

The South Asia Institute presents
Beyond Security: Democratic Contestations in Bangladesh and Pakistan
Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15

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Location: International Affairs Building, 15th floor, 420 West 118th Street at Amsterdam Avenue

Friday, October 14

- 9:00am – 9:10am Welcome by Janaki Bakhle
(History, Columbia University and Director, South Asia Institute)
- 9:10am – 9:30am Introduction by Ambassador Abdullah Hussain Haroon,
Permanent Representation of Pakistan to the United Nations
- 9:30am - 11:00am First Panel: Nation/State/Geographies/Identities
Moderated by Partha Chatterjee (Anthropology, Columbia University)
Elizabeth Kolsky (History, Villanova University)
Yasmin Saikia (History, Arizona State University)
Willem van Schendel (Modern Asian History, University of Amsterdam)
- 11:30am – 1:00pm Second Panel: Art and Representation
Moderated by Brian Larkin (Anthropology, Barnard College)
Jamal Elias (Religion, University of Pennsylvania)
Ananya Jahanara Kabir (School of English,
University of Leeds)
Auj Khan (Stony Brook University and
Vasl International Artsits' Collective, Pakistan)
Nayanika Mookherjee (Social Anthropology, University of Durham)
- 2:15pm – 3:45pm Third Panel: Secularism and Feminism
Moderated by Janaki Bakhle (History, Columbia University)
Amina Jamal (Sociology, Ryerson College)
Dina Siddiqi (Women's Studies, Hunter College, CUNY)
Afiya Shehrbano Zia (independent scholar)
- 4:15pm – 4:30pm Introduction of Plenary Speaker by Dina Siddiqi (Hunter College, CUNY)
- 4:30pm – 6:30pm Plenary Lecture by Sara Hossain
(Advocate, High Court Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh)
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm Reception

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Saturday, October 15

- 10:00am – 10:15am Welcome by Janaki Bakhle (History, Columbia University)
- 10:15am – 12:15pm Fourth Panel: Vested Interests and New Social Formations
Moderated by S. Akbar Zaidi (MESAAS and SIPA, Columbia University)
Aasim Sajjad Akhtar (Political Economy, Quaid-e-Azam University)
Sajeda Amin (Population Council)
David Lewis (Social Policy and Development,
London School of Economics)
Aqil Shah (Political Science, Society of Fellows, Harvard University)
- 1:30pm – 3:30pm Fifth Panel: The Ubiquitous Security Question
Moderated by Hassan Abbas (College of International Security Affairs,
National Defense University)
Naeem Mohaiemen (independent scholar)
Shuja Nawaz (South Asia Center, Atlantic Council)
Ali Riaz (Politics and Government, Illinois State University)
Saadia Toor (Sociology, College of Staten Island, CUNY)
Mooed Yusuf (US Institute for Peace)
- 4:00pm – 4:15pm Plenary Introduction by Ambassador Abdullah Hussain Haroon,
Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations
- 4:30pm – 6:00pm Closing Plenary Lecture by Aitzaz Ahsan
(Past President, Pakistan Supreme Court Bar Association;
Lawyer's Committee Movement)
- 6:00pm- 6:15pm Closing message by Janaki Bakhle (History, Columbia University)