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Quarter in Focus

The final quarter of FY2021-22 at IPS witnessed a continuity and consistency in the efforts to enhance institutional outreach and networking – especially focusing on policy-academia linkages – to help create an ecosystem of stakeholders, collectively shaping the policy environment in Pakistan. The universities and academic institutions across Pakistan, that IPS interacted and collaborated with during the quarter to organize seminars and generate evidence-informed dialogue, included the National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) at Bahria University, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, University of Gwadar, University of Turbat, National University of Model Languages (NUML), University of Karachi, and Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).

The most important highlights of the reported period are the detailed visit of IPS team to Gwadar and Turbat, signing of MoUs with the universities there, holding sessions with their students and faculty members, and organizing a two-day media conclave and roundtable in collaboration with the University of Gwadar, China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC), Gwadar Port Authority and Gwadar Development Authority to review the CPEC-linked CSR projects in the port district. The visit was particularly beneficial in this regard as it provided the team – led by IPS' Chairman Khalid Rahman – an opportunity to meet the political and civil society leadership of the Makran region. Sessions were also held with the Gwadar Bar Association, Rural Community Development Council (RCDC) and The Gwadar Post, a local media organization, where views were exchanged on issues of mutual interest. A soft launch of IPS' recent publication *Balochistan ki Surat-e-Haal: Masayel ki Nauyat, Asbab aur Hal*, authored by Professor Khurshid Ahmad, was also done during the visit.

On the economic policy front, apart from continuing its tradition of reviewing the draft federal budget and enabling an exchange of views by senior experts, the Institute also organized a roundtable which lauded Federal Shariat Court's judgement on Riba-free economy, published a paper on its findings, and had an insightful discussion at the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) on its undergoing project on Islamic Social Finance.

A roundtable discussion contemplating on the ambiguities in Transgender Act 2018 was also addressed by a representative of the Khwaja Sara community.

The first issue of the 19th volume of the flagship journal of IPS, *Policy Perspectives*, was also published during the quarter, along with an issue each of *Maghrib aur Islam* and *Nuqta-e-Nazar*.



Two-day media conclave and roundtable in Gwadar reviews CSR projects, socioeconomic development under CPEC

The initiatives in the domain of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) undertaken by China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC) and other Chinese firms in Gwadar are appreciable and are aimed at the right direction; however, effective development communication and positive engagement with local communities is critical for the effectiveness and long-term success of these projects. All stakeholders should devise a mechanism for an integrated socio-economic development strategy and ensure inclusion of the hopes and aspirations of

the inhabitants of Gwadar vis-à-vis CPEC.

This was the crux of a two-day media conclave and roundtable conference 'CSR Initiatives in Gwadar (The Gateway to CPEC)', co-organized by IPS and the University of Gwadar in collaboration with COPHC, Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) and Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) in the strategic port town on May 18-19, 2022.

The session was addressed by Naseer Khan Kashani, chairman,

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World Oceans Day seminar advocates holistic approach, int'l laws for conservation of oceans



Prof Dr Vasco Becker

For the conservation, protection, and management of the oceans, a holistic approach is required which must include the implementation of int'l laws, behavioral change communication,

capacity-building, employment of scientific innovations, and stakeholders' collaboration at national, regional, and global level.

This was unanimously observed during a hybrid seminar at Bahria University, titled 'Blue Talks: Enhancing the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Oceans and their Resources by Implementing International Laws', which was jointly organized by the National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA), IPS and the Portuguese Embassy

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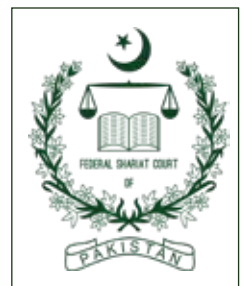
FSC Judgement on Riba-free Economy lauded

The much-awaited verdict of the Federal Shariat Court (FSC) on interest-free economy, despite being overly delayed, sets the course in the right direction by cogently answering all reservations put forward earlier. The decision, by validating the practical viability of an interest-free economy, has opened up new opportunities for the realization of this dream, and should be treated as a stepping-stone by the government and all stakeholders collectively to further build upon.

