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Research Articles

Green Finance for Sustainable Development in Pakistan

Dr Muhammad Zubair Mumtaz & Dr Zachary Alexander Smith 1

Khan and Alexander Smith analyse the green finance mechanism for sustainable development in Pakistan by exploring the supply side of the green banking approach, which includes various issues faced by banks/DFIs; and the demand side, which refers to the compliance of green banking practices by borrowers. They also review policies that developing countries have implemented to initiate Green Finance.

Indian Nuclear Minimalism: Looking Through the Smokescreen

Ayesha Abbasi 35

India's rapid strategic developments show that nuclear minimalism has been used as a smokescreen to allow it to pursue its nuclear and military objectives. Abbasi observes that just like prestige and domestic politics were the drivers behind the state's acquisition of nuclear weapons capability, in order for it to become a regional hegemon, these factors continue to drive its modernisation plans which go against the idealistic standards charted under the concept of nuclear minimalism.

India's Growing Influence in the Gulf States: Political, Strategic and Economic Risks for Pakistan

Khurram Abbas 60

The scholar observes that Pakistan's policy of neutrality in Yemen's conflict, Saudi-Qatar impasse, and support of Iran's nuclear deal may have pushed the GCC states closer to India over the past few years. He also finds that unlike their economic relationship, security cooperation between India and the Gulf region is still limited in scope, but enhancing gradually. If India's political and security interaction further expands, it could deprive Pakistan of strong political and economic partners in the region.

Incrementalism, Normalisation, Partnership, and Reassurance: PRC's Quest for Success in the 1990s

Muhammad Shoaib, Ahmad Sabat & Dr Saira Aquil

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Contextualising 6/4, the authors discuss China's diplomacy of damage control, agreements on frontier disputes, response to the US hegemony, course of action in the Taiwan Strait crisis, and post-crisis diplomacy. They highlight the importance of PRC's external policy, primarily in the 1990s, as underpinning its ascent as a global power.

'South Asian Palestine' and 'Middle Eastern Kashmir': Case Studies of Occupation Forces and Crackdown on Youth

Dr Lubna Abid Ali & Sana Imtiaz Kitchlew

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By employing the *Youth Bulge Theory*, the authors demonstrate that although Kashmir and Palestine are situated in different regions, their youth share similar accounts of subjugation and massive crackdown on the regions' young population. This has led to more violence and conflict, producing generations of young freedom fighters involved in a political struggle, while wrestling with occupying forces.

Book Review

Christine C. Fair, *In Their Own Words: Understanding Lashkar-e-Tayyaba* (London: C. Hurst & Company, 2018), 307.

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