



## **Program**

### **Seminar on**

# **“Prospects and Challenges of Regional Cooperation in South Asia: Role of SAARC”**

**19 December 2024**

1345: Arrival of Guests

1400: Recitation from the Holy Quran

1405: Introductory Remarks – Dr. Khurram Abbas, Director, India Study Centre

1410 hrs: Welcome Remarks – Ambassador Sohail Mahmood, Director General, ISSI

1420 hrs: Dr. Saeed Ahmad Rid, Assistant Professor, NIPS, QAU, Pakistan - *Understanding Socio-Political Dynamics of South Asia and Challenges to Regional Cooperation*

1435 hrs: Dr. Zahid Shahab Ahmad, Associate Professor, NDC, UAE – *The Prospects and Challenges for Revival of SAARC*

1450 hrs: Ambassador (R) Babar Amin, Former Ambassador of Pakistan - *Pakistan’s Role in Promoting Regional Cooperation and Strengthening SAARC*

1505 hrs: Ambassador Yuba Nath Lamsal, Former Ambassador of Nepal – *The Prospects and Challenges for Revival of SAARC: Nepal’s Perspective*

1520 hrs: Keynote Address – Ambassador Imran Ahmed Siddiqui, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan

1540 hrs: Q/A session

1615 hrs: Concluding Remarks- Ambassador Khalid Mahmood, Chairman BoG, ISSI

1620 hrs: Refreshment