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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of International Relations, University of Karachi is the oldest Department in the field of International Relations in Pakistan. It was established in 1958 and has the honor of offering Bachelor of Studies (BS), Master of Studies (MS), M.Phil and Ph.D. programs. Prior to its formation, the Department was under General History Department and Professor Dr. Mahmud Hussain was its founding Chairman. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Ahsen Chaudhry succeeded Prof. Hussain as the Chairman of the Department. He was followed by Prof. Dr. Ahmed Abdul Kadeer, Prof. Dr. Mujtaba Razvi, Prof. Shameem Akhtar, Prof. Dr. Talat A. Wizarat, Prof. Syed Sikander Mehdi, Prof. Dr. Khalida Ghous, Prof. Dr. Moonis Ahmar, Prof. Dr. Shaista Tabassum and

Prof. Dr. Mutahir Ahmed. Presently, Dr. Naeem Ahmed is the Chairperson of the Department. The Department has a faculty of six full-time and seven cooperative teachers. Around 2000 students are studying at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels, both in the Morning and Evening programs.

Since its inception, the Department of International Relations has been active in organizing seminars, conferences and workshops. A number of books have also been published under the Department and several Research Projects funded by national and international think-tanks, policy institutes, and foundations have been completed. The syllabus of the Department has been revised in 2022 and new courses focusing on the conceptual and regional studies have been introduced at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate levels.

Objectives:

We are imparting the knowledge of I.R. with our core objectives:

- To provide extensive theoretical knowledge and conducting in-depth quality research, become trend-setter and top-tier school of international relations in the region;
- To establish a link between the world of academia, practitioners, and policy makers by providing an input on key local, regional, and global foreign policy, security, environment, sustainable development, conflict, and peace issues;
- To provide training and nurture critical thinking among students in order to train them for future's challenging leadership.

Mission:

Today's world requires quality human capital to amend relations among nations and help global development, the Department of International Relations trains the students by connecting the

quality academic literature with modern I.R. practices and industry; exposing them to the complex global politics, interdependent economic ties, and ever-changing international order.

Vision:

The department embarks upon promoting professional excellence and knowledge as well as train future scholarship, representing Pakistan and the University of Karachi at national and international level

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Following Research Projects funded by the international grant making organizations have been given to the Department: -

1. Peace by Process: Lessons for India and Pakistan from the Middle East by the Ford Foundation in August 1997. (Prof. Dr. Moonis Ahmar)
2. The Role and Relevance of CBMs in the post-nuclear South Asia by the U.S. Institute of Peace in March 2000. (Prof. Dr. Moonis Ahmar)
3. Database on Violence and Terrorism in South Asia: 1971-2004. Project funded by the Ford Foundation and in collaboration with the Regional Center for Strategic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2003. (Prof. Dr. Moonis Ahmar)
4. Research project on Water Issues in South Asia funded by the United Nations Environmental program (UNEP) and Woodrow Wilson Center Washington D.C. (Prof. Dr. Shaista Tabassum)
5. Research project on 'River Water Sharing Problem Between India and Pakistan: A case study of Indus Water Treaty', funded by the regional center for strategic studies, Colombo Sri Lanka. (Prof. Dr. Shaista Tabassum)
6. Community Resilience to Violent Extremism in Pakistan: 2020 to present. The project is funded by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute

(SDPI) Pakistan and Creative Learning (CL) Washington D.C. (Prof. Dr. Shaista Tabassum)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

