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BLOGS

U.S. Strategic Influence VS. China's Economic Engagement: Pakistan's Choices?

*By Research Associate,
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Pakistan surely knows how to strike a fine balance between the U.S. and China, two great powers and major competitors, instead of placing all of its eggs in the same basket. It is in Pakistan's best national interest to hold on to this intricate balance for its dual dependencies on both.

Pakistan's financial Relationship with the U.S: Development or Dependence?

*By Research Associate,
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Pakistan's financial relationship with the U.S. has historically been marked by both development and dependence, though the balance between the two has shifted more towards 'dependence' over time due to changing geopolitical circumstances and national priorities.

Dynamics of Pakistan-U.S. Relationship

*By Research Officer,
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Pakistan and the United States have shared a complex and often turbulent relationship, rooted in a blend of strategic interests and military alliances. The factors challenging Pakistan-US relations will continue to shape their often-tenuous partnership.



This Week in Law & Security

- Against the backdrop of India's refusing to tour Pakistan to participate in the Champions Trophy 2025, the United States has stressed adopting sports diplomacy as it "connects people".
- Pakistan has asked visiting IMF mission to do away with structural benchmark of \$7 billion Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme under which government is bound to disconnect gas supplies to single and cogeneration captive power plants (CPPs) from January 2025.
- The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has ruled that Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's (PTI) planned protest on Nov 24 is unlawful and directed the federal government to take all necessary measures to maintain law and order in the federal capital without disrupting public life, particularly as the Belarusian president is scheduled to arrive over the weekend with a high-profile delegation.

Role of Constitutional Court as per 26th Amendment

*By Research Officer,
Hiba Anjum*

The recent adoption of Pakistan's 26th Constitutional Amendment signifies a turning point in the country's judiciary. Among its many innovations, the amendment's establishing of Constitutional Benches in the Supreme and High Courts has led to heated discussion regarding Pakistan's judiciary's future role and autonomy.

Navigating U.S. Pressure to Curtail Relations with Iran

*By Research Officer,
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As Pakistan navigates one of the most complex challenges of its foreign policy, Pakistan must prioritize its sovereignty and national interests while maintaining a balance in relations with Iran and U.S. The country involved in any kind of relations with Iran undergoes pressure of being the victim of U.S. sanctions as well. Pakistan also finds itself at the cross-roads when it comes to maintain relations with Iran with the navigation of U.S. pressure.

The importance of Security in Pakistan-US relationship

*By Research Officer,
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The relation between Pakistan and the United States has been a complex mixture of cooperation and tension since Pakistan's independence in 1947. Shaped by historical events, geopolitical interests and security concerns. In recent years, the importance of security concerns has been increasing between the nations. While both countries have different priorities, security concerns remain a crucial issue that binds them.

- The death toll in gun attack on passenger vans in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Lower Kurram has risen to 42, while more than 30 people were injured.
- At least 30 people, including eight policemen, sustained injuries in clashes between police and protesters in Azad Jammu and Kashmir's southern town of Kotli, during demonstrations against a recent ordinance promulgated to "regulate public assemblies".
- The New Gwadar International Airport, developed with a \$230 million grant by China, remains largely inactive due to the failure of aviation and port authorities to market the facility internationally or engage consultants for its commercialization.
- The Lahore High Court (LHC) ordered all schools to provide transport to students, while also seeking a fitness policy for vehicles within 15 days as part of efforts to curtail smog.
- Amid concerns raised over failure of the federating units, especially Punjab, to generate the desired revenue surplus, the IMF mission sought exact timelines from provinces for their contributions to spending on the higher education and BISP programme for curtailing expenditures.

WEBINAR SERIES

Tackling Pakistan’s Smog Problem



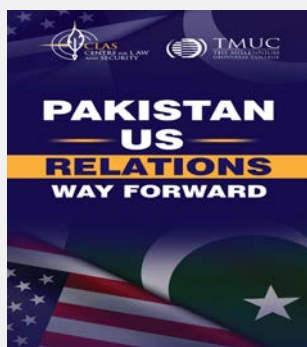
CLAS held a webinar titled ‘Tackling Pakistan’s Smog Problem’ on Tuesday, 19th November, 2024. To tackle this issue, environment protection laws are there but their inefficient implementation leads to worsening the smog problem in Pakistan.

Speakers:

- 1. Ms. Farzana Altaf Shah (Director General Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency)
- 2. Mr. Asif Shuja Khan (Former Director General Pak- Environmental Protection Agency).

EVENTS

A Dialogue on Pakistan U.S. Relations: Way Forward



CLAS held a dialogue on **Pakistan-U.S. Relations: Way Forward** on 20th November, 2024 at Teresa Lecture Theatre, TMUC, Islamabad.

This was stated by two visiting strategic analysts from the U.S – Mr. Daniel F. Runde Senior Vice President at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and Former Ambassador and Senior Assistant Secretary of the State Robin Raphel - at an event that was hosted by the Centre for Law and Security (CLAS). Executive Director Rehman Azhar moderated the session. President CLAS & TMUC Amb. Masood Khan and Founder & CEO of TMUC and CLAS, Dr. Faisal Mushtaq also attended the event.



President CLAS & TMUC, Amb. Masood Khan and Daniel Runde, at the event hosted by CLAS.



ED CLAS Mr. Rehman Azhar moderating the session and hosting Former U.S. Amb. Robin Raphel



Daniel F. Runde CSIS SVP & Ambassador Robin L. Raphel Addressed the Centre for Law & Security CLAS at TMUC Islamabad Campus