

## **Course Title: Pakistan-India Conflict and Peace Dynamics**

**Course Code:** PCS 830

**Credit Hours:** 3 (3-0)

### **Course Description**

This course critically examines the complex and often adversarial relationship between Pakistan and India. It traces the origins of conflict from Partition (1947) through successive wars, crises, and peace processes, while engaging with broader regional and global dynamics. Students will explore contentious issues such as Kashmir, water disputes, terrorism, cross-border trade, and nuclearization, alongside peace initiatives including Track-I and Track-II dialogues. The course emphasizes both state-centric and people-centered perspectives, focusing on identity politics, media narratives, and civil society engagement. By engaging with scholarship and policy debates, students will evaluate challenges and opportunities for conflict resolution and sustainable peace.

### **Course Objectives**

- To trace the historical trajectory of Pakistan–India relations from 1947 to the present.
- To analyze key sources of conflict: Kashmir, wars, terrorism, water, and nuclear rivalry.
- To assess peace initiatives including bilateral agreements, CBMs, and dialogues.
- To explore the roles of global powers and regional actors in shaping conflict and cooperation.
- To examine the role of culture, media, and civil society in framing peace/conflict narratives.
- To encourage critical research on sustainable peacebuilding and future scenarios.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain the historical origins of the Pakistan–India conflict.
- Evaluate competing narratives from both states and local communities.
- Analyze the impact of wars, crises, and nuclearization on South Asian security.
- Assess bilateral peace processes, including successes and failures.
- Critically examine the role of non-state actors, civil society, and media.
- Propose informed, research-based frameworks for conflict transformation.

## Course Contents

- Introduction: Theories of Conflict and Peace in South Asia
- Partition 1947: Causes, Violence, and Legacy
- The First Kashmir War (1947–48) and UN Mediation
- Wars of 1965 and 1971: Narratives and Consequences
- Nuclearization of South Asia: 1974–1998 Tests and Deterrence Dynamics
- The Simla Agreement (1972) and Bilateralism
- Insurgency, Cross-Border Terrorism, and Proxy Wars
- Peace Initiatives: Lahore Declaration (1999), Agra Summit, and Track-II Dialogues
- The Kargil War (1999): Conflict Escalation and International Mediation
- Composite Dialogue Process (2004–2008): Opportunities and Setbacks
- Mumbai Attacks (2008) and Breakdown of Dialogue
- Kashmir After 2019: Article 370 and Pakistan–India Relations
- Water Conflicts: The Indus Waters Treaty and Emerging Climate Challenges
- Media, Narrative Warfare, and Popular Culture in Shaping Conflict
- Civil Society, Peace Activism, and Track-II Diplomacy

## Reading Material

### Compulsory Readings

- Ganguly, Sumit. *Conflict Unending: India–Pakistan Tensions Since 1947*. Oxford University Press, 2019 (updated ed.).
- Sattar, Abdul. *Pakistan’s Foreign Policy 1947–2019: A Concise History*. Oxford University Press, 2020 (sections on India).

- Bose, Sumantra. *Kashmir at the Crossroads*. Yale University Press, 2021.
- Wirsing, Robert G. *India, Pakistan, and the Kashmir Dispute: On Regional Conflict and Its Resolution*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.

## **Additional & Recent Readings (2019–2024)**

### **Pakistani Authors**

- Hilali, A.Z. *Pakistan's Nuclear Deterrence: Political and Strategic Dimensions*. Routledge, 2022.
- Khan, Amina. "Pakistan–India Relations after Article 370: Implications for Peace." *Strategic Studies (ISSI)*, 2020.
- Lodhi, Maleeha. *Pakistan: Beyond the Crisis State*. Oxford University Press, 2021 (chapters on India).
- Cheema, Pervaiz Iqbal. "War, Peace and the Kashmir Dispute: A Pakistani Perspective." *Strategic Studies*, 2019.
- Yousaf, Farhan Hanif. "Indus Waters Treaty and Climate Change: Emerging Challenges for Pakistan–India Relations." *Journal of South Asian Studies*, 2022.

### **International & Comparative Works**

- Behera, Navnita Chadha. *India–Pakistan Relations: Old Rivalry, New Context*. Routledge, 2020.
- Schofield, Victoria. *India, Pakistan, and the Unending War*. Bloomsbury, 2020.
- Fair, C. Christine. *In Their Own Words: Understanding the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba*. Oxford University Press, 2019.
- International Crisis Group. *India–Pakistan: Managing a Nuclear Relationship*. Asia Report No. 329, 2021.
- Varshney, Ashutosh. "Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and India–Pakistan Relations." *Foreign Affairs*, 2022.

### **Policy Reports (Pakistani Institutions)**

- Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI). *Policy Briefs on Pakistan–India Relations Post-2019*. ISSI Reports, 2020–2023.

- Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI). *Pakistan–India Dialogue: Prospects and Challenges*. IPRI Monograph, 2021.
- Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA). *Kashmir and Pakistan–India Relations in the 21st Century*. PIIA Report, 2022.