

# ***Quaid-e-Azam Distinguished Professor in Pakistan Studies***

## **CENTER FOR PAKISTAN STUDIES, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Center for Pakistan Studies was established at Columbia University in 1951 (originally, it was founded as part of near and Middle East Institute). The founding announcement stated the objective clearly and it resonates well for contemporary times: *“The Center of Pakistan Studies, has as its purpose the training of a limited number of highly qualified American and foreign students in a specialized knowledge of Pakistan, both in its present day setting and its historical relationship to the Islamic world and the subcontinent of India. These students will be expected to gain a specialized regional knowledge enabling them to do work of authority and influence in business, finance, journalism, and in the various branches of the government service, as well as academic teaching and research in the social sciences and literature of their area.”* The Government of Pakistan, in collaboration with the Columbia University, financed this research and teaching center between 1951- 1965. Over the years, this collaboration did create an opportunity for greater American and Pakistani interaction and has brought together outstanding Pakistani and American scholars for studies and research on Pakistan.

In the formative phase of the Pakistan Chair position, eminent personalities including Ch. Zafarullah, Dr. S.M. Ikram, Dr. I.H. Qureshi, Khawaja Sarwar Hussain and Dr. Mohammad Hussain were associated with the project. During this period (1951-1965) these scholars and policymakers produced quality research publications on Pakistan.

Unfortunately, in 1965, because of the Indo-Pakistan war, the Chair position was suspended. However, it merits attention that academic circles in both countries made relentless efforts to seek its revival. Despite their efforts, it took almost a decade before the Chair position would become functional again.

The decision to revive this position was made by Pakistan’s Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, when he visited the United States in September 1973. He agreed that the Government of Pakistan would fund the basing of a Pakistani Professor at Columbia University, later designated as “Quaid-e-Azam Distinguished Professor of Pakistan Studies”. Bhutto also initiated the setting up of similar Pakistan Chairs, in a number of other countries.

Two years passed before the formalities for setting up the position of the Quaid-e-Azam Professor were completed with Columbia University administration. The first Quaid-e-Azam Professor assumed charge in April 1976. The Quaid-e-Azam professorship has remained vacant from time to time due to the gaps between the departure of one professor and arrival of his successor. Upon assumption of his appointment, the Quaid-e-Azam professor is appointed as Adjunct Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA).

### **The following have held the Pakistan Chair position since 1976:**

1. Dr. Manzooruddin Ahmad, Ph.D. (Columbia University)  
Karachi University: 1976-79; Retired as Vice Chancellor, Karachi University
2. Dr. Syed Razi Wasti, Ph.D. (London)  
Professor of History, Punjab Department of Education: 1983-88
3. Dr. Aslam Syed, Ph.D. (Columbia University)  
Quaid-e-Azam University: 1988-91. Currently, Professor of History, QAU, Islamabad
4. Dr. Rasul Bakhsh Rais, Ph.D. (University of California, Santa Barbara)  
Quaid-e-Azam University: 1991-94. Currently, Area Study Center, QAU Islamabad
5. Dr. Hasan Askari Rizvi, Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania)  
Punjab University, Lahore: 1996-99. Former Professor of Political Science, Punjab University, Lahore. Currently independent defense analyst.
6. Dr. Saeed Shafiqat, Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania)  
Chief Instructor, Civil Services Academy, Walton, Lahore assumed the post in March 2001.

The office of the Quaid-e-Azam Professor within the Southern Asian Institute has been designated as the Pakistan Center. The Center is located at IAB 1129 and the telephone number is 212-854-3932

### **ACADEMIC FUNCTIONS AND TASKS: QUAID-E-AZAM DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR**

The Quaid-e-Azam Professor is responsible for the following:

1. Teaching of graduate level (including Ph.D.) courses on Pakistan and South Asia;
2. Providing guidance to independent research or studies, if any;
3. Participating in "brown bags", academic seminars and special talks at Columbia University;
4. Participating in conferences, seminars and academic dialogue with the USA and abroad;
5. Interacting with the media (radio, TV, press) when there is an important development in South Asia, especially involving Pakistan;
6. Organizing Pakistan-related conferences, seminars and talks at Columbia University in collaboration with the Southern Asian Institute and other SIPA affiliates.
7. Working on personal research projects with the aim of publishing a book or articles in various journals, with occasional contributions to Pakistani newspapers;
8. Interacting with the Pakistani-American community.