This was the consensus view of the participants of a hybrid roundtable, organized by IPS, on April 29, 2022 to discuss the way forward following the FSC judgment prohibiting and

eliminating interest in all its manifestations.

The session, chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, was joined by a galaxy of experts, policy practitioners, scholars and Islamic banking and finance industry leaders such as Dr Waqar Masood Khan, former secretary finance and former SAPM on economic affairs, Dr Salman Syed Ali, lead



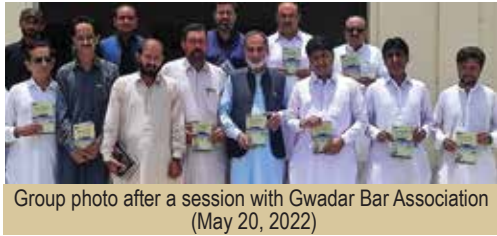
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Soft launch of *Balochistan ki Surat-e-Haal: Masayel ki Nauiyat, Asbab aur Hal*

IPS team, visiting Gwadar for a two-day conference and media conclave, was also invited on the sidelines to the offices of Gwadar Bar Association (GBA), Rural Community Development Council (RCDC) and The Gwadar Post, where they introduced the recent IPS Press publication *Balochistan ki Surat-e-Haal: Masayel ki Nauiyat, Asbab aur Hal* on May 20 and 21, 2022 in three distinct sittings.

The discussion that followed on each occasion covered different aspects and concerns prevailing in the country's largest province, while also deliberated on the solutions of those problems in the light of what is presented in the book.

It is pertinent to mention here that the said book is a part of *Armughan-e-Khurshid* series, which contains speeches and writings of IPS' founder Professor Khurshid Ahmad on a miscellany of contemporary and national issues.



Group photo after a session with Gwadar Bar Association (May 20, 2022)

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World Oceans Day...

in Islamabad on June 7, 2022.

The seminar was addressed by Prof Dr Vasco Becker-Weinburg, president, Portuguese Institute of the Law of the Sea as a keynote speaker. Other speakers and discussants included Khalid Rahman, chairman, IPS, Vice Admiral (ret'd) Abdul Aleem, director general, NIMA, Paulo Neves Pocinho, ambassador of Portugal to Pakistan, Rear Admiral Foad Amin Baig, director general, Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA), Dr Asif Inam, associate professor and head of maritime sciences, Bahria University, and Dr Maliha Zeba Khan, assistant professor, NUML and non-resident research fellow at IPS. The session was moderated by Cdre (r) Bilal Abdul Nasir, director, NIMA.

Macharia Kamau, principal secretary to Kenya's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also expressed his views on the topic through a video message and highlighted the significance of the oceans by pointing out that several nations have been built on the back of oceans. He urged all the stakeholders to act at individual, communal, and governmental levels by transforming their approach and employing scientific innovations.

For complete report, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/blue-talks-enhancing-the-conservation-and-sustainable-use-of-oceans-and-their-resources-by-implementing-international-laws-2/>

Political instability root cause of all troubles, constitutional supremacy critical: IPS-FJWU Seminar



The Constitution of Pakistan has not only been the embodiment of national consensus since the time of its inception but has also served as a binding factor during times of political instability and turmoil. The vision, comprehensiveness, and balance of power provided in the Constitution have enabled it to steer the nation through military rules and political challenges.

These observations were made by speakers at a seminar titled '75 years of Pakistan: Constitution, Public Representation and Governance System', which was co-organized by IPS and

the Department of Law, Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) at the latter's campus in Rawalpindi on May 31, 2022.

The seminar was co-chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and Prof Dr Azra Yasmin, dean Faculty of Law, Commerce Management and Administrative Sciences, FJWU, and moderated by Dr Nadia Khadam, assistant professor and in-charge, Department of Law, FJWU.

