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"and he to whom wisdom is granted receiveth indeed a benefit overflowing"
(Al-Baqara 2:269)

Centre for Muslim States and Societies

Countering Militancy in Pakistan

Domestic, Regional and International Dimensions

3–4 August 2009, The University Club, The University Of Western Australia, Hackett Drive, Crawley (Perth)



Conference website: www.cmss.uwa.edu.au/countering_militancy_in_pakistan_conference

The growing militancy in Pakistan and its implications for the regional and global stability has attracted intense attention around the world. The specter of Taliban gradually extending their control over Swat and neighbouring areas have intensified fears of militants gaining access to Pakistan's nuclear assets. Questions are being raised about the stability and sustainability of the second largest Muslim country in the world.

The Centre for Muslim States and Societies at The University of Western Australia is engaging international and national experts to explore the relevance of Pakistan's social and political structures, and its domestic and foreign policy outlooks to the agenda of countering militancy. The aim is to find solutions that can contribute to its stability and global peace.

Who should attend?

Policy analysts, academics, practitioners and ordinary citizens interested in understanding the causes of militancy and those committed to making the World a more peaceful place.

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The symposium will address the following questions:

- What are the causes of growing militancy in Pakistan?
- What role do socio-economic and political trends play in sustaining militant ideas in the country?
- What factors explain the continued presence of militants in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) Swat and Baluchistan?
- How can militancy be countered in Pakistan? Do we need country-specific or regional approaches, or does the answer lie in a combination of the two? What does this mean for the Indo-Pakistan relations as well as Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan?
- What role can external actors play in the process of countering militancy? Does this need to be limited to economic assistance or do answers necessitate a more nuanced approach? And what kind of approaches do we need?
- How do we empower the civil society at the grass-root levels so that temporary gains can be turned into sustainable successes that support Pakistan, the region and the world?

Registration costs:

Full Conference Registration \$175

Concession \$110

1 Day Registration \$100

Concession \$60

Day 1 Dinner with Speakers \$70

International and Australian speakers include:

- Former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Mir Zafrullah Jamali (TBC)
- Professor Mohammad Waseem, (LUMS), Pakistan
- Dr Ayesha Siddiq, Security Analyst, Islamabad, Pakistan
- Dr Haider A H Mullick, Joint Special Operations University, USA
- Dr Mariam Abou Zahab, Sciences Po, Paris, France
- Professor Bharat Karnad, New Delhi, India
- Dr Musarrat Jabeen, University of Baluchistan, Pakistan
- Dr Farhat Taj, University of Oslo, Norway
- Dr. Jakub Zajczkowski, University of Warsaw, Poland
- Dr Smrutti Pattnaik, IDSA, New Delhi, India
- Professor Riaz Hassan, Flinders University
- Professor James Trevelyan, Mechatronics Discipline, UWA
- Professor Amin Saikal, Australian National University, Canberra
- Dr Christopher Snedden, Deakin University, Australia
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