### **DESCRIPTIONS OF COURSES BEING CURRENTLY OFFERED BY QUAID-E-AZAM PROFESSOR**

#### **INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA**

International Affairs U4835 (Spring2002)

Thursday, 2:10-4 P.M

Room 1134 International Affairs Building

Quaid-e-Azam Professor, Dr. Saeed Shafqat

The course will explore linkages between the domestic and international politics of South Asian states. It will analyze how domestic imperative impacts interstate relations and influences their threat perceptions, security considerations, and foreign policy orientations. Historically, the region has been exposed to Central Asian, Chinese, Arab and Western influences. This interaction and exposure has had deep impact on the evolution of interstate relations as well as relations with the United States, Soviet Union (post 1191 Russia) and China. Examining the history of relations between India and Pakistan, the major states of the region, it will look at the effects of super power rivalries and security concerns of smaller states: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

#### **SOCIETY AND POLITICS IN PAKISTAN**

International Affairs U4635

Thursdays 2:10 to 4pm (Fall 2002)

Room 1134, International Affairs Building

Quaid-e-Azam Professor, Dr. Saeed Shafqat

The course aims to provide participants with a conceptual frame work in which some of the key issues confronting Pakistani society and polity will be discussed and deliberated upon. Issues that are specific to Pakistan and yet have relevance for developing states with similar historical, cultural, social, politico-strategic setting and level of economic development.

# QUAID-E-AZAM PROFESSOR

PAKISTAN CENTER

## *ACTIVITIES REPORT*

Since assuming charge on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2001, I have vigorously participated in academic, research, policy and public affairs related activities. In most of these settings, I have been invited by the Universities, think tanks, Pakistani-American community and Pakistani student organizations operating in various University campuses on the East Coast. It has been a professionally rewarding and academically enriching experience.

### **LIST OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

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| April 30, 2001   | Participated in one-day workshop on <i>The Muslim Minorities in New York City</i> , organized by the Middle East Institute and Center for Urban Research and Policy at SIPA.                                   |
| May 4, 2001      | Participated in the Eighth Annual Associated Press/ Harriman Institute Conference on <i>Ten Years of Independent Russia: Problems and Prospects</i> .  |
| June 4-6, 2001   | Participated in jointly sponsored UN and Columbia University conference on <i>Urbanizing World and UN Habitat II</i> .   |
| Sept 28-30, 2001 | Served on the Organizing Committee for and participated in the <i>International Conference on Urdu Scholarship in Transnational Perspective</i> organized by the Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University |

### **RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE POST-WORLD TRADE CENTER TRAGEDY**

The tragic event of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 has put Pakistan on the *Frontline Again*. Between 15<sup>th</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2001, I gave the following interviews to American, Italian, and Brazilian television, as well as Japanese radio:

- September 17, 2001 – Italian T.V. La Sette
- September 17, 2001 – Japan Radio
- October 5, 2001 – MSNBC
- October 21, 2001 – MSNBC
- October 24, 2001 – GIOBO (Brazil)

## TALKS, LECTURES, PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

I have vigorously participated in a series of academic and professionally rewarding seminars, conferences, lectures, and talks. I have made presentations in **28** different forums and there is a constant flow of requests for future engagements. The details are as follows:

1. **September 26, 2001** - Gave talk on *Pakistan on the Frontline Again*, Southern Asian Institute, Brownbag Lecture Series
2. **October 8, 2001** - Presented a paper on *Jihadi Movements and their Impact on Pakistan*, Forum on *Religious Violence*, Barnard College and Columbia University
3. **October 15, 2001** - Gave a lecture on *America, Pakistan, and the Emerging World Order*, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
4. **October 16, 2001** - Made a presentation in a panel discussion on *Pakistan and Its Futures*, Council on Foreign Relations, New York [Other panelists included Shahid Javed Burki, formerly with the World Bank, and Omar Noman, UNDP.]
5. **October 18-21, 2001** - Presented a paper on *Federalism and Decentralization in Pakistan: Old Problems New Challenges*. Discussant in the following panels: *Marginal Peoples and Wandering Borders: The Integration of Autonomous Regions and Unruly Space into the Pakistani State*; *Pakistan and Taliban*, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison
6. **October 21, 2001** - Made presentation in a panel discussion on *A Perspective on Afghanistan: from the North and from the South*, Institute for South Asian Affairs, New York [The conference was chaired by Professor Phillip Oldenburg, Associate Director, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University. Other panelists included Professor Peter Sinnott, SIPA.]
7. **November 2, 2001** - Presented a paper in one-day workshop for educators on the *World Islam after the WTC*, Columbia University in collaboration with five other institutes [Other panelists included Professor Lisa Anderson, Dean SIPA and Professor Aqeel Bilgrami, Philosophy.]
8. **December 25, 2001** - *Life and Times of Quaid-e-Azam*, an interview and discussion with Pakistani American youth for Colors of Asia television program
9. **December 27, 2001** - Gave a keynote speech on *Quaid-e-Azam's Vision of Pakistan and Challenges for the New Military Regime*, Consulate of Pakistan, New York.
10. **January 2, 2002** - Gave a lecture on *Post Independence Political Change in South Asia* at the New York School Teachers Workshop on *India and South Asia: An Overview*, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University
11. **January 9, 2002** - Gave lecture on: *South Asia in the International System*, at the New York School Teachers Workshop on *India and South Asia: An Overview*, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University
12. **January 16, 2002** – Gave a one hour interview on National Public Radio (NPR) from 10am to 11am on the mid-morning show, on the occasion of U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell's visit to South Asia: *Talk on India-Pakistan* hosted by Minnesota Public radio