1. National Conference on “Traditional and Non-Traditional Security Imperatives for Pakistan”, organized with the collaboration of Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS), on March 20, 2023
2. One-Day seminar on “The Future of Palestine and Kashmir: Examining History and Geo-Political Importance”, “organized in collaboration with Palestine Foundation Pakistan (PFP), on March 15, 2023.
3. 4th Sheikh Mutahir Ahmed Memorial Lecture Series on “Health for All”, on November 3, 2022. The chief guest was Dr. Syed Tipu Sultan, renowned physician and civil society activist, on November 3, 2022.
4. One-Day International Conference on “Afghanistan Under Taliban: Implications for Pakistan and the Region”, on November 4, 2021.
5. 3rd Sheikh Mutahir Ahmed Memorial Lecture Series on “The State We Are In: Pakistan Today”, on October 5, 2021. The chief guest was S. Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director Institute of Business Administration (IBA).
6. One-Day seminar on ‘The Changing Scenario in Afghanistan: Impact and Options for Pakistan’ organized in collaboration with Pakistan Study Center, University of Karachi, on September 9, 2021.
7. Two-Days International Conference on ‘Countering Violent Extremism & Community Resilience in Pakistan: Challenges and Opportunities in Developing a local framework organized in collaboration with SDPI, Islamabad, on 4-5 August 2021.
8. Second Sheikh Mutahir Ahmed Memorial Lecture Series on “The State of Human Rights in Pakistan”, on October 5, 2019. The chief guest was I.A. Rehman, renowned human rights activist.

9. Seminar on “Peaceful use of Nuclear Energy” organized in collaboration with Rabta Forum International, on August 5, 2019.
10. First Sheikh Mutahir Ahmed Memorial Lecture Series on “CPEC: A game changer or game over”, on October 1, 2018. The chief guest was Dr. Kaiser Bengali, distinguished economist.
11. Conference on “International Humanitarian Law”, October 2016
12. Conference on “International Humanitarian Law”, 26 April 2012
13. International conference on Middle East, April 2011
14. Training workshop on Communication Skill, October 2010
15. Training course on International Humanitarian law, June 2009
16. Three SAARC Simulation workshops held at the University of Karachi in 2008, 2009 and 2011, in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation. The selected students of International Relations Departments of various Pakistani universities had participated.
17. A two-day workshop on Foreign Policy Making Process in 2008.
18. The First International Relations Conference to celebrate fifty years of International Relations Department, University of Karachi in 2008.
14. **Conflict Management Mechanisms and the Challenge of Peace** held under the Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Department of International Relations, University of Karachi and the Hanns Seidel Foundation on November 26-27, 2007.
19. **Conflict Resolution: Challenges and Realities** held under the Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution on November 30, 2006.
20. Two-day workshop on, **Culture of Peace in South Asia** in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad in April 2006.
21. Seminar on **The Challenge of Peace and Stability in the Middle East in post-9/11**

Scenario under the Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution on March 26, 2006.

22. Two-day International Workshop on **The Challenge of Rebuilding Afghanistan** held under the Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad held on March 02-03, 2005.
23. Workshop on **Teaching and Research Methods in Conflict Resolution** held under the Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution in collaboration with Higher Education Commission (HEC) on October 9-10, 2004.
24. One-day seminar on **The World After the U.S.-Iraq War** held under the Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, International Relations Department, University of Karachi on April 27, 2003.
25. **Paradigms of Conflict Resolution and Peace Process In South Asia** December 22-23, 2001.
26. **The Challenge of Confidence Building Measures in 21st century: Problems and prospects for South Asia**, February 23 - 25, 2001.
27. **The CTBT Controversy: Different Perceptions** in collaboration with the Regional Center for Strategic Studies in April 2000.
28. **Arab-Israeli Peace Process: Lessons debated for South Asia** in collaboration with Ford Foundation in April 2000.
29. **Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Stateless People: The Humanitarian Challenge** in collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation in April 1999.
30. **Peace by Process: Lessons for India and Pakistan from the Middle East** in collaboration with Ford Foundation in Port Said, Egypt in February 1999.
31. **Peace by Process: Lessons for India and Pakistan from the Middle East** in collaboration with Ford Foundation in September 1998.