The speakers included Dr Ijaz Shafi Gillani, chairman, Gallup Pakistan and Gillani Research Foundation Pakistan, Dr Aziz Ur Rahman, director, School of Law, Quaid-i-Azam University and Dr Shahzad Iqbal Sham, senior research fellow at IPS and author of recently published book *Aa'een-e-Pakistan 1973 aur Islam: Martial Law, Adaliya aur Parliman ka Kirdar*.

Another recently published work based on the senate speeches and academic writings of IPS' founder Professor Khurshid Ahmad, *Aa'een - Ikhtiyarat ka Tawazun aur Tarz-e-Hukmrani* was also screened on the occasion and was introduced to the audience by the IPS Chairman.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/75-years-of-pakistan-constitution-public-representation-and-governance-system/>

Meeting on 'Islamic Social Finance' at CII

Headed by Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman, an IPS delegation visited Council of Islamic Ideology (CII), on April 27, 2022, and had an insightful discussion on the topic of Islamic social finance.

A presentation on the topic was given online from Karachi by Dr Salman Ahmed Shaikh, assistant professor at SZABIST, and principal investigator of IPS' project 'Support to Social Protection including Social Health Protection'.

The presentation was followed by the talks of Chairman IPS and the Institute's Senior Research Fellow Dr Shahzad Iqbal Shaam, after which Chairman CII Dr Qibla Ayaz concluded the discussion. The other participants of the session



included Dr Ikram-ul-Haq, secretary, CII, Naufil Shahrukh, GM Operations at IPS, and the Institute's research team members Wali Farooqi and Hafiz Usama Hameed.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/interactive-discussion-on-islamic-social-finance-at-cii/>

'Federal Budget 2022-23: A Review'

The figures in the provisional budget, presented on June 10, are extremely fluid and would not remain the same in the final budget that will be approved at the end of the month. At this time, the political instability, which is coinciding with the economic instability, has created a critical situation for efficient budget planning and approval.

This was observed during a hybrid seminar titled 'The Federal Budget 2022-23: A Review', organized by IPS on June 16, 2022 to evaluate the federal budget for the next fiscal year and its apparent policy direction,

The session – co-chaired by Professor Dr Abdul Saboor, dean, Social Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, and Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS – was addressed by eminent economic policy analysts including



Dr Abdul Saboor

Abbas Raza, former chairman, National Tariff Commission, Dr Pervaiz Tahir, former chief economist, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Dr Waqar

Masood Khan, former SAPM on revenue and former secretary finance, Zaheeruddin Dar, founder, Centre for International Entrepreneurship and Trade, Dr Salman Ahmed Shaikh, director, Islamic Economics Project, and Mirza Hamid Hassan, former federal secretary.

Zafar ul Hasan Almas, joint chief economist, Planning Commission of Pakistan also participated in the discussion.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/federal-budget-2022-23-a-review/>

Ambiguities in Transgender Act 2018 harming the society; ignoring the plight of intended beneficiaries

The legislative developments in Pakistan on the transgender persons have caused confusion and chaos instead of guaranteeing the rights of the marginalized gender variant population in the country. The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018, has been legislated without recourse to local realities, cultural implications, and judicious safeguards.

These views were presented during a consultation regarding this 2018 legislation at IPS in collaboration with Shaybani Foundation and National Law College, Rawalpindi on June 27, 2022.

The roundtable, moderated by Nadeem Farhat Geelani, senior research officer at IPS, was joined by Advocate Abdur Rahman, Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, Dr Naveed Butt, associate physician in Federal Government Services Hospital, Dr Arooj Arshad, PhD scholar in applied psychology,



Nadeem Kashish

Nadeem Kashish, a known transgender activist, Safdar Hayat, Dr Muhammad Mushtaq Ahmad, professor of law, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), Dr Inamullah, director general (research), Council of Islamic Ideology (CII), Dr Atta Ullah Watto, National Law College, and Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS.