13. **January 30, 2002** - Led a discussion along with Professor Philip Oldenburg on *Redefining India-Pakistan Relations*, Brownbag lecture series, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University
14. **January 31, 2002** – Gave a one hour interview on *Pakistan, India and Kashmir*, National Public Radio (NPR) hosted by Chicago University Radio
15. **February 11, 2002** – Participant in panel discussion *World of Islam after WTC*
16. **February 14-17, 2002** – Participated in 17<sup>th</sup> Annual South Asia Conference at the University of California, Berkeley, Center for South Asia Studies. Speaker in panel discussions: *Kashmir and Afghanistan: Religion, Ethnicity, and the Strategic balance in South Asia* [Other panelists included Khaled Ahmed, Friday Times Journalist; Pradeep Chhiber, Political Science, UC Berkeley; Sumit Ganguly, Asian Studies and Government, University of Texas; Austin, Neil H. Joeck, Policy Planning Staff, State Department]
17. **February 20, 2002** – Lectured on *The Future of Pakistan: A Political and Social Analysis*, The Pakistan Student Organization of New York University (NYU)
18. **February 27, 2002** - Gave a presentation on *US-Pakistan and South Asia: Future Directions*, Social Science Research Council Washington, DC.
19. **March 9, 2002** - Helped organize one-day workshop on *IS Pakistan really moving towards Democracy?*, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University. Presented a paper on *The Role of Military and Prospects of Democracy* [Other presentations were made by Omar Noman, UNDP, on *Economic Constraints*, Omar Quershi, on *The Role of Religious Groups*]
20. **March 11, 2002** – Panelist on *American Power and Responsibility, Six Months after September 11<sup>th</sup>*: Response, Rebuilding and Reconciliation Conference, SIPA, Columbia University [Other panelists included: Richard K. Betts, Director of the Institute of War and Peace Studies; Prof. Jean L. Cohen, Professor of Political Theory, Columbia University; David Rief, author and journalist, Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute; Roger Norman, Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights]
21. **March 16, 2002** – Gave lecture and slideshow presentation on *Culture, Geography and Foreign Policy of Pakistan*, New York International Youth Leadership Program
22. **March 26, 2002** – Panelist on *In the name of God: Politics and Religion in Pakistan and India*, Association of Pakistani Students, Columbia University.
23. **March 27, 2002** – Panelist on *China, Pakistan and India: Unweaving the Web of a Tense Trilateral Relationship*, The Asia Society, New York [Other panelists included Michael Kreppon, Stimson Center; Prof. John Garver, University of Washington, Seattle; and Ambassador Nicholas Platt, President, Asia society]
24. **April 4-7, 2002** – Participated and made a presentation on two panels: *Civil Society and Development Discourse under Musharraf Regime* and *Bush Administration in South Asia: Continuity and Change*, Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Washington, DC
25. **April 8, 2002** – Panelist on *Interrogating Religion and Politics*, A Conference on the Interface of Religion, Culture and Politics in Pakistan, School of International Service, American University

26. **April 14, 2002** – Panelist on *Kashmir: Exchanging Ideas*, Different Perspectives. Historical. Political. Social, APAAM, Columbia University
27. **May 30 – June 1, 2002** – Participated and presented paper on *The Impact of Kargil War on the Domestic Politics of Pakistan*, Conference on Asymmetric Warfare in South Asia: The Causes and Consequences of Kargil Conflict, Center for Contemporary Conflict, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA
28. **July 24, 2002** – Panelist on *Good Governance*, Taking Pakistan into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Economic and Political Challenges, Wilson Center's Asia Program and Pakistan America Institute

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- *From Official Islam to Islamism: The Rise of Dawat-ul-Irshad and Lashkar-e-Taibia*, a chapter in **Pakistan: Nationalism Without a Nation?** Edited by Christopher Jaffrelot, Zed Books/ Manohar, London/New Delhi, 2002
- Book Review, *Public Officer, Private Interest: Bureaucracy and Corruption in India* By S.K. Das, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2001. *Journal of Asian Studies*, August 2002, pp 1085-1087
- An extensive and in-depth interview on Pakistan published in *AUFBAU: Americas only German Jewish Publication* (weekly), New York, 21 February 2002
- Contributed the *Encarta Pakistan* article for Microsoft 2002

### **PAPERS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION:**

- *The Impact of Kargil on the Domestic Politics of Pakistan*
- *United States and Pakistan: Again a Frontline State or a Strategic Partner*

### **WORK IN PROGRESS:**

1. United States, Pakistan and China: Contours of a Complex Trilateral Relationship
2. Federalism, Decentralization and Challenges of Governance in Pakistan
3. Pakistan's Security Environment: Kargil, Afghanistan and Beyond
4. Religion and Culture of Violence: Governance and Prospects of Democracy in Pakistan