

CHINA STUDY CENTRE IBA KARACHI



G3 CPEC SUMMIT 2021

This Summit is organized by China Study Centre IBA Karachi. China Study Centre (CSC), at the Institute of Business Administration Karachi, was established on July 1st 2021. The Centre was established by the financial support of Higher Education Commission and it is headed by Dr. Nasir A. Afghan. The CSC plans to strengthen the people to people contact between Pakistan and People's Republic of China through exchange programs, joint research projects with Chinese universities, and various academic and cultural activities.

10:00am to 04:30pm

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Venue: JS auditorium, City Campus, IBA Karachi

“CPEC: EMERGING GEOPOLITICAL & GEO-ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES”

China and Pakistan enjoy a long standing resilient relationship. The China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) formalized in 2015 further consolidated a very strong relationship. The China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) provides framework for regional connectivity, industrial cooperation, diverse investment opportunities, financial cooperation, Agriculture cooperation and socio–economic development. The project is expected to bring prosperity to not only China and Pakistan, but to other South–Asian nations as well, with Pakistan at the epicenter.

CPEC is of prime importance for both China and Pakistan; the bilateral economic cooperation agreement has been termed by many analysts as ‘A Game Changer’. CPEC holds great geostrategic and geo–economic importance as this project allows China to open to East and West Europe through Eurasia by using the Land Silk Road via Pakistan. The broad geographic vision leads Beijing to pursue an integrated set of trade, commercial, and diplomatic, and infrastructure development initiatives from Asia to the South China Sea to the African littoral.

Moreover, China Pakistan Economic Corridor’s geo–strategic location gives it a significant place in global politics. It is situated at the juncture of energy proficient and energy deficient countries. Its geo–strategic importance is further enhanced by the fact that it is bordered by emerging economic giants of the world i.e., India and China, and is looking towards connecting the countries rich in abundant natural resources i.e., Afghanistan, Iran, Russia and Central Asian States. There are excellent growth and investment opportunities in Afghanistan and Central Asia provided there is political stability in Afghanistan. China and Turkey in collaboration with other countries could play a major role in bringing the trillion dollars mineral reserves in Afghanistan to utility level.

The regional geo political and geo–economics dynamics has changed due to American withdrawal from Afghanistan. Stability, peace, and order in Afghanistan is critical to unlock the potential of the land–locked Central Asian countries and Afghanistan. It will provide short and easy access to the Indian Ocean through Gwadar port under CPEC.

After the new Government in Afghanistan all the land–locked Central Asian countries and Afghanistan will get short and easy access to Indian Ocean through Gwadar port under CPEC. Therefore, it would not be entirely wrong to call CPEC a “Corridor of regional economic integration and growth”. In the new emerging geopolitics and economic opportunities also see multiple local and international stakeholders with conflicting or competing or divergent objectives and interests. The dynamic crisscross of geo–economics and geopolitics and the resultant animosity and interdependence lends complexities and unpredictability to the equation.

In the wake of recent developments in region, specifically US withdrawal from Afghanistan and the role of new Afghan government in regional connectivity and economic integration, IBA China Study Centre is please to commence a one day summit on **“CPEC: Emerging Geopolitical & Geo-economic Landscape Opportunities and Challenges”**

The aim of this one day summit is to explore and identify the future opportunities and challenges for China Pakistan, and Afghanistan economic, information and trade corridor. Our objective is first to understand the challenges faced by the Afghan government in Afghanistan? Also to brainstorm and find the common and shared areas for future investments, economic, social and information cooperation between the three countries, Pakistan Afghanistan and China. We have invited Mr. Khalid Mansoor Special Assistant to Prime Minister Pakistan on CPEC, and Prof. Qian Feng from Tsinghua University China as keynote speakers. We also have policy makers, opinion builders, and representatives of think tanks from Pakistan, China, and Afghanistan as our esteemed panelists.

THE INAUGURAL SESSION

- Welcome Note by Dr. Wajid Hussain Rizvi, Dean, School of Business Studies, IBA Karachi
- Launching Ceremony of China Study Centre & Opening Note by Dr. Nasir Afghan
- 1st Keynote Speech, Khalid Mansoor, SAPM on CPEC.
- 2nd Keynote Speech, Qian Feng, Director of Research Department & Senior Research Fellow, National Strategy Institute, Tsinghua University, China.
- 3rd Keynote Speech, Mr. Guo Chunshui - Commercial Counselor, Chinese Consulate Karachi



Khalid Mansoor

Special Assistant to the PM
on CPEC
(online)



Prof. Dr. Qian Feng

Director of Research Department & Senior
Research fellow, National Strategy
Institute, Tsinghua University, China



Mr. Guo Chunshui

Commercial Counselor
Chinese Consulate
Karachi

SESSION 1: CPEC: THE EMERGING GEOPOLITICAL & ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE

PANELISTS/SPEAKERS: (ONLINE)



