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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR' S MESSAGE



I am delighted to report that the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) continued to be as active and productive in 2019 as it has been in the previous years.

In 2019, CISS initiated an outreach program and held a week long workshop in this series in August, in Nathiagali. The workshop was on the subject of Introduction to Pakistan's Nuclear Policy. A group of twenty young college teachers from nearby universities participated in the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to engage the academic faculty and give them an orientation on nuclear issues and policies. Besides educating the teachers on nuclear matters, our aim was to develop greater understanding and cooperation between the universities and research think tanks. The second activity in the outreach program series was a seminar in December on India's Strategic Posture and Implications for Strategic Stability in South Asia, organized in collaboration with the University of Sargodha at the Sargodha university campus. We plan to continue our outreach program with universities and academic institutions in 2020.

In line with its on-going activities, the Center organized a national conference on Strategic Stability in South Asia: Emerging Challenges, in April 2019. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi was the keynote speaker in the conference and spoke about the challenges to strategic stability in the region. The closing address was delivered by Federal Minister for Human Rights Dr Shireen Mazari.

In September 2019, as part of the CISS publication series, we published a book titled 'India's Habituation with the Bomb', edited by our Senior Fellow, Dr. Naeem Salik. We

hope to publish two books in 2020 and organize their book launches. Apart from the conferences and seminars, the Center also held a total of nine round-tables in the outgoing year. Among them, the most important were the following: In February 2019, we held a round-table discussion with Amb. Riaz Hussain Khokhar and Amb. Riaz Muhammad Khan on the subject of Review of Current Issues in Pakistan's Foreign Policy. We also hosted Ms. Wakana Mukai, Ph.D. Assistant Professor at Faculty of International Relations, Asia University in Tokyo, Japan, for a round-table in February 2019. She spoke on the Global Security Issues Relating to Arms Control and Disarmament. Another round-table discussion was organized in the same month by CISS on Climate Change and its implications on Pakistan's security with Dr. Tariq Banuri, Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC). In April, we hosted Mr. Rupert Stone, a Berlin based independent journalist, to share his views on Afghan Peace Talks as he has closely followed developments in Afghanistan. In July, the Center hosted Dr. Tariq Rauf, former Director of IAEA and consultant of CTBTO, for a round-table discussion on Current Challenges in Arms Control. In August, we held a round-table discussion on 'Policy Shifts in Indian NFU: Road to Nuclear Brinkmanship' conducted by our Senior Research Fellows Dr. Naeem Salik and Dr. Mansoor Ahmad. In October, the Center conducted a round-table discussion on Pakistan's Perspective on Kashmir Crisis with Dr. Zahoor Ahmed, Additional Secretary (Asia Pacific), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan. The discussion focused on the Kashmir situation after the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A and its implications for the Kashmiri people and the region at large. India's defense agreements and its challenges to the strategic stability in South Asia also came under discussion during a round-table. In November, the Center hosted a representative of the Atlantic Council Ms. Fatima Salman, of Washington DC Office and she was briefed about CISS areas of activities and upcoming projects.

In 2019, the Center published two issues of its bi-annual research journal, CISS Insight, in June and December respectively. Our research team also contributed research papers and opinion articles in foreign journals, magazines and newspapers.

As in previous years, a number of CISS researchers participated in international workshops, seminars and conferences in Kyrenia Cyprus, Andalo Italy, Washington D.C USA, Vienna Austria, Bangkok Thailand, and Brussels Belgium etc. A CISS researcher was also selected for a Fellowship program at the East-West Center in Washington DC.

I participated in a seminar on Pakistan's Strategic Neighborhood organized by the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations and delivered a speech on the subject, in January 2019. I have also been delivering talks and participating in national and international

conferences. Most notably, I was invited to participate in the 8th Moscow Conference on International Security (MCIS) in April 2019 where I was a panelist speaker in a discussion. In Moscow, I also held discussions with various Russian think tanks to explore areas of mutual interest and possibility of cooperation. I was a speaker at a book launch of the book entitled Nuclear Deterrence in South Asia – New Technologies and Challenges to Sustainable Peace, authored by Dr. Rizwana Abbasi and Dr. Zafar Khan at ISSI in September 2019. I regularly participated in discussions on various international and national issues, particularly on Kashmir crisis and US-Iran tensions on TV channels and Radio throughout the year.

CISS continues its cooperation with international think tanks, including International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), London, and the Atlantic Council, Washington D.C., for joint workshops and fellowships.

