

## **Foreign Policy of Pakistan –IR, 813 (Elective Course)**

**Course Description:** Amongst Pakistan's main policies, foreign policy figures are a top priority. Since its simultaneous birth and independence in 1947, due to a set of reasons, including its survival and state-building, Pakistan's foreign policy has been at the forefront of the strategic thinking of the country's leadership. Given that Pakistan initiated her life as an independent nation at the crossroads of important international political events, such as the Cold War and decolonization, together with a problematic neighborhood (east and west), foreign policy encountered challenging moments that impacted the very construction of Pakistan as an independent country. The purpose of this course is to understand Pakistan's background of foreign policy in proper reference to context. Moreover, the students will be taught about the main determinants, guiding principles, desired and acquired objectives in the age of competing national interest of the state and also taught Pakistan's relations with various countries, its role in selected regional and international organizations, its policy and strategy towards non-state actors will be analyzed. Furthermore, Pakistan's foreign policy toward various regional and global issues will be discussed.

**Course Objectives:** This course aims not only to revisit the principal challenges Pakistan's foreign policy has encountered in relations with different regional and international actors but also to provide the students with an in-depth knowledge of how foreign policy operates in Pakistan and how it impacts the country not only in the international realm but also in the domestic one.

**Learning Outcome:** By the end of the semester term, students are expected to have gained core knowledge concerning Pakistan's foreign policy, thus being able to:

1. Critically evaluate the importance of foreign policy as one of the leading national policies in Pakistan.
2. Appreciate the foreign policy of Pakistan within a frame of logical and rational explanations.
3. Appreciate the importance of history and geopolitics for the construction of Pakistan's foreign policy.
4. Critically evaluate the importance of foreign policy for Pakistan's own existence

5. Critically analyze and evaluate the main challenges for current and future scenarios on Pakistan's foreign policy.

### **Course Content**

Week 1:	Introduction to Pakistan's Foreign Policy
Week 2:	Major determinants, principles, and objectives
Week 3:	Geo-Political and Geo-strategic setting
Week 4:	Foreign policy-making process
Week 5:	9 Divergence and convergence in government and public perceptions
Week 6:	Phases of Pakistan's Foreign Policy (Brief Review) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase I (1947-1953): The Formative Phase</li> <li>• Phase II (1954-62): The Period of Alignment</li> <li>• Phase III (1962-1971) Bilateralism</li> </ul>
Week 7:	Phases of Pakistan's Foreign Policy (Brief Review) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase IV (1971–1979): Post 1971 Pakistan: New Direction of Foreign Policy.</li> <li>• Phase V (1979–1988): Pakistan and Soviet Military Intervention in Afghanistan.</li> <li>• Phase VI (1989–2001): The End of Cold War, the New World Order, and Pakistan.</li> <li>• Phase VII (2001-onward) &amp; Post 9/11 to-date</li> </ul>
Week 8:	Pakistan Relations with the Muslim countries: General overview
Week 9:	<i>Midterm exam</i>
Week 10:	Relations with selected countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relations with the United States</li> <li>• Relations with China</li> </ul>
Week 11:	Relations with selected countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relations with Russia</li> <li>• Relations with India</li> </ul>
Week 12:	Pakistan's Nuclear Policy: A brief review
Week 13:	Pakistan in the United Nations
Week 14:	Pakistan's foreign policy: Latest trends and transformations
Week 15:	Foreign Policy of Pakistan and CPEC
Week 16:	<i>Final Exam</i>

### **Reading Material**

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