

Podium Discussion

Shifting Geopolitics: Risks, Resilience and Prosperity

The international environment is entering a period of heightened geopolitical uncertainty, with conflicts, shifting alliances and economic pressures increasingly shaping national policy choices. Against this backdrop, this discussion will examine the implications of the evolving geopolitical landscape for security, economic resilience and development. With particular reference to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, it will consider changing regional alignments, energy and trade risks, strategic autonomy, and Pakistan's options in a more fragmented and uncertain global environment. Speakers will address the following questions:

1. The geopolitical order is undergoing significant change. What are the most consequential shifts underway, and how are they likely to reshape the strategic and economic environment for Pakistan and the wider region?
2. With the ongoing war in the Middle East and continuing risks to regional security, energy supplies and trade routes, what could be the wider geopolitical and economic consequences for the region—and what should Pakistan be preparing for?
3. As security and economic interests become increasingly interconnected, how can Pakistan protect its strategic interests while maintaining constructive relationships with major powers and regional partners?
4. Looking ahead, what opportunities can Pakistan leverage from a changing geopolitical landscape to strengthen economic resilience, regional connectivity, investment and shared prosperity?
5. What is the one strategic priority Pakistan should focus on now to navigate geopolitical uncertainty while safeguarding its development and economic interests?

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