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Quarter in Focus

Citing the significance of Indian general elections for the South Asian region, particularly Indian held Kashmir, IPS held a couple of sessions on the topic in the period under its ongoing series of programs '10 years of BJP rule in India', attempting to study the results of 18th Lok Sabha polls and its likely impact on the region. It was analyzed that despite the decline in BJP's dominance, no significant shift in Indian policies was to be expected as the opposition alliance largely mirrors the same approach on fundamental issues as BJP. The need for uniting the voices and resources against the ongoing atrocities by India in Kashmir was stressed in another session which highlighted the role that the Govt. of Pakistan, the Kashmiri diaspora, civil society, think tanks and the academia need to play in this regard.

The concept of nationalism and its divisive implications were questioned in another session particularly in view of Israeli aggression in Gaza and the global complicity in this genocide, whereas the issues like biased media representation fueling anti-Muslim sentiments and the recent rise of Islamophobic populism in the West were the topics of two other discussions.

IPS partnered with the Institute of Political Science, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland, and the Department of International Relations, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST), Karachi, to host a panel discussion on the new world order as an opportunity for the development of the global south, held as part of the 2nd International Scientific Conference jointly held in Poland and Pakistan, while another one of its longstanding partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) resulted in organizing a two-day workshop on humanitarian journalism during armed conflicts and emergencies.

The Institute's collaboration with Bahria University, Islamabad yielded a lecture on seventy-five years of Objectives Resolution, as well as an insightful discussion contemplating the issues and challenges pertaining to child protection in Pakistan. Another session on the related topics of child labor and child abuse was also held in the period in collaboration with SPIRE (Social Action for Progression Innovation, Research, and Education).

The quarter also saw the Institute holding the launch of *Quranic Covenants: An Introduction*, a book penned down by former federal law minister and law expert Ahmer Bilal Soofi.

IPS' vice chairman represented IPS in a seminar held in Lahore on the subject of confronting terrorism, whereas chairman IPS delivered lectures to the visiting students of Qaid-i-Azam University, Riphah Institute of Public Policy, and the participants of Da'wah Academy's 39th Human Resource Development Program, on the topics of public administration and policy development in Pakistan.

The Institute's research in the quarter produced briefs on the ongoing student protests in the US

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'Global Struggle for Kashmir: The Role of Think Tanks'

Despite the illegitimate maneuvering and exploitative Indian initiatives against the right to self-determination, the people of Kashmir stand firm in their aspirations and have not lost hope. It has become urgent and crucial for Pakistan to develop a tangible plan for strategic narrative building, effective communication, and proactive diplomacy of the issue. This has to be taken forward by uniting the voices and resources of the over two million strong Kashmiri diaspora along with their Pakistani counterparts, including think tanks, academics, diplomats, and government.

This was observed by Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai, an eminent Kashmiri leader and secretary general of the World Kashmir Awareness Forum (WKAFF), during a session on 'Global Struggle for Kashmir: The Role of Think Tanks' held on May 22, 2024.

The forum was also addressed by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Nazeer Ahmed Qureshi, chairman World Kashmir Freedom Movement (WKFM), Muzzammil Ayub Thakur, president WKFM, Zafar Qureshi, WKFM, Dr Sheikh Waleed

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'The New International Order: An Opportunity for the Development of the Global South'

In the evolving global landscape, the Global South has an opportunity to consolidate its influence and recognition as a unified force in international development. By embracing shared principles like mutual respect, collaborative governance, and inclusive development, these nations can effectively tackle challenges, navigate complexities, and contribute to a more sustainable global order.

This was observed by speakers during a panel discussion on 'The New International Order as an Opportunity for the Development of the Global South', held on June 12, 2024, as a part of the 2nd International Scientific Conference on

'New World Order: in Statu Nascendi', jointly organized in Poland and Pakistan on June 11-12, 2024.