It is my earnest hope and expectation that the year 2020 will be even more productive than 2019, and that the Center will continue to do substantial work in terms of issuance of books, reports, research articles, and organizing of roundtables, seminars and conferences. I hope that the research team will continue to participate in national and international conferences and add value to the ongoing international discourse on strategic affairs.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi**  
Executive Director, CISS







# ROUND TABLES

[www.ciss.org.pk](http://www.ciss.org.pk)



# Review of Current Issues in Pakistan's Foreign Policy



February 6, 2019



A round-table was organized by Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) on February 6, 2019, with Ambassador Riaz Muhammad Khan and Ambassador Riaz Hussain Khokhar on '**Review of Current Issues in Pakistan's Foreign Policy**'.

Ambassador Riaz Muhammad Khan dilated on Pakistan's nuclear diplomacy, relations with the United States, China, Afghanistan and India. Ambassador Riaz Khokhar gave his perspective on Indo-Pak relations in particular and the foreign policy issues faced by the current government in Pakistan in general.

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*Round Table on Review of Current Issues in Pakistan's Foreign Policy, February 6, 2019,*  
<https://ciss.org.pk/round-table-on-review-of-current-issues-in-pakistans-foreign-policy/>

# Global Security Issues Relating to Arms Control and Disarmament



February 14, 2019



The Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) hosted Ms. Wakana Mukai for a round-table discussion on **“Global Security Issues Relating to Arms Control and Disarmament”**, on February 14, 2019. Ms. Wakana Mukai is a Ph.D and Assistant Professor at Faculty of International Relations, Asia University in Tokyo, Japan.

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*Round Table on Global Security Issues Relating to Arms Control and Disarmament with Ms. Wakana Mukai, February 14, 2019, <https://ciss.org.pk/round-table-with-ms-wakana-mukai-on-global-security-issues-relating-to-arms-control-and-disarmament/>*

# Climate Change and its Implications for Pakistan's Security with



February 19, 2019



CISS organized a round-table discussion with Dr. Tariq Banuri, Chairman HEC, on February 19, 2019 at CISS conference room. He delivered a lecture on **Climate Change and its Implications for National Security**. Dr. Banuri spoke about the effects of climate change on achievement of state's national goals/objectives. He emphasized that climate change directly affects national goals such as economic development, eradication of poverty, and maintenance of security and sovereignty. He also pointed out that water insecurity would be a major cause of conflict in local, regional, and international disputes in the near future.

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*Round Table on Climate Change and its Implications for Pakistan's Security, February 19, 2019,  
<https://ciss.org.pk/round-table-on-climate-change-and-its-implications-for-pakistans-security-presentation-by-dr-tariq-banuri/>*



# Afghan Peace Talks: Assessment of Perils and Prospects



April 30, 2019



A round-table was held on '**Afghan Peace Talks: Assessment of Perils and Prospects**' with Mr. Rupert Stone, on April 30, 2019. Mr. Rupert Stone is a Berlin based independent journalist working on South Asia and the Middle East. Mr. Stone focused on the regional context of Afghan peace talks and the role of Russia. He also spoke about the efforts of US diplomat and Special representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation, Zalmay Khalilzad. While concluding the session, Mr. Stone said that, the success of Afghan peace talks will be a major turning point for the prosperity of region.

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*Round Table on Afghan Peace Talks: Assessment of Perils and Prospects with Mr. Rupert Stone, April 30, 2019,*  
<https://ciss.org.pk/round-table-on-afghan-peace-talks-with-mr-rupert-stone/>

# Current Challenges in Arms Control



July 18, 2019



Dr. Tariq Rauf, former Director of IAEA and consultant of CTBTO, was invited for a round-table discussion on '**Current Challenges to Arms Control**', on July 18, 2019. The round-table was held in the CISS conference room. Dr. Tariq Rauf spoke about arms control challenges and the emerging shape of the geostrategic competition. He discussed in detail a range of some intractable and emerging challenges in controlling the nuclear arms advancement of the states. He also discussed the threats posed to nuclear weapon deterrent by developments in cyber space domain. He said the United States and Israel have opened a new Pandora's Box by launching a cyber-attack against Iran. The round-table was attended by former diplomats, policy-makers, members of academia and CISS team.

