPS Press' series *Armughan-e-Khurshid*, which contains speeches and articles of Professor Khurshid Ahmad. The series also includes the following publications:

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International Peacekeeping: Perspectives from Pakistan



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UN peacekeeping forms an important tenet of Pakistan's foreign policy.

Pakistan began participating in UN peacekeeping operations in 1960. Since then, the country has earned the distinction of being one of the most consistent and professional peacekeepers. Along the way, it has acquired the reputation of being one of the largest troop contributing countries among the UN member states. However, very little has been written about the subject by Pakistani scholars. This drought in written work has done great injustice to the accomplishments

of Pakistani peacekeepers and to national peacekeeping philosophy. This book covers the glaringly obvious gap in the existing corpus of UN peacekeeping literature and gives voice to Pakistani scholars and practitioners on this subject. It covers a wide array of topics ranging from foreign policy motivations to modern trends in peacekeeping and how Pakistan is adapting to these emerging challenges. It also brings out the lessons learnt from various operations. This work represents the ideas and thoughts of veteran peacekeepers, professors and students of the Centre for International Peace & Stability (CIPS), an institution which is recognized by the UN as the world's leading peacekeeping training school. This book of collected works is meant to be a standard textbook for those studying the subject of peacekeeping.

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https://www.amazon.com/dp/9694488281?ref_=pe_3052080_397514860

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/international-peacekeeping-perspectives-from-pakistan/>

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15th Constitutional Amendment Bill in AJ&K: Background, Controversies and Proposed Course of Action

This brief is based on the proceedings of an exclusive session of the IPS Working Group on Kashmir (IPS-WGK). Held on September 8, 2022 at the Institute, the session was conducted under the Chatham House rules and presents views expressed by different participants of the meeting without any attribution.

For further details, visit:
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Balochistan's Development: Analysis and Recommendations

Balochistan has enormous resource potential which remains untapped, marking its lag in economic development. Though several initiatives have been taken through federal and provincial interventions to boost the economic potential of the province, a number of challenges have slowed down the progress. This brief identifies some of those strategic challenges and presents recommendations to the federal and provincial governments to reap the potential of resources in Balochistan for its development.

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