The conference was co-organized by the Institute of Political Science, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland, and the Department of International Relations, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST), Karachi. The two-day conference convened

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Dr Tahir Hijazi

Humanitarian journalism can save lives in emergency situations: Insights from IPS-ICRC Media Workshop



Dr Ziaullah Rahmani

Journalists, by acting as the eyes and ears of both the government and the public, play a crucial role in emergencies. During natural disasters or deadly conflicts, accurate and timely information can save lives by directing humanitarian actors to the areas needing immediate attention and by identifying irregularities. In this regard, to avoid misinformation during chaos and uncertainty, reporters and analysts must have a proper understanding of emergency dynamics.

This was discussed by experts at the two-day regional workshop for the editors of religious

journals. The workshop was organized to equip the participants with the tools and techniques for reporting and analyzing the situations caused by armed conflicts and emergencies, and was co-organized by IPS and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Lahore on June 26 and 27, 2024.

The workshop was conducted by Syed Nadeem Farhat, research fellow IPS, Dr Ziaullah Rahmani, regional adviser for Shariah, ICRC, Dr Yasir Riaz, humanitarian officer in the UN, Waqar Bhatti, seasoned health journalist, and Tariq Habib, senior investigative journalist. The concluding session of the workshop was attended by Syed Wagas Ur Rahman, general secretary Al-Khidmat Foundation Pakistan, Dr Mian Muhammad

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Book Launch | Quranic Covenants: An Introduction



Allah's engagement with humans occurs through multiple tiers, each of which is a distinct covenant in its own right. Although the Quran is perceived as a religious text containing guidance for believers, a deeper exploration reveals that it embodies a unique contractual

identity: a covenant between Allah and His creations.

This was discussed by Ahmer Bilal Soofi, a law expert and former federal law minister, during the launching ceremony of his book *Quranic Covenants: An Introduction*, organized by IPS on April 24, 2024. The event brought together scholars, educators, and community members and featured a panel discussion that delved into the profound insights offered by Soofi's exploration of the Quran's structure and message.

The panel discussion, moderated by Syed Nadeem Farhat, research fellow at IPS, was chaired by Honorable Justice Dr Khalid Masood, Supreme Court of Pakistan, and

joined by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, Honorable Justice Federal Shariat Court Dr Syed Mohammad Anwer, and distinguished figures from various fields, including religious and legal scholars, university educators, and researchers.

In his introductory remarks, Soofi mentioned that there are numerous levels at which Allah connects with the believers and the non-believers, and each connection is a separate legal arrangement, encompassing both spiritual devotion and the universal order. In this regard, he emphasized the importance of delving into the Quran's legal architecture, noting its relative underexposure in existing scholarship.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/book-launch-quranic-covenants-an-introduction/>

'Review of Rizwana Case – The Faces of Child Abuse and Child Labour in Pakistan'



Adv Sharafat Ali

The Rizwana Abuse Case serves as a stark reminder of the collective responsibility to protect and uphold the rights of all children, ensuring they are afforded a safe and nurturing environment to thrive. As the trial progresses, there is hope

that justice will be served, and the case will serve as a catalyst for greater awareness, advocacy, and action to combat child abuse in Pakistan.

This was discussed during an event titled 'Review of Rizwana Case – The Faces of Child Abuse and Child Labour in Pakistan', held at IPS and hosted by SPIRE (Social Action for Progression Innovation, Research, and Education), an independent initiative under the social work umbrella of NEAD Foundation, on April 26, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness, foster discussion, and advocate for children's rights in Pakistani society.

The session was mainly addressed by Sharafat Ali Chaudhry, advocate high court and criminal justice expert with UNFPA, while educators, activists, policymakers, legal professionals, and concerned citizens also participated in the discussion.