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*Round Table on Current Challenges in Arms Control with Dr. Tariq Rauf, July 18, 2019,*  
<https://ciiss.org.pk/round-table-on-current-challenges-in-arms-control-with-dr-tariq-rauf/>



# Kalat's Accession with Pakistan: Separating Facts from Fiction



August 2, 2019



The Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) organized an in-house round-table discussion with Dr. Rizwan Zeb, August 2, 2019. Dr. Rizwan Zeb is an Associate Professor at Iqra University, Islamabad. The speaker shared his in-depth research on the topic through a detailed presentation. Dr. Zeb deliberated on '**Baloch Nationalist Narrative – Kalat Accession with Pakistan: Separating Facts from Fiction**'. Presenting various instances from history to illustrate his thesis that led to the accession of Kalat with Pakistan in 1947, Dr. Zeb highlighted several myths and facts associated with the narrative. He presented several legal, political and historical facts, discovered through his research, that are not commonly known or available in the literature on the subject to support his views.

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*Round Table on Kalat's Accession with Pakistan: Separating Facts from Fiction with Dr. Rizwan Zeb, August 2, 2019, <https://ciss.org.pk/round-table-on-kalats-accession-with-pakistan-separating-facts-from-fiction-with-dr-sherjeel-rizwan-zeb/>*

# Policy Shifts in Indian NFU: Road to Nuclear Brinkmanship



August 23, 2019



A round-table discussion on **“Policy Shifts in Indian NFU: Road to Nuclear Brinkmanship”** was organized on 23 August, 2019, which was attended by scholars, experts, former diplomats and senior government officials. The two main speakers of the event were Dr. Naeem Salik and Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Senior Research Fellows at CISS. Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director CISS, initiated the round-table discussion by revisiting the shifts in India's No First Use (NFU) declaration.

Dr. Naeem Salik, during his presentation, talked about the drivers that contribute to the formation of a nuclear doctrine. Dr. Salik stated that nuclear doctrine is not a static but a dynamic phenomenon, it evolves in response to different political, organizational and technological changes.

Dr. Mansoor, during his presentation, talked about India's emerging force posture and discussed the key determinants pushing New Delhi to possibly opt out of its declaratory policy of No First Use (NFU).

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*Round Table on Policy Shifts in Indian NFU: Road to Nuclear Brinkmanship, August 23, 2019,*  
<https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-round-table-on-policy-shifts-in-indian-nfu-road-to-nuclear-brinkmanship/>

# Pakistan's Perspective on Kashmir Crisis



October 24, 2019



To understand the simmering crisis in Kashmir and discuss policy options for Pakistan, the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) held a round-table conference on **'Pakistan's Perspective on Kashmir Crisis'**, on October 24, 2019 at its conference room. The speaker of the conference was Dr. Zahoor Ahmed, Additional Secretary (Asia Pacific), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan. He was accompanied by Mr. Faisal, Director Kashmir Cell in the Foreign Office. Mr. Taimur Shamil, Research Fellow IPRI, was the discussant on this occasion. A number of participants belonging to academia, diplomatic services, and researchers from other think-tanks in Islamabad attended the round-table.

The round-table focused on the apprehensions that the Indian move could possibly be a prelude to effect artificial demographic changes in the valley, making Kashmiri Muslims a

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*Round Table on Pakistan's Perspective on Kashmir Crisis with Dr. Zahoor Ahmed, October 24, 2019,*  
<https://ciiss.org.pk/ciiss-round-table-on-pakistans-perspective-on-kashmir-crisis-with-dr-zahoor-ahmed/>



minority in their own land. The participants were of the view that the uprising and public defiance in Kashmir was indigenous and was not supported by any other power. As a party to this conflict and given its historical ties to the Kashmiri cause, Pakistan will always lend moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmiris.

# Round Table with Atlantic Council Washington DC Office Representative



**November 4, 2019**



Ms. Fatima Salman, a representative of Atlantic Council, Washington DC Office, visited Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) on November 4, 2019. Executive Director CISS, Amb, Ali Sarwar Naqvi welcomed and briefed the Atlantic Council representative about CISS and presented a brief summary of CISS activities.