32. ***Peace by Process: Lessons for India and Pakistan from the Middle East*** in collaboration with Ford Foundation in February 1998.
33. ***Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Stateless People: The Humanitarian Challenge*** in collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation in September 1997.
34. ***Internal and External Dynamics of South Asia Security*** in collaboration with the Frederick Ebert Stiftung in December 1996.
35. ***Conflicts and Conflict Resolution in South Asia*** in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation in December 1996.
36. ***United Nations at Fifty*** in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute of International Affairs, Karachi in September 1995.
37. ***Contemporary Central Asia*** in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation in October 1994.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Authored Books:

1. Moonis Ahmar, *Conflict Management and Vision for a Secular Pakistan* (Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2014).
2. Farhan Hanif Siddiqi, *The Politics of Ethnicity in Pakistan: The Baloch, Sindhi and Mohajir Ethnic Movements* (Routledge, 2012).
3. Shaista Tabassum, *The Middle East in a Changing World: A Contemporary Appraisal* (Karachi: Department of International Relations, University of Karachi, 2011).
3. Shaista Tabassum, *Nuclear Policy of The United States in South Asia: Proliferation or Non-Proliferation (1947-1900)*, (Karachi: Royal Book Company, 2003).
4. Chaudhri Mohammad Ahsen, *Pakistan and Regional Security*, Faculty of Arts in cooperation with the Department of International Relations, University of Karachi.

Edited Books:

1. Nausheen Wasi et al (eds)., *Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations: Pitfalls and the Way Forward* (Islamabad: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2021).
2. Nausheen Wasi et al (eds)., *Making Sense of Post Covid-19 Politics*, (Karachi: Lightstone Publishers LTD., 2020).
3. Ahmar, Moonis, *The Challenge of Rebuilding Afghanistan* (ed.), (Karachi: Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Department of International Relations, University of Karachi in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad, 2005).
4. Ahmar, Moonis, *Different Perceptions on Conflict Resolution: Need for an Alternate Approach* (ed.), (Karachi: Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Department of International Relations, University of Karachi, 2005).
5. Ahmar, Moonis, *The World after September 11: Challenges and Opportunities* (ed.), (Karachi: Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Department of International Relations, University of Karachi, 2003).
6. Ahmar, Moonis, *Paradigms of Conflict Resolution in South Asia* (ed.), (Dhaka: University Press Limited, 2003).
7. Ahmar, Moonis, *Chronology of Conflict and Cooperation in South Asia 1947-2001* (ed.), (Karachi: Department of International Relations, University of Karachi, 2001).
8. Ahmar, Moonis, *The Challenge of Confidence Building in South Asia* (ed.), (New Delhi: Har Anand, 2001).
9. Ahmar, Moonis, *The Arab-Israeli Peace Process Lessons for India and Pakistan* (ed.), (Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2001).
10. Ahmar, Moonis & Farhan H. Siddiqi, *The Challenges of Conflict Resolution and Security in 21st Century: Problems and Prospects* (eds.), (Program on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Dept. Of International Relations, University of Karachi).

11. Ahmar, Moonis, *The CTBT Controversy: Different Perceptions In South Asia* (ed.), (Karachi: Department of International Relations, University of Karachi, 2000).
12. Wizarat, Talat A. *Conflict Resolution in South Asia* (ed.), (Karachi: Department of International Relations, University of Karachi, 1999).
13. Ahmar, Moonis, *Internal and External Dynamics of South Asia Security* (ed.), (Karachi: Department of International Relations, University of Karachi, 1998).
14. Ahmar, Moonis, *Contemporary Central Asia* (ed.), (Karachi: Department of International Relations, University of Karachi, 1995).

SEMINAR LIBRARY

The Department has a Seminar Library which contains more than 5000 books on different topics related to international relations.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERTANDING (MoU)

1. The Department signed an MoU with National Institute of Maritime Affairs (NIMA) on March 03, 2022. Under the MoU, both the institutions agreed to undertake common research projects, organize conferences, and exchange experts and researchers.
2. The Department has signed two MoUs with the Hanns Seidel Foundation. Under the MoU, the Department organized each year one international conference, one national conference and two training workshops on Research Methodology and Communication Skills. Also, under the MoU, the HSF funded the publication of Department's research journal, PJIR.

GRADUATE STUDIES DISCUSSION GROUP (GSDG)

The GSDG is the main feature of the Department. Under the Group, the Department invites various experts in their field to present their thoughts and research before the students.