'Understanding Islamophobia in Europe'

As the June 2024 European Parliament elections draw near, the political landscape across Europe is experiencing significant shifts, marked by the rise of right-wing populist parties. These populist parties across the continent are instrumental in fostering anti-Muslim sentiments. These parties, unified in their opposition to liberal democracy and immigration, are becoming influential in European politics.



Maryam Khan

Maryam Khan, an IPS alumni who studied 'Islamophobia in Europe' as part of her doctoral thesis in Türkiye, shared her research findings during a session held at IPS on May 17, 2024. Her research sheds light on the increasing prevalence of Islamophobia within European societies.

'The Crisis of the Nation-State System: Quest for a Viable Alternative'

Amidst global turmoil and evolving dynamics, scholars and political scientists must re-evaluate the concept of nationalism and its divisive implications. The current state of the world calls for a more inclusive and compassionate approach to governance based on moral principles and humane values. A reimagined caliphate as a confederation of governments would uphold universal human rights and foster solidarity among diverse communities.

This was suggested by Dr Ovamir Anjum, renowned scholar and Imam Khattab Endowed Chair of Islamic Studies at the University of Toledo, US, during a lecture on 'The Crisis of the Nation-State System: Quest for a Viable Alternative' held on April 4, 2024.

Dr Anjum highlighted that nationalism, while often touted as a unifying ideology, has served as a divisive factor within societies. It can exacerbate existing social, economic, and political tensions and lead to exclusionary



Dr Ovamir Anjum

practices where nationalist affiliations may unleash havoc, as is evident today in Israeli aggression in Gaza and global complicity in the genocide. He also underscored that at the core of nationalism lies fabricated notions of identity, which undermine the inherent equality of all human beings.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/the-crisis-of-the-nation-state-system-quest-for-a-viable-alternative/>

'US Muslims, Their Philanthropic Contributions, and Impact of Islamophobia'

Anti-Muslim prejudice in the West is largely fueled by biased media portrayal and stereotypical representation, reinforcing negative perceptions. Additionally, political institutions exploit and amplify these prejudices for their own gain, further deepening discriminatory attitudes.

This was observed by Dr Abdul Samad, assistant director of the Muslim Philanthropy Initiative at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, who delivered a lecture on 'US Muslims, Their Philanthropic Contributions, and Impact of Islamophobia' on May 7, 2024. The session was joined by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and moderated by Abdullah Adnan, research fellow, IPS.

Despite comprising only 1.1% of the total population in the US, American Muslims make significant philanthropic contributions. He noted that Muslims in the US face socio-economic challenges but still donate approximately \$4.3 billion annually, demonstrating their commit-



ment to charitable causes, including for places of worship, overseas relief, civil rights, domestic relief, Covid-19, and other avenues.

He further underscored the diversity of the Muslim community and the challenges they face due to anti-Muslim sentiments and Islamophobia.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/us-muslims-their-philanthropic-contributions-and-impact-of-islamophobia/>

'Indian 18th Lok Sabha Elections: Results and Realities'



Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and moderated by Syed Nadeem Farhat, senior research fellow at IPS. The speakers included Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, Iftikhar Gillani, Ankara-based senior Kashmiri journalist, Brig (r) Said Nazir, defense and security analyst, Farzana Yaqoob, former AJ&K minister and secretary IPS Working Group on Kashmir, and Usama Hameed, an IPS associate.

The BJP's dominance in the Indian political landscape is poised to decline with the rise of a strong opposition in the parliament and the assertive stance of a consolidated Muslim electorate against the Hindu exclusionist parties. This sets the stage for a significant shift, potentially necessitating a more moderate approach from the BJP to adapt to the evolving political environment.