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FSC Judgement on Riba...

research economist, Islamic Research and Training Institute, Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Dr Muhammad Ayub, director research and training, Riphah Center of Islamic Business, Riphah International University (RIU), Dr Atiqzafar Khan, dean, Social Sciences, Riphah International University (RIU), Zafar-ul-Hassan Almas, joint chief economist, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Dr Tahir Mansoori, former vice president, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), Muhammad Farhan-ul-Haq Usmani, executive vice president and head of Shariah audit and advisory, Meezan Bank, and Azeem Pirani, CEO, Pak-Qatar Family Takaful.

For further details, visit:

<https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-roundtable-lauds-fsc-judgement-on-riba-free-economy/>

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Two-day media conclave

Gwadar Port Authority (GPA), Zhang Baozhong, chairman, China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHC), Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Professor Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir, vice chancellor, University of Gwadar, Dr Rashid Aftab, director Riphah Institute of Public Policy (RIPP), Jawad Akhtar Khokhar, advisor, maritime affairs, Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, Dolat Khan, registrar, University of Gwadar, Arsalan Ali, head of investments, Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) and Shahzad Sultan, group head marketing and advisor to the chairman, COPHC.



Jawad Akhtar, advisor, Maritime Affairs, Planning Commission, receiving a memento from Chairman IPS

Speaking on the occasion, Kashani stressed the importance of bringing the locals together through CSR.

"We must prioritize people over infrastructure development. Drinkable water and electricity is the top priority of the authorities in Gwadar", he stated.

Kashani said a desalination plant of about 1.2 million gallons would become operational in six to eight months that would provide drinkable water for the locals.

Moreover, the newly inaugurated state-of-the-art Pak-China Vocational & Technical Training Institute will provide three years' training to local youth, which is a big contribution by our Chinese friends, he added.

"Chinese authorities have also recently provided 3,000 solar panels to the poorest of the poor in Gwadar for the provision of electricity," he informed.

While delivering the keynote speech, Zhang Baozhong, Chairman COPHC, spoke at length about the experiences of his seven-year stay in Gwadar.

For further details, visit:

<https://www.ips.org.pk/csr-initiatives-in-gwadar-the-gateway-to-cpec/>

'Afghan Refugee Situation in Pakistan'



Noorulain Naseem

Pakistan should consider returning Afghan refugees as key human capital and should repatriate them positively as a political investment to improve bilateral relations by devising a political solution and a proper mechanism based on certain push and pull factors, efficient legislation, authentic data, and detailed research.

The notion was shared by Noorulain Naseem, research analyst, IPS and research associate and fellow, Stimson Center, on April 20, 2022, during a session held to explore the thematic interest and scope of her study to be conducted under the auspices of IPS.

'Borderline communities in Cholistan'



Dr Sufi Ghulam Hussain

A webinar titled 'Borderland Ethics and Borderline Communities in Cholistan' was organized by the Dept of Anthropology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Islamia

University of Bahawalpur (IUB), with the active support of IPS team on June 8, 2022.

The session was addressed as keynote speaker and discussant by Dr Ghulam Hussain Sufi, research fellow at IPS, and had Dr Phillip Johannes Zehmisch, senior academic staff at the Heidelberg University, Germany, as the guest speaker. The webinar was also attended by VC-IUB Eng Prof Dr Athar Mehboob and Prof Dr Rubina Bhatti, dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, and head, Dept of Anthropology, IUB.

Use of Islamic precepts in Western behavioral sciences stressed



Dr Fahad Khan

Modern independent psychological paradigms, based on world views, have created weak foundations for the Western mental health system. To reinforce the foundations

of clinical mental healthcare and contemporary psychology, the integration of Islamic precepts and contemporary behavioral sciences is important as it can provide an ever-evolving paradigm of psychological treatment rooted in Islamic theology.