RESEARCH JOURNAL

The Department launched its first bi-annual research journal, namely, *Pakistan Journal of International Relations* (PJIR) in 2008 but due to many financial constraints the Journal could not continue after 2016. Now with new ambitions and goals the Department is launching a new journal the *Journal of International Studies* (JIST). The JIST purports to be a quality, peer reviewed Journal inviting interesting and thought provoking contributions from scholars of national and international repute as well as doctoral students and researchers. The JIST covers subject areas: International, Regional and Domestic Security; Conflict Resolution and Confidence Building Measures; Peace Studies and Peace Building; Theories of International Relations; Globalization; Terrorism and Political Violence; National Defense Policy; Foreign Policy issues of different regions and of states; Nuclear Proliferation; Ethnic Conflicts; Inter-state and Intra-state Warfare; International Law and United Nations; Human Security and Development; Human Rights Environment; Gender issues; Regional Cooperation and Regional Institutional Building; Economics; Social political issues; Islam & International Relations.

SHEIKH MUTAHIR AHMED MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

The Department launched Sheikh Mutahir Ahmed Memorial Lecture Series in 2018 in the memory of our beloved teacher Prof. Dr. Mutahir Ahmed, who passed away on October 5, 2017. Under it, the Department regularly organizes a lecture every year.

TEACHING FACULTY

1. Prof. Dr. Shaista Tabassum (Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences): Prof. Dr. Shaista Tabassum is currently the Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, and working

in the Department of International Relations, University of Karachi as full-time Professor. She has earlier served as the Chairperson of the Department for three times. Dr. Tabassum has contributed research papers, chapters and a monograph both in the international and national research journals. She has received UNITAR fellowship under the United Nations Program on International Law at The Peace Palace, The Hague, Netherlands. She did Post doctorate in Public International law from The Hague Academy of law, Netherlands. She has also served twice as Mentor in 26th & 27th Air War College, PAF, Karachi, besides delivering lectures in Naval Symposium, PNS Mehran, Air War College, NIPA, NED and Bahria University and participating in international and national news channels on current affairs program.

2. Dr. Naeem Ahmed (Chairman):

Dr. Naeem Ahmed is Chairman & Associate Professor at the Department. He did his Ph.D. in 2007 and his dissertation topic was: "State, Society and Terrorism: A Case Study of Pakistan after September 11". He is also the Senior Research Council (SRC) member of the Sindh Chapter in the SDPI-sponsored project on 'Countering Violent Extremism and Community Resilience.' Dr. Ahmed is the recipient of various international fellowships. These include: The SUSI (Study of US Institutes) Fellowship 2021; Fernand Braudel IFR-Incoming post-doc fellowship at the Foundation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH), Paris, in 2013; and Fulbright Pre-Doc scholarship at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, in the year 2004. He has several research publications on his credit both in national and international research journals. His field of research is religious extremism and terrorism with particular reference to Pakistan.

3. Dr. Nausheen Wasi:

Dr. Nausheen Wasi is Assistant Professor and Director, Program on South Asia Studies. She

has vast experience in research and teaching and is on several advisory and review boards of academic and research institutes. Her research interests include theoretical aspects of international relations, issues of regional cooperation and integration with particular reference to South Asia, and Pakistan politics and foreign policy. She is co-editor of two books: *Making Sense of Post Covid-19 Politics* (2020); and *Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations: Pitfalls and the Way Forward* (2021).

4. Mr. Fahimuddin:

Mr. Fahimuddin is Assistant Professor at the Department. His major areas of interests are Principle of I.R., Science and Technology, Theories of International Relations and Introduction of International Relations.

5. Mr. Muhammad Faisal Awan:

Graduated from Yonsei GSIS, M. Faisal Awan is currently associated as an Assistant Professor at the Department. His major areas of interests are Political Islam, Human Rights Discourse and Development Discourse.

6. Mr. Amjad Ali:

Mr. Amjad Ali is a lecturer at the Department. His research interests include non-traditional security threats, climate change, and theories of IR.

TEACHING ASSOCIATES

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