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*CISS Round Table with Atlantic Council Washington DC Office Representative at CISS Office, November 4, 2019,  
<https://ciss.org.pk/visit-of-atlantic-council-washington-dc-office-representative-at-ciss-office/>*



# CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

[www.ciss.org.pk](http://www.ciss.org.pk)





# Strategic Stability in South Asia: Emerging Challenges



**April 10, 2019**

Center for International Strategic Studies organized a one-day national conference on **“Strategic Stability in South Asia: Emerging Challenges”**, on April 10, 2019 at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi spoke as the chief guest on the occasion. He underscored the urgency of settling disputes between Pakistan and India, particularly Kashmir, through dialogue and reminded the international community of the need to play a positive and responsible role in the precarious South Asian security environment. The session chairs and speakers included Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Brig Zahir Kazmi, Amb. Abdul Basit, Amb. Riaz Khokhar, Lt Gen® Asif Yasin Malik, Mr Khalid Banuri, Dr Mujeeb Afzal, Dr Zafar Nawaz Jpal, Dr Naeem Salik, Dr Mansoor Ahmed, Amb® Ashraf Jehangir Qazi, and Mr Kamran Akhtar from MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Dr Shireen Mazari, Federal Minister for Human Rights presented the concluding remarks.

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*National Conference on Strategic Stability in South Asia: Emerging Challenges, April 10, 2019,*  
<https://ciss.org.pk/one-day-national-conference-on-strategic-stability-in-south-asia-emerging-challenges/>







# **CISS OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

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# Introduction to Pakistan's Nuclear Policy: Training of the Trainers



**Aug-29 to Sep-1, 2019**

CISS held its first outreach workshop titled “**Introduction to Pakistan's Nuclear Policy: Training the Trainers**”, from August 29 to September 1, 2019 at Nathiagali. Executive Director CISS, Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi inaugurated the session. Faculty members from various universities of Pakistan participated in the workshop. The learned scholars and nuclear experts of CISS (Dr. Naeem Salik, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid, Col. Zawar Abidi and Ms. Saima Aman Sial) delivered lectures on a whole spectrum of issues relating to the evolution of Pakistan's nuclear policy and doctrine. The aim of the workshop was to engage the faculty members on nuclear issues and policies and developing greater understanding and cooperation between universities and research think tanks. Lieutenant General (R) Mazhar Jamil, Advisor National Command Authority, was the chief guest in concluding session of the three-day workshop. He delivered a brief talk and gave away certificates to participants and organizers.

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*CISS Outreach Workshop, Introduction to Pakistan's Nuclear Policy: Training the Trainers, August 29 to September 1, 2019, <https://ciss.org.pk/1st-ciss-outreach-workshop-introduction-to-pakistans-nuclear-policy-training-of-the-trainers/>*



Center for International Strategic Studies  
and Sargodha University



Seminar on

# INDIA'S STRATEGIC POSTURE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR STRATEGIC STABILITY IN SOUTH ASIA



# India's Strategic Posture and Implications for Stability in South Asia



**December 17, 2019**

A one-day seminar was jointly organized by the Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS) and the University of Sargodha (UOS) titled **“India's Strategic Posture and Implications for Stability in South Asia”**, on December 17, 2019, in Noon Business School Hall of Sargodha University. The seminar was arranged as a part of CISS-Outreach Program aimed at engaging with students and faculty of universities other than those located in Islamabad. In his introductory remarks, Executive Director CISS, Amb Ali Sarwar Naqvi, gave an overview of India's strategic posture and its implications for stability in South Asia and its challenges to Pakistan's Security. Eminent speakers and session chairs dilated on the evolving strategic environment in South Asia. They included Mr. Khalid Banuri, Dr. Adil Sultan, Director Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS) and Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow at CISS.

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*CISS Outreach Seminar, India's Strategic Posture and Implications for Stability in South Asia, December 17, 2019, <https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-and-uos-joint-seminar-on-indias-strategic-posture-and-implications-for-stability-in-south-asia/>*





# **BOOK PUBLICATIONS: CISS SECURITY SERIES**

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# India's Habituation with the Bomb



September 23, 2019

The book launch ceremony of **India's Habituation with the Bomb**, was held at Islamabad club on September 23, 2019. The book was edited by Dr. Naeem Ahmed Salik, presently senior Research Fellow at CISS and the former Director at Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs Directorate. The book published by Oxford University Press, is part of Center for international Strategic Studies (CISS) book series and the second book which has been edited by Dr. Naeem Salik on nuclear learning. His book was on Pakistan's nuclear learning experience. The event was widely attended by dignitaries, foreign diplomats, and members of the policy community, academia and young scholars.