The view was expressed by Dr Fahad Khan, deputy director, Khalil Center, a psychological wellness center in the US rooted in Islamic theology, during a hybrid session 'Dilemma of Muslims in the West' held on June 21, 2022.

Syed Abu Ahmad Akif & Dr Saif Malik join IPS as senior research fellows



Continuing to reinforce its faculty with senior policy practitioners and academics, IPS has inducted two new senior research fellows: Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, former federal secretary, and Brig (ret'd) Dr Muhammad Saif ur Rehman Malik, TI(M). The duo, who have joined the Institute from the end of this quarter, on honorary basis, will be contributing towards the Institute's work with their knowledge and expertise in the fields of public policy and governance, and security and strategic affairs, respectively.

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.

Activities in Gwadar & Turbat



MoU and interactive session at University of Turbat (May 17, 2022)



MoU and interactive session at University of Gwadar (May 18, 2022)



Meeting Gwadar's literati at Rural Community Development Council (May 20, 2022)



Meeting with Mujeeb ur Rehman Qambrani, DG, Gwadar Development Authority (May 11, 2022)



Meeting with The Gwadar Post team (May 20, 2022)



Visiting Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman (May 20, 2022)

Pakistan-Afghanistan must take measures to overcome their lack of trust: VC-IPS Amb (r) Abrar Hussain

IPS' Vice Chairman Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain was invited by Pak Afghan Youth Forum to speak at the 10th session of Pak-Afghan storytelling series, titled 'Stories We Live By' on May 13, 2022, with



a view to learn some insights and interesting stories from his illustrious diplomatic service tenures for Pakistan in Afghanistan.

Sharing his views on the occasion, Hussain maintained that Pakistan has been constantly extending humanitarian aid and assistance to Afghanistan for many years; the bilateral relations between the two countries, however, have remained far from ideal as some segments from Afghanistan have continued to look at Pakistan with suspicion.

The case of Pakistan's power sector presented at Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue, 2022

IPS presented the case of Pakistan's power sector at Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue, 2022 – an international platform hosted by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany – on April 1, 2022.

The platform invites leaders and prominent figures of the world community to discuss and share their insights on energy transition and carbon neutrality for making a general consent on fighting the climate change impact. The Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue, 2022 was especially significant as it was meant to discuss, assess and drive global attention towards the realization of the mutually agreed goals of greener and cleaner co-existence.



IPS, on the occasion, was represented by Hamza Naeem, a researcher from the Institute's Energy, Water and Climate Change desk, who presented the case of Pakistan on integration and planning for implementing the global 2030 ambitions.

IPS, PBI to raise awareness and capacity for Blockchain

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between IPS and Pakistan Blockchain Institute (PBI) on April 1, 2022, aimed at fostering cooperation between the two organizations to promote ICT related policy and governance, as well as to spread awareness in the country over emerging technologies, especially Blockchain.



Senior academics from Karachi visit IPS

Renowned historian and author, former chairperson, Department of Islamic History, University of Karachi, and founder of Qirtas (an academic publishing venture) Prof Dr Nigar Sajjad Zaheer, and Dr Sohail Shafiq, associate professor and chairman, Department of Islamic History, University of Karachi, visited IPS on June 20, 2022, and held a detailed meeting with the Institute's team on the topics of mutual interests.



It was also decided in the meeting that IPS Press – the publishing and bookselling arm of IPS – will sign a distribution agreement with Qirtas to promote its publications in Pakistan, as well as abroad.

IPS, NUML explore areas for collaboration

A two-member delegation from National University of Modern Languages (NUML) visited IPS on April 15, 2022, to jointly explore areas for future collaboration, particularly in the domain of governance and public policy.