These views were expressed by speakers at a session titled 'Indian 18th Lok Sabha Elections: Results and Realities' organized on June 13, 2024. The session was chaired by

Highlighting a significant shift in the Indian electorate's behavior, Iftikhar Gillani noted that voters prioritized local candidate performance over Modi's popularity. He noted the BJP's slogan "Abki Baar 400 Paar" lacked empirical support while it was aimed at securing a parliamentary majority to amend the Indian Constitution. This agenda has raised concerns among minorities and Dalits about losing their special rights, and worked in favor of the Indian National Congress.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/indian-18th-lok-sabha-elections-results-and-realities/>

Political will and integrated strategies key to enhancing child protection efforts



Khalid Naeem

It is imperative to engage political leadership to foster greater responsiveness to child rights and child protection issues and address the lack of commitment among concerned officials to achieve meaningful progress in child welfare.

Additionally, a comprehensive and proactive strategy that integrates education, technology, policy, and community support is essential. By combining these approaches, we can create a safer and more enriching digital environment for children, ensuring their well-being and rights are upheld in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

This was concluded during a session on 'Children and Child Protection Issues in Terms of Climate Change and Other Environmental Stresses' held at Bahria University, Islamabad, in collaboration with IPS on May 21, 2024.

The session was addressed by Syed Nadeem Farhat, senior research fellow, IPS, Ameena Sohail, research associate, IPS, Khalid Naeem, senior member, National Commission on the Rights of Child (NCRC), Syed Ishtiaq Gilani, national coordinator for Child Rights Movement, Safiya Aftab, executive director, Verso Consulting, and Haris Ali Shah, assistant manager, Hashoo Foundation.

Nadeem Farhat briefed on key international conventions such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Convention against Torture, and International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.



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'Understanding Indian Ambitions in Changing Domestic Dynamics'



Dr Asma S Khawaja

Dr Syed Muhammad Ali

The shifting dynamics of power and influence in India, due to the setback for BJP in the recent elections, reflect a symbolic change but it remains inconclusive and merely marks the beginning of a transformation process.

Although it may appear that the BJP's popularity has declined due to the advances made by the INDIA alliance, but in substance the opposition's approach towards most issues mirrors that of the BJP. Historical events such as the 1965 and 1971 wars and the Babri Masjid demolition during Congress rule demonstrate this similarity. Additionally, the redistribution of votes is largely attributed to the Muslim-Dalit alliance rather than a genuine decline in the BJP's influence.

While the centralization of power within the BJP is unlikely to decrease significantly even in a coalition government, increased legislative checks and balances on the BJP, along with an expansion of civil society space, are expected. This indicates that the current political landscape is in a "to be watched" phase, with both strengthening and weakening factors at play for the coalition, both internally and externally.

These views were expressed during a session titled 'Understanding Indian Ambitions in Changing Domestic Dynamics' held on June 25, 2024. The session was chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, and moderated by Ambassador Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, while the keynote speech was delivered by Dr Syed Muhammad Ali, a policy analyst and strategist. The other speakers included Dr Khurram Abbas, director India Study Center, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad, Dr Asma Shakir Khawaja, executive director, Center for International Strategic Studies AJK, and Brig (r) Said Nazir, a defense analyst.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/understanding-indian-ambitions-in-changing-domestic-dynamics/>

'75 Years of Objectives Resolution: Impact and Significance'



Syed Muaz Shah

Renewing efforts to understand and uphold the Objectives Resolution as the cornerstone of

Pakistan's identity must be seen as a collective duty, given its profound capacity to foster national cohesion and solidarity.

In current times, where unity and harmony are paramount, the Objectives Resolution reminds citizens of their shared values and collective responsibility towards building a prosperous and inclusive society. By reinvigorating efforts to understand and honor its essence, it is particularly the responsibility of Pakistani youth to strengthen the national social fabric and reaffirm the nation's commitment to the principles of democracy, freedom, and equality enshrined within its constitutional framework.