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*CISS Book Launch: India's Habituation with the Bomb, September 23, 2019, <https://ciss.org.pk/ciss-book-launch-indias-habitation-with-the-bomb-by-dr-naeem-salik/>*





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## Book: CISS Security Series

Dr. Naeem Salik (ed.), *India's Habituation with the Bomb* published by The Oxford University Press, 2019. The book is a part of CISS' book series.

## CISS Insight Journals

CISS Insight is a CISS journal published since 2013. First it was a quarterly journal but from 2018, it is published bi-annually. The journal publishes research articles on strategic and international security issues

## CISS Newsletters

CISS has started publishing its quarterly newsletters since 2018. It appears on CISS website in each quarter.

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- **Syed Sadam Hussain Shah**, Offensive Cyber Operations and Nuclear Weapons, Washington DC: CSIS, March, 2019.
- **Huma Rehman**, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in a Realist Framework: Regional and International Implications, *Pentagon's Yearbook 2019*, March, 2019.
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Israel Relations, CISS Insight Vol. 8, No. 2, December 2019.

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- **Sabeen Malik**, India's 'Surgical Strike' Stratagem: Brinksmanship and Response by Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, [Khurshid Printers (publishers) Ltd., 2019], pp. 234.
- **Huma Rehman and Maimuna Ashraf**, Nuclear Deterrence in South Asia: New Technologies and Challenges to Sustainable Peace by Dr. Rizwana Abbasi and Dr. Zafar Khan, [London: Routledge Security in Asia Studies, 2019], 236.
- **Amna Saqib**, Open Embrace: India-US ties in the Age of Modi and Trump by Varghese k. George, [New Delhi: Penguin Random House, 2018], 304.
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# CISS Team Members

## Activities Abroad



**Dr. Mansoor Ahmed** participated as a Speaker in the 57th ISODARCO Course on “The Past and Future of Arms Control, Nonproliferation and Disarmament” in Andalo, Italy, **January 2019**.

**Ms. Maimuna Ashraf** participated in the 57th ISODARCO Course on “The Past and Future of Arms Control, Nonproliferation and Disarmament” in Andalo, Italy, January 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** participated as a speaker in a workshop on 'Mapping the impact of Machine Learning and Autonomy on Strategic Stability and Nuclear Risk' organized by SIPRI in Colombo, Sri Lanka, February 2019.

**Ms. Saima Aman Sial** participated as a speaker in a workshop on 'Mapping the impact of Machine Learning and Autonomy on Strategic Stability and Nuclear Risk' organized by SIPRI in Colombo, Sri Lanka, February 2019.

**Ms. Saima Aman Sial** participated as a panelist at Carnegie International Nuclear Policy Conference on Nuclear Crises in South Asia, Washington D.C, March 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** along with Ms. Saima Aman Sial and Mr. Muhammad Sarmad Zia participated in a round-table on Review of Strategic Stability in South Asia: A Discussion with Pakistani Scholars at the South Asia Center, Atlantic Council, in Washington D.C, March 2019.

**Center for International Strategic Studies Team** set up a stall at the venue of Carnegie International Nuclear Policy Conference, Washington D.C, March 2019. This stall exhibited CISS publications including books, copies of research journal, and reports besides mementos which were given away to the visitors.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** addressed a group of post graduate students at School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, March 2019.

**Ms. Afeera Firdous** participated in 58th ISODARCO Course on Global Security & Regional Disorder: Evolving Challenges, Elusive Solutions? in North Cyprus, in April 2019.

**Syed Saddam Hussain Shah** presented a paper entitled Artificial Intelligence and Nuclear Weapons at Shanghai University, China, April 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** attended the 8th Moscow Conference on International Security (MCIS) and had discussions on matters of mutual interests with Think-Tanks in Moscow, Russia, in April 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** participated in Ottawa Dialogue, Nuclear Working Group meeting in Bangkok, April 2019.

**Ms. Huma Rehman** participated in a workshop on AI and Remotely Operated Systems: Benefits and Challenges to Nuclear Security, organized by Women in Nuclear Security (WINS) in Vienna Austria, April 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** participated as a panelist in the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center workshop on "Assessing the Nuclear Future of South Asia and its Implications for the United States" in Istanbul, Turkey, May 2019.

**Dr. Mansoor Ahmed** participated as a panelist in the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center workshop on "Assessing the Nuclear Future of South Asia and its Implications for the United States" in Istanbul, Turkey, May 2019.

