

## **Book Launch - Global Pakistan: Pakistan's Role in the International System**

### *Blurb*

Political and socioeconomic discussions in Pakistan's popular discourse are often inward-looking and generally focus on the country itself, or on its relationships to its immediate neighbors (Afghanistan, India, and China). Authors in this book suggest that Pakistan is part of a global system, as well. It is influenced not just by its direct neighbors, but also by international events (9/11 is just one example); by global economic factors (e.g., oil prices, changing terms of trade, or the danger of a global recession); and by various other global governance arrangements (e.g., Financial Action Task Force and its demands from Pakistan).

At the same time, Pakistan is not insulated from the global systemic changes. COVID-19 has overwhelmed policymakers with possibilities of future epidemics also not being ruled out. In the past, migration of people, both incoming and outgoing, has impacted the social fabric.

Likewise, the country is suffering from global warming and the resulting patterns of weather and precipitation. Pakistan is also an important actor in the international community and is expected to play a responsible and proactive role at various global governance forums. The speech of the Prime Minister of Pakistan at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 27 September 2019 indicated this responsibility and highlighted Pakistan's role in the Cold War, or the engagement of Pakistani soldiers abroad, either within the UN's peacekeeping framework or bilaterally.

While many Pakistanis are aware of these international roles and dependencies, and of Pakistan's image abroad, there is limited discussion about the country's global role – what it should be? Who are the internal and external actors that shape Pakistan's role, engagement, influence, and perception abroad? What role does the state and citizens play in deciding Pakistan's global role?

These are some of the issues and questions that authors have touched upon in this book who are Pakistanis living and working abroad as well as resource persons who are not only Pakistanis, but also study Pakistan from afar and often through a varied lens external to the country.

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