



Concept Note

Book Launch: “Critical Issues Facing South Asia: Politics, Security and Non-Traditional Challenges”

Tuesday, October 8 2024 at 1115 hrs

South Asia has one of the youngest populations with nearly 60 percent of the population under 30. Understanding the politics, security and non-traditional issues faced by this region without the perspective of the Next Generation would be incomplete. The "Critical Issues Facing South Asia: Politics, Security and Non-Traditional Challenges," is based on the research of young academics actively shaping the discourse on the region's pressing issues, especially in Pakistan.

This book is the outcome of the Next Generation International Security Experts Conference 2024, where these young authors were selected out of a pool of 115 people to write and present their research papers, now published in the form of this book. The authors offer unique insights and innovative solutions to the Next Generation challenges confronting South Asia.

This book launch is an effort to further support the Next Generation Experts, which neatly aligns with the mission of ISSI for enhanced youth engagement and inclusive dialogue. This research stands as a testament to the power of youth engagement and the critical role of inclusive dialogue with the Next Generation in shaping the future of South Asia.

Programme

1115 hrs – Arrival of Guests

1130 hrs – Introductory Remarks of Dr. Khurram Abbas, Director ISC

1135 hrs – Welcome Remarks by Ambassador Sohail Mehmood, DG ISSI

1145 hrs – Remarks by Dr Asma Shakir Khawaja, Executive Director CISS AJK

1155 hrs – Remarks by Dr Shabana Fayyaz, HOD DSS, QAU

1205 hrs – Remarks by Chief Guest – Ambassador Jalil Abbas Jilani, Former Foreign Minister

1220 hrs – Q/A – Open Discussion

1245 hrs – Vote of thanks by Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman BoG

1250 hrs – Group Photo

1255 hrs – Refreshments