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## Summary

**Events:** 2 Student Briefings, 1 Distinguished Lecture, and 2 Roundtable Conferences, 2 meetings, 1 external Presentation

**Research & Publications:** 18 newspaper articles, 5 policy briefs.

**Digital:** 12 infographics and 3 videos.

**Interviews:** 7 on multiple platforms

## Geo-economics Simulation Exercise:

In collaboration with the NSD and RSIL, IPRI hosted and participated in a geo-economics simulation exercise, in which multiple teams from the aforementioned organizations competed on various dimensions of Geo-economics.

The session was adjudicated by Mr. Mosharaf Zaidi, Maleeka Bokhari, Dr. Usman Chohan, and Dr Hussain Nadim, IPRI.

## Webinar

**Topic:** IPRI-Japan Joint Webinar on "Afghanistan and South Asia".

**Date:** March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Speakers from Pakistan:

**Amb Asif Durrani**, Senior Research Fellow IPRI

**Dr. Maria S. Effendi**, Asst. Professor, Peace & Conflict Studies, NDU, Islamabad

**Rafiullah Kakar**, CPEC / PPP Unit, Government of Balochistan

### Speakers from Japan:

**Kenta Aoki**, Research Fellow, Middle East Institute of Japan

**Ryohei Kasai**, Visiting Researcher, Center for South Asian Studies, Gifu Women's University, Japan

### Discussants:

**Haroon Sharif**, Former Minister of State & Chairman Board of Investment, Ex-Regional Advisor to World Bank Group for South and Central Asia

**Abu Bakar Siddique**, Senior Correspondent covering Pakistan and Afghanistan for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL)

**Moderator:** Maheen Ahmad, Assistant Research Associate, IPRI

**Total attendants/ views:** 2000

## Distinguished Lecture Series

**Topic:** The Future of NADRA: Reforms & Strategy

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

### Distinguished Guest Speaker:

**Tariq Malik**, Chairman NADRA

**Discussant:** Waleed Yawer, Assistant Research Associate, IPRI

**Total attendants/ views:** 800



## Meetings

On **18<sup>th</sup> March** delegation from the Japanese embassy in Pakistan visited IPRI for a second round of meetings after the first successful Joint webinar and planned to work on more events in the Future

**Hasnain Bokhari**, Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt, also visited IPRI to discuss collaborations on future events with IPRI.

## Student Briefings

IPRI's General Briefing for Students of University of Central Punjab, Lahore. Briefed by **Research Fellow, Khalid Chandio**, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

IPRI's General Briefing for Students of SZABIST Islamabad and special lecture on Research, Policy and Innovation in a Digital Age by **Executive Director, Dr Hussain Nadim** 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## IPRI Roundtables

### Topic: Building Consensus on National Security

Date: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Speakers:

1. Brig. Raashid Wali Janjua
2. Amb. Asif Durrani
3. Mr. Imtiaz Gul
4. Dr Fehmida Mirza
5. Ms. Amna Imran
6. Mr. Ejaz Haider
7. Lt Gen. Asif Yasin Malik
8. Mr. Yasir Abbas (CSP)
9. Mr Mir Waqar
10. Lt Gen (R) Naeem Khalid Lodhi
11. Sardar Wazir Jogezaei
12. Dr Mir Sadaat Baloch
13. Mohammad Ali Babakhel



### Topic: Dialogue on Balochistan

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

Vanue: IPRI

#### Speakers:

- 1) Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch
- 2) Ms. Sherry Rehman
- 3) Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar
- 4) Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
- 5) Sardar Wazir Ahmed Jogezaei
- 6) Dr. Fida Bazai
- 7) Mr. Syed Ali Shah
- 8) Mr. Akbar Durrani
- 9) Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam



## IPRI Publications

### Policy Brief:

#### **Amna Ejaz Rafi** **Research Associate**

1. Entry of ASEAN's New Dialogue Partners: Status of Pakistan's Request
2. Prospects of Religious Tourism to Pakistan under CPEC Tourism Corridor

#### **Hamza Rifaat Hussain** **Assistant Research Associate**

1. Exploring Possible Avenues at the UN Forum For Pakistan To Highlight Kashmir Issue For A Tangible Outcome
2. Challenge of a Two Front War With India
3. Future Prospects of Pakistan's Recognition of Armenia In view Of Turkey-Armenia Rapprochement

### IPRI Scholars' Opinion Articles:

#### **Brigadier (R) Raashid Wali Janjua** **Acting President IPRI**

1. Our Geoeconomic Dream  
*The News*
2. Civil Military concordance  
*ISSRA Papers NDU*
3. There is absolutely nothing express about the Islamabad Expressway –  
*Dawn*
4. The Baloch Demands To Curb The Ongoing Insurgency Are Reasonable. But Is Anyone Listening?  
*The Friday Times*

#### **Ambassador (R) Asif Durrani** **Senior Research Fellow**

1. Ukraine Russia Crisis: Options for Pakistan
2. Can Iran Return to Global Mainstream
3. Punishing the innocent Afghan Nation  
*BOL News*
4. Indian Missile Fiasco  
*The News*

#### **Gulshan Rafique** **Research Associate**

1. The Mad Game
2. A Close Call  
*Eurasia Review*

#### **Adeel Mukhtar Mirza** **Assistant Research Associate**

- Importance of Climate Communication  
*Eurasia Review*

#### **Hamzah Rifaat Hussain** **Assistant Research Associate**

- Who needs the war in Ukraine?  
*The Truth International Magazine*

#### **Muneeb Salman** **Assistant Research Associate**

- Factoring India's Sea-Based Deterrence in Sino-Indian Deterrence Relationship and Its Implications on Regional Stability  
*STRAFASIA*

#### **Faizan Fakhar** **Assistant Research Associate**

- BrahMos misadventure: accidental or deliberate?  
*Express Tribune*

#### **Ishtiaq Ali Mehkri** **Assistant Editor**

1. Women's empowerment needs a roadmap, not slogans
2. Is national security viable without devolving rights and powers?
3. Resetting the compass of security dialogue  
*Express Tribune*
4. Hugging the Bear  
*Defence Journal*

## Digital and Communications

### **Impact:**

3.7 Million views, 97,500 profile visits, and 8000 mentions. Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn followers increased to 38000, 57,300\* and 25,780 respectively

### **Acting President visit to JSHQ for presentation:**

Presentation delivered by : **Dr. Talat Farooq**, Policy Advisor, CSCR, Islamabad, Visiting Faculty, Foreign Service Academy Islamabad, former SRF, IPRI

**Title:** The Political Landscape of Pakistan (structure of federation, current political scenario, and introduction to political parties and their ideologies)

**Venue:** JS Headquarters. The lecture was given to the National Defense College of the UAE, via an online platform

### **IPRI On Television**

**Acting President, Acting President IPRI, Brig (R) Raashid Wali Janjua, was present on:** Mukalma PTV News, The Debate PTV World

**Senior Research Fellow, Amb. (R) Asif Durrani was interviewed on:**

VOA Pashto, Khyber TV, PTV World, GTV

### **IPRI welcomes new Media & Advocacy Specialist**

Talha Ul Huda is responsible for leading the production team and building partnerships across different organisations and people for IPRI's effective strategic communications.

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