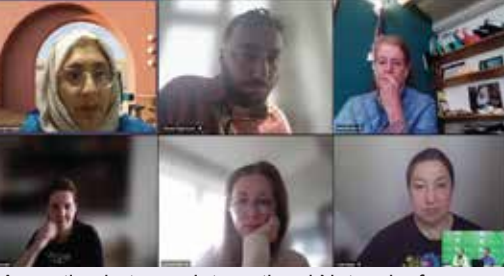
This was the conclusion of a lecture titled '75 Years of Objectives Resolution: Impact and Significance', organized by IPS in collaboration with the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), Bahria University Islamabad Campus on April 23, 2024.

Researcher, scholar, and public speaker Syed Muaz Shah delivered the lecture. IPS' Senior Research Fellow Syed Nadeem Farhat chaired the sitting while Dean HSS Dr Adam Saud delivered the Vote of thanks.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/75-years-of-objectives-resolution-impact-and-significance/>

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.

IPS and INETTT explore avenues for future collaboration in energy transition



A meeting between International Network of Energy Transition Think Tanks (INETTT) and IPS, held on May 27, 2024, marked another step forward in their three-year association focused on energy transition and policy development. This meeting set the stage for further collaboration aimed at fostering advancements in the energy sector.

The key representatives from IPS on the occasion included Syed Nadeem Farhat, acting head of operations and senior research fellow; Aameena Sohail, energy expert and member, IPS' Energy Steering Committee, and Muhammad Wali Farooqi, research officer, whereas INETTT was represented in the meeting by Director Rabia Ferroukhi, Project Leads Lidia Wojtal and Laura El-Katiri, and Operations Officer Ahmet Ozgür Çınar.

INETTT commended IPS for its substantial contributions to the energy sector, recognizing the think tank's pivotal role in driving research and policy development. Both institutions expressed a strong commitment to continuing their collaborative efforts, emphasizing the potential for their partnership to make significant strides in the field of energy transition.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-and-inettt-explore-avenues-for-future-collaboration-in-energy-transition/>

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Rasool, Kashmiri academician and activist, Ghulam Muhammad Safi, convener, Tehreek-e-Hurriyat Jammu and Kashmir, and Abdur Rashid Turabi, leader of Jamaat-e-Islami AJ&K. The session was moderated by Syed Nadeem Farhat, research fellow, IPS.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/global-struggle-for-kashmir-the-role-of-think-tanks/>

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distinguished scholars, policymakers, and experts from across the globe to deliberate on the transformative dynamics shaping the new world order.

The discussion, chaired by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, was addressed by Dr Safdar Sohail, executive director, Social Protection Resource Centre, Dr Syed Tahir Hijazi, economist and former member Planning Commission, Brig (r) Said Nazir, security and defense analyst, and Dr Du Fang, associate professor, Sichuan University, China, while Dr Azhar Ahmad, IPS associate, moderated the discussion.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/the-new-international-order-an-opportunity-for-the-development-of-the-global-south/>

Neighborhood diplomacy is crucial in mitigating terrorism, says VC-IPS

In addition to directly fighting against terrorism and addressing the root causes, diplomatic engagement with neighboring countries is also a critical component of a comprehensive strategy to combat and mitigate terrorism. It strengthens regional cooperation, improves security measures, disrupts terrorist networks, and presents a united front against terrorist threats.

This was noted by Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman IPS, who was speaking at a seminar, titled 'Confronting Terrorism: Strategies for Pakistan in 2024', held at Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS), Lahore, on May 23, 2024. The session was also addressed by Dr Kaleem Imam, former IG, Air Marshal (r) Asim Suleiman, president CASS, Air Commodore (r) Khalid Iqbal, director CASS, and Muhammad Fayyaz, a security analyst.

Presenting his paper on the 'Diplomatic Engagement with Neighboring Countries for Mitigating Terrorist Threat', Ambassador Syed Abrar Hussain said Pakistan has faced terrorism



for over two decades, with some terrorist groups finding refuge in neighboring countries and India supporting terrorism in Pakistan through direct and indirect means. Meanwhile, terrorist attacks in Pakistan have surged since the Taliban's victory in Afghanistan.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/neighborhood-diplomacy-is-crucial-in-mitigating-terrorism-says-ambassador-abrar/>

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Akram, chairman Association for Academic Quality (AFAQ), Dr Hassan Shakeel, HoD Islamic Culture and Civilization, UMT, and Dr Sajid Iqbal, religious scholar.