The visitors included Dr Mustafeez Ahmed Alvi, dean, Social Sciences, and Dr Syed Waqas Ali Kausar, HoD, Governance and Public Policy. IPS was represented by Chairman Khalid Rahman, GM Operations Naufil Shahrugh, Manager Outreach Shafaq Sarfraz, and the Institute's research faculty, whereas senior academician, policy practitioner and member, IPS National Academic Council Dr Syed Tahir Hijazi was also present on the occasion.

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.

'Role and importance of research institutions' – An interactive session with the students of LUMS



workers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders.

This, alongside other important aspects of research institutions was highlighted on June 9, 2022 during an interactive session held with the visiting students of LUMS

(Lahore University of Management Sciences), who had taken an initiative to establish a new research centre within their university.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/role-and-importance-of-research-institutions-an-interactive-session-with-the-students-of-lums/>

Where the coherence and comprehensiveness of a research work is essential to make it relevant to the concurrent needs, the role of research institutions can also not be undermined in this regard as they can help forge an impact on policymaking corridors by reiterating the study's outcomes through their network of knowledge

Exposure visit of students of History deptt, Quaid-i-Azam University



This was held by Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman while delivering a presentation titled 'Kashmir Situation: Setting the Framework for Research Work on the Issue' during his talk with the undergrad students of Quaid-i-Azam University

(QAU), Islamabad, who were visiting IPS on May 24, 2022 on an exposure trip. Hailing from the History Department of the University, the students were in the midst of a newly introduced course on Kashmir and their visit to IPS was aimed at learning about the Institute, its activities, and the contributions it has made over the years on a number of issues, especially on the matters relating to Kashmir affairs.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/exposure-visit-of-students-of-history-deptt-quaid-i-azam-university/>

Notwithstanding the fact that Kashmir is the oldest unresolved issue present on the agenda of the UN Security Council since 1949, India has remained unchecked for blocking all efforts made for its resolution thus far. There is a dire need to encompass the anomaly in the research and academic work being produce in Pakistan, and young scholars and academics can play their part in this regard by highlighting the intricacies of the matter and exposing the hollowness of the Indian stance over the issue on the back of a comprehensive and evidence-based research.

The Living Scripts | An oral history project to record life and times of veteran civil servants



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 Mirza Hamid Hasan, former federal secretary, Water and Power and member, IPS-National Academic Council (NAC). The sessions with Hasan were held on March 4 and May 27, 2022, whereas more sittings with the former civil servant are scheduled for the next quarter.

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

A talk on faith conversions and Shah Latif at NIPS

IPS Research Fellow Dr Ghulam Hussain Sufi delivered a talk on 'Faith Conversions and Shah Latif' at the National Institute of Pakistan Studies (NIPS), Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad on June 7, 2022. The talk was attended by PhD students who had opted Shah Latif and interfaith harmony as the requirement for their final semester seminar.

Dr Sufi apprised the students of the latest trends in research being done on Shah Latif and shed light on his study recently conducted at IPS on faith conversions in Sindh.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/a-talk-on-faith-conversions-and-shah-latif-at-nips/>

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- ▶ Portugal has vast experience of marine affairs and Pakistan can benefit from it in many ways
- ▶ Managing oceans require a holistic approach – Prof Dr Vasco Becker-Weinburg
- ▶ Countries need to change their attitude towards the ocean – R/Adm Foad Amin Baig HI(M)
- ▶ Need to recognize concerning issues & create awareness about the oceans – Chairman IPS
- ▶ Maritime threats lack serious consideration by the states – Dr Maliha Zeba Khan
- ▶ Through military operation, Russia wants to show the world that its back on world stage – Dr Akis
- ▶ 'Russia-Ukraine War: Challenges for India': Dr Asma Shakir Khawaja
- ▶ Dr Shahida Wizarat sharing her thoughts on Pakistan's Economy
- ▶ 'Islamic Approach to Governance' – Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman
- ▶ "To shift the mindset of people from colonial influence, we need to study our history"
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- ▶ "Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act does not annul the marriage": Sardar Akbar
- ▶ 'Those generating the rhetoric of forced conversion are not secular, but anti-religion'
- ▶ "Dalit women become victim of domestic violence once they embrace Islam and marry"
- ▶ 'Curbing suicides and rape issues more important for Dalits than forced conversion' – Dileep
- ▶ "We accept family conversion but not individual conversion" – Pastor Ghazala