Masood Khalid

Former Ambassador of Pakistan
to People's Republic of China



Group Captain (R) Sultan M Hali

Writer &
Senior Security Analyst



Dr. Shabana Fayyaz

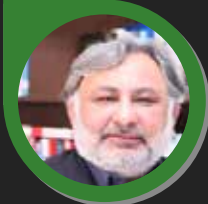
Head, Defense & Strategic Studies
Quaid-i-Azam University



Dr. Fazal ul Hadi

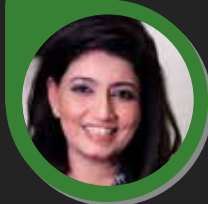
Professor at Salam University,
Kabul

MODERATORS:



Dr. Nasir Afghan

Director, China Study Center
IBA Karachi



Dr. Huma Baqai

Former Associate Dean &
Associate Professor, IBA Karachi

TIMINGS:

PANEL DISCUSSION	12:00PM TO 01:00PM
Q&A SESSION	01:00PM TO 01:30PM

Following are the key questions and points of discussion:

1. What is CPEC significance in the emerging geopolitics and geo-economics?
2. What are the geostrategic, geopolitical, and geo-economic impacts of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) for US and its western partners? How?
3. What are the convergent and divergent areas for Pakistan and Afghanistan on regional political issues and CPEC? Why and how to manage those areas?
4. Why America and Europe see CPEC/OBR as China's political ambition to dominate the world? Are we becoming a sandwich between China and USA?
5. What are the major economic and socio political challenges for the new afghan Government in Afghanistan? Why?
6. Why Chinese will be interested in Afghanistan's infrastructure investments? What are Chinese strategic interests in Afghanistan? Economic, political and social?
7. How the new Afghan Government will manage its relations with Pakistan on key strategic and economic areas?
8. How Afghanistan and Pakistan new relations will be different from Mr. Ashraf Ghani's Government?
9. Will Americans and Europeans stop supporting Northern Alliance in Afghanistan? Will Americans want Civil War in Afghanistan? Why and How?
10. Will US give back Billions of Dollars to Afghanistan? Why holding it?
11. Does American want to weaken and destabilize the new Afghan Government? Why?

SESSION 2: CPEC: THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFORMATION AND MEDIA COLLABORATION BETWEEN PAKISTAN CHINA AND AFGHANISTAN. DO WE NEED INFORMATION CORRIDOR?

PANELISTS/SPEAKERS: (PHYSICAL)



Dr. Ghairat Baheer

Former Ambassador & Senator
Afghanistan



Naghmah Hashmi

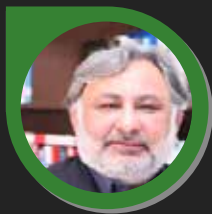
Former Ambassador of Pakistan
to People's Republic of China



Lt Gen (R) Asif Yasin Malik

Former Secretary of Defense
Pakistan

MODERATORS:



Dr. Nasir Afghan

Director, China Study Center
IBA Karachi



Dr. Aneel Salman

Director, Faculty Development Academy
COMSATS University Islamabad

TIMINGS:

PANEL DISCUSSION	02:30PM TO 03:30PM
Q&A SESSION	03:30PM TO 04:00PM

Following are the key questions and points of discussion:

1. What are information and social media challenges for CPEC? Which countries and news media networks are against CPEC and why?
2. How are we managing and responding information war and social media attacks against CPEC? How the concept of hybrid war is applicable to CPEC?
3. What are the future information and social media challenges for China Pakistan and Afghanistan economic and trade corridor? Do we understand and realize those challenges?
4. Do we have any chance against Facebook or twitter and Instagram and other western news and social media platforms? What are the alternatives for us?
5. Do we need an information corridor between China Pakistan and Afghanistan before any economic or investment corridor? Why?
6. What are our CPEC social media and information corridor strategy? What could be the organizational and strategic leverage areas and implementation plans?

EVENT FLOW

Inaugural

10:00am-10:10am	Recitation and National Anthem
10:10am-10:20am	Welcome Note by Dr. Wajid Hussain Rizvi, Dean, School of Business Studies, IBA Karachi
10:20am-10:30am	Opening Note and Launching Ceremony of China Study Centre by Dr. Nasir Afghan
10:30am-10:55am	First Keynote Speech - Khalid Mansoor, SAPM on CPEC
10:55am-11:20am	Second Keynote Speech – Prof. Dr. Qian Feng, Director of Research Department, Tsinghua University, China
11:20am-11:30am	Third Keynote Speech, Mr. Guo Chunshui – Commercial Counselor, Chinese Consulate Karachi

Tea Break (11:30am-12:00pm)

12:00pm-01:00pm	First Panel Discussion
01:00pm-01:30pm	Q&A Session

Lunch & Namaz Break (01:30pm-2:30pm)

02:30pm-03:30pm	Second Panel Discussion
03:30pm-04:00pm	Q&A Session

Closing Remarks by Dr. Nasir Afghan / Dr. Huma Naz Baqai (04:00pm-04:15pm)