The first day of the workshop revolved around enhancing the capacity of journalists and editors by introducing them to humanitarian services, changing dynamics of human tragedies in the wake of climate change and technological advancements, philanthropy, humanitarian organizations, relevant international laws, various information-gathering strategies, and different forms of human tragedies.

On the second day of the workshop, the participants understood the fundamental principles of humanitarian organizations and explored the significance of the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, volunteerism, universality, and unity, in dealing with complex situations of humanitarian crises.

For further details, visit:
<https://www.ips.org.pk/humanitarian-journalism-during-armed-conflicts-and-emergencies/>

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for Gaza, Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline, and challenges and opportunities for SAARC, whereas a book 'Yaadein Unki, Baatein Hamari', reflecting on IPS' Patron-in-Chief Professor Khurshid Ahmad's association and memories with the renowned leaders of Muslim Ummah, was also published.



Chairman IPS Khalid Rahman addressing a pre-conference workshop on 'Comprehensive Unit Based Safety Programs', organized at IPS by Ali Medical Center (May 9, 2024).



Delegation from Gazze Destek Organization (GDD - Gazze Destek Demeği) from Istanbul, Turkey, visits IPS (May 7, 2024).

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.

Nexus between good governance, public administration signified before the students of Quaid-i-Azam University

Consistency and stability are key ingredients for good governance. For that, achieving a reasonable consensus among all stakeholders is crucial, not merely for the sake of agreement, but to attain specific, meaningful objectives.

This was observed by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, during a lecture on governance to the students of the Public Administration Society, Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), Islamabad, who were visiting the Institute on May 29, 2024.

Talking about the nexus of governance and public administration, Khalid Rahman said that effective governance is fundamentally based on a visionary approach and a dedicated, sincere team that prioritizes public interest over

individual interests. This vision and sincerity are the cornerstones for leveraging collective benefits, ensuring that governance serves the greater good rather than personal gains. He underscored the significance of mental development and mindset in fostering effective governance.



For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/nexus-between-good-governance-public-administration-signified-before-the-students-of-quaid-i-azam-university/>

Innovative, progressive leadership critical to tackle modern issues of public policy

Tackling modern, complicated issues require innovative leadership in public policy, along with coming up with solutions that promote sustainable growth. It guarantees progressive governance, effectively addressing the changing needs of the society and advancing long-term prosperity.

This was said by Khalid Rahman, chairman IPS, while delivering a lecture to the students of Riphah Institute of Public Policy (RIPP), Riphah International University (RIU), who were visiting IPS on May 16, 2023. The student delegation, led by Zubair Safdar, a faculty member at RIPP, was also addressed by Syed Nadeem Farhat, senior research fellow at IPS.

During the interactive session, Khalid Rahman conducted an exercise to highlight the diversity of perspectives and varying levels of attention to detail among individuals. By doing so, he emphasized the importance of meticulousness in professional fields such as public policy,



where different viewpoints and careful analysis are crucial for effective policy formulation and implementation.

Following the exercise, Chairman IPS spoke about the significance of innovative leadership in the policy process. He emphasized that public policy serves as a vital tool for governments to fulfill their responsibilities to citizens through actions defined by the Constitution which needs innovative leadership to be successful.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/innovative-progressive-leadership-critical-to-tackle-modern-issues-of-public-policy-chairman-ips/>

Pakistan's response to global events, regional stability discussed

Pakistan must strive to become economically and politically stable, forge better economic relations with regional countries, and create economic stakes for neighboring states.