**Ms. Maimuna Ashraf** participated as a Speaker in the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center workshop on "Assessing the Nuclear Future of South Asia and its Implications for the United States" in Istanbul, Turkey, May 2019.

**Ms. Saima Aman Sial** participated as a speaker in SIPRI's Transregional Workshop: Mapping the Impact of Machine Learning and Autonomy on Strategic Stability and Nuclear Risk at the Carnegie Corporation in New York in May, 2019.

**Mr. Riaz Khokhar** participated in a workshop on Escalation Dynamics and Consequence Management in the subcontinent involving table top exercises at the Stimson Center, Washington D.C, June 2019.

**Mr. Riaz Khokhar** presented his research work on US-Pakistan Relations: Challenges and Prospects of the Pivot from AFGAN to Indo-Pacific at a seminar organized by East-West Center in Washington D.C, June 2019.

**Ms. Afeera Firdous** participated in 7th Science and Technology Conference organized by Comprehensive Nuclear-test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) in Vienna, Austria in June 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** and Dr. Mansoor Ahmed participated in the Track-II Ottawa Dialogue, Bangkok, Thailand, 26-27 July, 2019.

**Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid** visited The Dr. Abdus Salam International Centre of Theoretical Physics (ICTP) and had several meetings with the President of Friends of ICTP and Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) in Trieste, Italy, August, 2019.

**Ms. Saima Aman Sial** participated as a speaker in the New Shape Forum on Weapons Governance, organized by Global Challenges Foundation and Geneva Disarmament Platform in Geneva, October 2019.

**Ms. Maimuna Ashraf** was selected for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Scholarship for the Training program on Disarmament and Non-proliferation of WMD, co-organized by the T.M.C. Asser Institute and the Organization for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (OPCW). She participated in this training programme in The Hague, the Netherlands from the 30th of September to the 4th of October, 2019.

**Ms. Saima Aman Sial** participated as a speaker in the Nuclear Security and Non-proliferation workshop, conducted by CRDF Global in Putrajaya, Malaysia in November 2019

**Ms. Maimuna Ashraf** was a speaker in the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Next Generation Workshop held in Brussels on 12 December 2019. She was a panelist in the session on Non-Proliferation and Arms Control in Asia. The EUNPD Next Generation Workshop was organized by the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), on behalf of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** participated in Ottawa Dialogue, held in Muscat, December 2019.

**Dr. Mansoor Ahmed** and Ms. Maimuna Ashraf participated in the Eighth European Union Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Conference (EUNPDC) 2019 held in Brussels from 13-14 December, 2019. The two day international conference was organized by the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), on behalf of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium.

**Ms. Afeera Firdous** presented a paper on Knowledge Economy and ICT: Promoting Technological Connectivity under CPEC in The Third Conference on CICA Non-governmental Forum organized by Institute of Chinese Borderland Studies and Chinese Institute of Foreign Affairs, China, December 2019.





# **CISS MEMBERS AT DIFFERENT INSTITUTES**

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# Specialized Lectures/Comments/ Interviews/Delivered by CISS Members at Different Institutes



**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** talked about Pakistan's Strategic Neighborhood at a Seminar organized by the Council on Foreign Relations in Karachi, January 2019.

**Ms. Saima Aman Sial** gave comments on Pakistan Navy's AMAN Exercises 2019 on PTV News, Islamabad, February 2019.

**Amb Ali Sarwar Naqvi** gave his analysis of Prime Minister Imran Khan's speech on ARY TV, February 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** gave comments on tensions between India-Pakistan in the program Indus Special with Ejaz Haider, Indus News, February 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** delivered a lecture on Impact of Geo-political environment on the security of Pakistan at NUST Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (NIPCONS), Islamabad, February 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** gave his analysis on Pakistan-India De-escalation in the program Indus Special with Ejaz Haider, Indus News, March 2019.

**Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid** delivered a talk on Activities of Citizens that Contribute to Global Warming and Climate Change, at a Conference of Youth on Climate Change held by Youth Parliament AJK, at University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffarabad, March 2019.

**Mr. Muhammad Sarmad Zia** was interviewed on India's ASAT test on DBTV, April 2019.

**Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid** presented a Paper on Water Scarcity – A Security Threat at National Conference on Water Problems and their Solutions organized by Pakistan Nuclear Society at Islamabad Hotel, April 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** comments on FATF published in Dawn Newspaper, June 2019.

**Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid** delivered the keynote address at 8th International Conference on Physics and Emerging Sciences at Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, July 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** gave interviews to various TV channels (PTV, Dunya News, Aaj News, Public TV and Hum News) on Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to the United States, July 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** chaired a round-table discussion on PM Imran Khan's visit to the US organized by Islamabad Policy Institute (IPI), July 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in a panel discussion on abrogation of Article 370 in regard to Kashmir on Public TV program Cross Check hosted by Akbar Khawaja, August 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in discussions on Abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution and Implications for Kashmir on various TV channels (KTN News, Channel 7, PTV, Samaa TV, Such TV and Channel 92), August 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** had a discussion with Ms. Sakina Rizvi, Chief Program Officer of Medics International, on cooperation with CISS in areas of mutual interest, August 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in Dunya TV program “Dunya Kamran Khan Kay Saath” on the developing situation in Indian Occupied Kashmir, August 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** gave an exclusive interview on Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to the US and its impact on Kashmir, Arab News, September 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in various TV/Radio Discussions (Radio Pakistan, GNN TV, PTV, PTV World News bulletin, Roze TV, Express News, PTV World program and PTV News Special Transmission) on Kashmir issue in September 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in PTV World program 'Views on News' and discussed the Indian SC decision about Kashmir status – Indian atrocities and Pakistan's stance on Kashmir, September 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** presented a book review of the book entitled Nuclear Deterrence in South Asia – New Technologies and Challenges to Sustainable Peace, authored by Dr. Rizwana Abbasi and Dr. Zafar Khan at ISSI, September 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in a discussion on President Donald Trump and PM Imran Khan's meeting, and Trump's offer for mediation on Kashmir on PTV World, September 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** talked on Striking Peace in a Nuclear Charged Environment in 6th ILF 2019: Discussion on Striking Peace in a Nuclear Charged Environment (Islamabad Literature Festival), September 2019.

**Dr. Mansoor Ahmed** participated as a panelist in a seminar on “Hindu Nationalism and Nuclear Politics” organized by the Center for Strategic and Contemporary Research, Islamabad, September 12, 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** comments on PM's Gulf mediation offer were published in The Express Tribune, September 2019.

**Ms. Huma Rehman** presented a paper on Emerging Technologies, Arms Race and its impact on the Strategic Stability of South Asia at the workshop on Nuclear Non-proliferation Issues and Strategic Stability in South Asia, organized by Islamic International University Islamabad (IIUI), September 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in Roze News' program Capital View on Pak-Iran Taluqat, October 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in a panel discussion of a PTV Special Transmission on Prime Minister's mediation effort with Iran and Saudi Arabia, October 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** talked on Unprovoked Afghan Firing across Border, PTV World program, October 2019.

**Ms. Saima Aman Sial** presented a paper on India-Pakistan Nuclear Crises: Escalation Dynamics in a one day Conference on Deconstructing Balakot Strikes: Pakistan's Conventional Warfighting Doctrine and the Way Forward, co-organized by Center for Security, Strategy and Policy Research (CSSPR), University of Lahore and Center for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS), Islamabad, November 20, 2019.

**Amb. Ali Sarwar Naqvi** attended a Public Talk on How Pakistan and the US Can Provide a Plan B for Afghanistan, organized by ISSI, November 2019.

**Dr. Mansoor Ahmed** spoke on “Escalation Dominance and Crisis Management” in the workshop on “Deterrence” organized by the Center for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad, December 31, 2019.

**Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid** delivered a lecture on Development of Pakistan's Nuclear Program for Peaceful Purposes at one-day conference on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Technology – Pakistan's Achievements, organized by Strategic Vision Institute, Islamabad, December 2019.

**Amb.Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in a discussion on Anti-muslim Citizenship Bill in India at PTV World's program 'Views on News', December 2019.

**Amb.Ali Sarwar Naqvi** commented on Kaula Lumpur Summit 2019, Newsone's program 'Mazrat Ke Sath', December 2019.

**Amb.Ali Sarwar Naqvi** participated in the Dawn News program 'Do Raaye', December 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** delivered a lecture at Naval War College in Karachi, December 2019.

**Dr. Naeem Salik** participated as a speaker at the workshop on Deterrence, organized by Centre for International Peace & stability (CIPS), December 2019.

## **CISS Members Working as Adjunct Faculty**

**Dr. Naeem Salik** is an adjunct faculty member in Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.

**Dr. Syed Javaid Khurshid** was an adjunct faculty member in Islamic International University, Islamabad.



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