

## Report on American Institute of Pakistan Studies Grant

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Site of Research: Islamabad, Pakistan

Purpose: Complete my archive of Pakistan army professional journals for my book.

In November 2010 I was awarded a two-month Short Term Lecturing and Research Fellowship from AIPS. (The award letter is appended below). However, due to significant visa delays related to obtaining an NRO, I was not issued my visa until mid-August, a mere two weeks before my classes started. Therefore, I had to take an abbreviated fellowship during my winter break. Thus, I departed for Pakistan on 12 December 2011 and returned to my home on 6 January 2012.

During this brief period, I was able to complete my research (principally focusing upon the *Pakistan Army Journal*) by employing the resources at the Institute of Strategic Studies (thanks to Dr. Simbal Khan) as well as the National Defense University (thanks to Dr. Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema). I have reviewed this publication from 1957- 2010. Obtaining the later years would have been impossible to obtain without this fellowship as libraries in the United States discontinued receiving them. This Pakistan-based work complements other archival work that I have done at the University of California Berkeley, the University of Chicago and the New York Public Library.

This and other army professional publications are the empirical ballast of my book on the Pakistan army's strategic culture, which is under contract from Oxford University Press, New York. My book is likely to be published in the fall of 2013. I am also presenting the theoretical framework of my book at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association meeting in San Diego in April 2012.

In addition to completing my documentation collection, I also had structured discussions with Pakistani officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the ISI. I also met with scholars such as Mumtaz Ahmad at the International Islamic University on the way in which the Pakistan army deploys the writings of Iqbal Ahmad. (It turns out the Iqbal's ideology—or a stylized version of it—is prominent in professional publications of the Pakistan army.) Conversations with Dr. Simbal Khan, Professor Rifaat Hussain and Professor Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema also facilitated my thinking about my book project.

Unfortunately, the timing of my visit coincided with exam periods and holiday breaks for the universities in Islamabad and Lahore. My numerous efforts to line up public talks did not fructify. Qaid e Azim University communicated with Nadeem a possible date for a public lecture on my book project. Unfortunately, the date they selected was one of two dates in which I had

long standing, day-long commitments that were immovable. Given the semester timings, they could offer no other date before I left. While I was unable to work out any public presentations, I did do multiple press interviews with journalists writing both for domestic and international outlets. In addition I wrote an Op Ed, published on December 24, 2011 in *The Nation*, in which I argued that President Obama should apologize for the NATO attack that killed 24 Pakistani personnel (<http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/international/24-Dec-2011/why-obama-should-apologise-to-pakistan>). I also wrote an analysis about "Memo-Gate," which was published on January 5, 2012 in *Foreign Policy* ([http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/01/05/pakistan\\_s\\_slow\\_motion\\_coup?page=full](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/01/05/pakistan_s_slow_motion_coup?page=full)).

Finally, when I was not engrossed in perusing and copying relevant military publications, I spent considerable time with U.S. embassy personnel, including several meetings with the assistant of Ambassador Munter and a lengthy meeting with the Ambassador himself. I also had numerous discussions with the public diplomacy officials at the embassy discussing their upcoming program.

In summary, I would like to express my deepest thanks to AIPS and the board of trustees for permitting me this opportunity to complete research for my book on the strategic culture of the Pakistan army. It is likely that this grant bolstered OUP's confidence in granting me an advance contract for the same.