This was discussed during an interactive session with the delegation of participants of the 39th Human Resource Development Program (HRDP), organized by Da'wah Academy for the officers of the armed forces of Pakistan, who visited IPS on May 15, 2024.

The visit aimed to introduce the professionals to the operation and role of think tanks in the policymaking environment of a country.

The visiting delegation, headed by Dr Abdul Fareed Brohi, chairperson training department, Da'wah Academy, was addressed by Ambassador (r) Syed Abrar Hussain, vice chairman, IPS, and Syed Nadeem Farhat, senior research

fellow, IPS.

Nadeem Farhat introduced the delegates to IPS' background, areas of research, contributions to different national and global issues, and strong institutional relationships and linkages with several universities and educational institutions in Pakistan and abroad to facilitate research on a variety of policy-oriented topics.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/pakistans-response-to-global-events-regional-stability-discussed-as-dawah-academy-39th-hrdp-participants-visit-ips/>



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Yaadein Unki, Baatein Hamari - Muslim Duniya ke Quaideen ke Saath Meri Yaadein



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About the Book

In the twentieth century, despite colonial dominance, Islamic revival movements emerged in different regions of the world, which took on the task of reshaping Islamic thought in response to contemporary ideologies. Despite verbal and geographical distances, a unity of thought existed among the leaders of these movements, and Islam, as a system of life, was their common slogan.

Professor Khurshid Ahmad is one of the leaders

who has maintained close relations with Islamic movements around the world. The book in question, *Yaadein unki, Baatein Hamari*, contains glimpses of this closeness. The duration of writing these articles spans the past six decades. Although these articles contain sketches, biographies, and occasionally a critical style, in reality, they are a means of remembering personal and movement-related connections and distant and close companionships. This collection includes detailed and sometimes brief mentions of the personalities and movement services of these great men.

This delightful narrative mentions those individuals who fought the battle for the revival of Islam against human tyranny in their respective countries. Despite the tactics of oppression and coercion, they remained steadfast in their mission and, following the same path, met their creator.

This is the first volume in the series *Yaadein Unki, Baatein Hamari*, but it is also a continuation of the book series 'Armughan-e-Khurshid'.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/yaadein-unki-baatein-hamari/>

Research

Students' Revolution: Shifting the Political Discourse in America

University students at over 150 colleges across the US are protesting against the Zionist regime's genocidal actions in Gaza, marking one of the largest protest movements since the civil rights and anti-war eras. The protesters demand their institutions divest from companies supporting Israel and end academic ties with Israeli institutions. This movement is reshaping US perspectives on Israel and global governance. Despite resistance from university administrations and increased surveillance, students persist, driven by humanitarian concerns. The movement tests the US government's commitment to human rights and freedom of expression, emphasizing the importance of maintaining these freedoms in an era of globalization.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/students-revolution-shifting-the-political-discourse-in-america/>

Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline: Navigating Complexities of International Relations

The rapid demographic expansion in Pakistan raises significant concerns, particularly regarding escalating energy demands. Historically, gas was the primary source of thermal power generation, but due to the decline in gas reserves in the last decade, its contribution to power generation has dropped significantly.

The Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project stands as a testament to the enduring partnership between the two nations and the potential for regional cooperation in the energy sector. Despite challenges stemming from international sanctions and geopolitical tensions, recent developments signal some progress toward realizing this vital infrastructure initiative.

For further details, visit: <https://www.ips.org.pk/iran-pakistan-gas-pipeline-navigating-complexities-of-international-relations/>

Reinvigorating SAARC: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Road Ahead

SAARC's socio-economic and geopolitical relevance is significant due to the diverse and strategic positions of its member countries. However, political tensions, varying economic interests, and bilateral conflicts, especially between India and Pakistan, have impacted its effectiveness, making political commitment and trust crucial for further progress. A revitalized SAARC can enhance regional and global stability by fostering cooperation, addressing common challenges, and promoting inclusive growth.

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