

(GPS 206) Pakistan's Domestic Issues and Politics

Pre-Requisites: None

Learning Objectives:

This course will analyze, in depth, issues in Pakistan's politics both internally and externally including democracy, civil-military relations, ethnic politics and insurgency, elections and political parties, terrorism, US-Pakistan relations, relations with our neighbors, the water crisis, Kashmir, nuclear power and Pak-China relations.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- identify the roots and progression of some important issues in Pakistan's politics, place them in historical context and understand the origins of these challenges
- identify competing narratives about Pakistan as a state both internally and externally, and add to an informed narrative about Pakistan.

Course Contents:

Issues in Pakistani Democracy, Civil-Military Relations, Ethnic Politics and Insurgency in Pakistan, Ethnic Politics and Insurgency in Pakistan, Elections and Political Parties in Pakistan, Terrorism, Afghanistan-Pakistan Relations, US-Pakistan Relations, Relations with India in the 21st Century, Kashmir, Water crisis, CPEC.

Text Books and Software:

1. Cohen, Stephen. The Idea of Pakistan, (Washington: Brookings Institution Press 2004)
2. Jaffrelot, Christophe. The Pakistan Paradox: Instability and Resilience. (Random House 2015)
3. Jalal, Ayesha. The State of Martial Rule in Pakistan: Political Economy of Defence (Islamabad Vanguard,
4. 1991)
5. Nawaz, Shujah. Crossed Swords: Pakistan Its Army and the Wars Within (Karachi: OUP, 2008).
6. Talbot, Ian. A Modern History (London: Hurst and Company, 2005)