



American Institute of Pakistan Studies and South Asia Studies at SAIS-JHU cordially invite you to attend:

# Political Transformations in Pakistan

Saturday, March 29, 2008



This conference provides an important, timely forum where authoritative scholars from both Pakistan and the United States explore distinct arenas which affect political life in Pakistan. Participants will help make sense of the myriad factors which are affecting and catalyzing political transformations in this key U.S. ally. Sessions will explore prospects for participatory democracy, analyze the socioeconomic implications of current political challenges, and offer substantive insights regarding policy implications for both the United States and the global community.

Introduction  
9:00 am – 9:30 am

J. MARK KENOYER, President, American Institute of Pakistan Studies

WALTER ANDERSEN, Associate Director, South Asia Studies, Johns Hopkins SAIS

ANITA M. WEISS, University of Oregon and conference convener on behalf of the American Institute of Pakistan Studies

Session 1: New Ground Realities:  
Political Transformations in the Post-Election Context  
9:30 am – 11:00 am

Chair: J. MARK KENOYER, American Institute for Pakistan Studies

HASAN-ASKARI RIZVI, Johns Hopkins SAIS — *An Overview of Political Transformations Today*

HUSAIN HAQQANI, Boston University — *Paradoxes of Political Parties in Pakistan*

S. AKBAR ZAIDI, Karachi, Pakistan — *The Politics of Economic and Social Change in Pakistan: Class, State and Transitions*

Session 2: Politicized Islam and Political Transformations  
11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Chair: ANITA M. WEISS, University of Oregon

MATTHEW J. NELSON, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London — *Beyond Madrassas: Understanding Religious Education in Pakistan Today*

ROBERT NICHOLS, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey — *Faith, Power, Ethnicity: Understanding NWFP History and Politics*

JOSHUA T. WHITE, Johns Hopkins SAIS — *Governance, Islamic Contestation, and Political Stability in Pakistan's Frontier*

FARHANA ALI, RAND Corporation — *Hardcore Militants, Suicide Bombings, and Al-Qaeda's War in Pakistan*

Session 3: Affecting Power:  
Institutions and Sociopolitical Changes  
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Chair: WALTER ANDERSEN, Johns Hopkins SAIS

BUSHRA AITZAZ, Lahore, Pakistan — *The Judiciary and Political Transformations in Pakistan*

ANITA M. WEISS, University of Oregon — *Political Transformations and Women's Rights in Pakistan*

AASIYA RIAZ, Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency — *Pakistani Media and Political Transformation*

ZIA MIAN, Princeton University — *Pakistan in the Shadow of the Bomb*

RIFAAT HUSSAIN, Quaid-e-Azam University — *Pakistan's Political Crisis, Elections, and Implications for Pakistan-U.S. Ties*

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