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The latest issue of the journal includes:

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- ▶ Comment | Russia-Ukraine War: Harbinger of a Global Shift

Author: Ilya Kusa

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Author: Dr Maliha Zeba Khan
- ▶ Research Article | Pooling Regional Energy between China, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, CARs, and Russia
Author: Moaz Altaf
- ▶ Research Article | Renewable Energy Based Distributed Generation in Pakistan
Author: M Hamza Naeem
- ▶ Comment | IMF Support Arrangement for Pakistan
Author: Fasih Uddin
- ▶ Comment | Hindu Nationalism
Author: Dr Roger van Zwabenberg
- ▶ Book Review | The Mosques of Colonial South Asia: A Social and Legal History of Muslim Worship
Reviewer: Dr Muhammad Reza Kazimi
- ▶ Dialogue at IPS

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/policy-perspectives-volume-19-issue-1-2022/>

Nuqta-e-Nazar (Issue No. 42)



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 Volume: 42
 Pages: 200
 Price: PKR800/-
 Annual Subscription: PKR1500/- | PKR1600/- (by courier)
 Export: \$18 (per copy) | \$32 (Annual Int'l Subscription)

The 42nd issue of

Nuqta-e-Nazar is now published. Being brought out diligently by senior IPS associate Dr Safir Akhtar since 1996-97, the bi-annual journal provides in-depth reviews and commentaries on Urdu books, especially on the topics of Islam and Pakistan. The forty-second edition of the book offers in-depth reviews on books published on the topics of Islam, Pakistan, education, Iqbaliyat, travelogues, Urdu literature, children literature, etc.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/nuqta-e-nazar-issue-no-42/>

Maghrib aur Islam (No. 48): Hijab, Qanoon aur Muslim Shanakht



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 Issue: 48
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 Pages: 182
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One of the most important and fundamental values of Western civilization is the freedom of an individual. But in the

last two decades, and in recent years in particular, the tendency of Western governments, institutions and some scholars regarding the hijab seems to contradict this value of the West itself.

As Muslim immigrants have turn to the West, the Western societies, intellectuals, and government laws have increasingly been taking a hard line against the hijab. However, there is a section in the West itself that is critical of this trend and the measures that point to it.

The scholarly articles in this collection examine Islamophobia, the veil, the hijab, and restrictions on the construction of mosque minarets in Western and some Muslim countries. These articles point out why the West continues to be confused about the hijab, despite the general concept of individual freedom? Also, what kind of problems the laws and administrative measures related to hijab in the Western countries are being caused to the Muslim citizens, immigrants and tourists of these countries. Adopting a secular interpretation under the influence of Western thought, some Muslim countries are also imposing restrictions on Muslim women in terms of dress and seemingly preferring secular values over Muslim society, culture and civilization.

This Western narrative can only be countered and refuted by its critique of the arguments of the Qur'an and Sunnah and the unforgivable narrative of Muslim sociologists. Unless Muslim scholars present their narratives on the basis of scientific arguments with an awareness of these ground realities, young Muslim men and women will be influenced by Western narratives and remain skeptical about their religion.

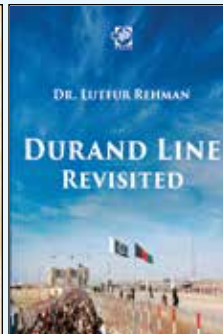
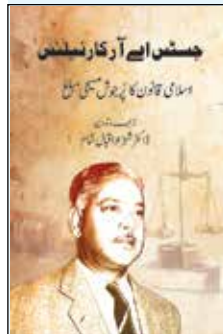
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