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Seminar on “FATA: Stability, Integration and Reconstruction ”



August 4, 2015: (Inaugural Session) One-day seminar on “FATA: Stability, Integration and Reconstruction”. Chief Guest of the ceremony was Sardar Mehtab Ahmed Khan



Public Talk and Book Launch on “Defence and Diplomacy”



August 3, 2015: Public Talk and the launch of the book “Defence and Diplomacy”. Chief Guest Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, Chief of Air Staff of the Pakistan Air Force. Speakers at the talk included: Group: Captain (Retd.) Sultan M. Hali, Analyst and Free Lance Columnist and Host of “Defence and Diplomacy”, PTV World, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Talat Masood, Ambassador Ashraf Jehangir Qazi.

September 29, 2015: Public Talk and the launch of the book “Indian Grand Strategy”, jointly hosted by The Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) and Institute of Strategic Studies (ISS). Guest speakers: Ambassador Riaz Mohammad Khan, former foreign secretary, Lt. Gen. Talat Masood, former secretary defense productions, and Ambassador Arif Ayub, President IRS. Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan H.E. Mr. T.C.A Raghavan was a special guest.



August 11, 2015: Received Ambassador and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Pakistan, H.E. Mr Hiroshi Inomata.



September 09, 2015: In-House meeting on “Challenging extremism and promoting intercultural dialogue through literature”: Ms. Qaisra Shahraz, Novelist and Scriptwriter from Manchester, UK .



July 29, 2015: In-House Meeting on “Development Finance Institutions”. A three-member delegation from the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) included: Mr. Daniel F. Runde, Director, Project on Prosperity and Development, Mr. Asif Shaikh, Senior Associate and Mr. Jeremiah Magpile, Research Assistant.



In-House meeting on “Legal Aspects of Water Issues between Pakistan and India”



August 18, 2015: In-House meeting on “Legal Aspects of Water Issues between Pakistan and India”: former Law Minister and Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, currently distinguished ISSI Fellow, Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi extensively spoke about the “Besides the researchers at ISSI, the meeting was attended by scholars including Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Sheikh, Director General, Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Amb (R) Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director, Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS) and Rao Irshad Ali Khan, Member, Indus River Authority (IRSA) .

September 23, 2015: In-house meeting on “Crisis Escalation and De-Escalation in South Asia”: Briefing to ISSI researchers by Brig. (R) Feroz Hassan Khan, faculty member, National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey California and Dr. Rifaat Hussain, HoD, Government and Public Policy, NUST .



July 07, 2015: In-House Meeting: Dr. Abid Qayyum Suleri, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), on “Sustainable Development, Role of Think Tanks in National Policy Making and Research Methodology”.



In-House Meeting on “Pakistan and the United Nations”



September 22, 2015: Received H. E. Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Adviser to the PM on National Security and Foreign Affairs to attend an in-house meeting. Other distinguished participants: Honorable Marvi Memon, Chairperson/Minister of State, BISP, Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman BOG, ISSI, Mr. Muhammad Saleem Ranjha, Founding Director AKHUWAT, Ambassador (R) Riaz Khorkar, Ambassador (R) Riaz Muhammad Khan, Lt. Gen. Asad Durrani, Lt. General (R) Asif Yasin Malik, Former Secretary Defence, Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi, former Law Minister and Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, currently distinguished ISSI Fellow, Major General (R) Athar Abbas, Former, Director General, ISPR, Ambassador (R) Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director, Centre for International Strategic Studies, Ambassador (R) Ayaz Wazir, Ambassador (R) Sohail Amin, President, Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Mr. Khalid Rehman, Director General, Institute of Policy Studies, Ambassador (R) Arif Ayub, President, Institute of Regional Studies, Dr Zulfqar Khan, HOD/Professor Dept. of Strategic & Nuclear Studies, National Defence University, Dr Tughral Yamin, Associate Dean, Center for International Peace & Stability, NUST, Dr Noman Sattar, Director, Area Study Center, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Dr Zafar Nawaz Jaspal, Director, School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Dr Sarwat Rauf Rana, Head, International Relations Department, NUML, Commodore Azhar Ahmad, SRF/Advisor, CISS.

Seminar on “Afghanistan: The Future of Peace Negotiations after Mullah Omer”



August 21, 2015: Seminar on “Afghanistan: The Future of Peace Negotiations after Mullah Omer”. The Keynote Speaker: His Excellency Ambassador Franz Michael, EU Special Representative for Afghanistan. Other speakers: Ambassador (Retd) Rustum Shah Mohmand, former Ambassador to Afghanistan, Lt. General (Retd) Asad Durrani, Dr Moeed Yusuf, Director, South Asia Programmes at the United States Institute of Peace; and Dr Sarfraz Khan, Director, Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar.

Seminar on “National Unity: A Critical Factor in National Security”



September 8, 2015: Inaugural Session of the Seminar on “National Unity: A Critical Factor in National Security”. Chief Guest: Gen. Abdul Qadir Baloch, Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions.

September 08, 2015: Seminar on “National Integrity and Identity: Challenges and Opportunities for Security Culture of Pakistan”. Chair: Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman BOG, ISSI; Keynote Speaker: Mr. Javed Jabbar, Former Senator and Federal Minister. Other speakers: Dr Mansoor Kundi, Former Vice Chancellor, Gomal University, Ms. Sobia Hanif, Ph.D Scholar, IR, NDU, Dr Ijaz Khan, Professor, Department of IR, Peshawar.



July 13, 2015: ISSI In-House: Prof. Samina Yasmeen, Director, Centre for Muslim States and Societies (CMSS), University of Western Australia, on “Islamophobia in the West: Real or Perceived?”

