

# FASS 4th Workshop

## CONTEMPORARY SECURITY ISSUES

22 JUL - 02 AUG, 2024 | Post Event Report



### THEMATIC AREAS

- Regional Security
- Climate Deterrence
- Crisis Simulation
- Strategic Stability in South Asia
- Media and National Security
- Emerging Technologies
- Pakistan's Foreign Policy
- Securitization of Discourse
- Multilateral Arms Control
- Maritime Security
- Space and Deterrence
- Nuclear Technology
- Goeconomics

### SPEAKERS



Dr. Ansar Pervez



Dr. Zafar Jaspal



Ms. Amrina Khan



Prof. Wyn Bowen



Mr. Faraz Haider



Ms. Ameera Adil



Rear Admiral Syed Faisal Ali  
Shah



Amb. (R) Abdul  
Basit



Dr. Adam Saud



Amb. (R) Zamir Akram



Dr. Adil Sultan



Mr. Siddique Humayun



Mr. Husham Ahmed



Amb. Asad Majeed



Dr. Aneel Salman



Ms. Abeera Babar  
Mehmood



Brig. (R) Zahir Kazmi

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# Overview

Traditionally held concepts of national security have evolved as a result of unprecedented emerging threats, technological advances, geopolitical power shifts, climate change etc. The Faculty of Aerospace and Strategic Studies (FASS) as a contributor and participant in shaping security and strategic discourse, is committed to furthering the understanding of contemporary security issues. To this end, FASS at Air University successfully convened a ten-day workshop to acclimatize participants on issues significantly impacting state and international security, and offered them opportunities to engage, network, and discuss with national and international experts and subject specialists from the public and private sector.

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## Day 1

Day 1 kicked off with an orientation from Mr. Faraz Haider and opening session given by Dean FASS, followed by the first session of the workshop by Ms. Amina Khan analysing Afghanistan under Taliban rule, noting the balance between centralized authority and reduced crime, with less restrictive women's rights. Economic growth is pursued through regional trade and alternative crops, requiring a nuanced approach to Afghanistan-Pakistan relations.



## Day 2

Mr. Siddique Humayun discussed media's role in balancing public information with national security, focusing on media impacts, ownership challenges, and responsible journalism. The second session, led by Mr. Faraz Haider unveiled a novel concept 'Climate Deterrence', and along with Ms. Ameera and Ms. Abeera conducted a policy simulation, emphasizing political, diplomatic, economic, and legal measures to coerce action; highlighting economic and security risks of inaction, and the need to prioritize renewable energy despite its challenges.



# Day 3

Dr. Zafar Jaspal and Mr. Husham Ahmed shared insights on global dynamics. Dr. Jaspal discussed the emerging global order and emphasized the various dynamics that shaping it and are important variables to be considered, while Mr. Ahmed explored the impact of emerging technologies on international security and enlightened the audience about Pakistan's efforts regarding norms creation around emerging technologies at international forums. Both highlighted the need for global norms and balanced access.

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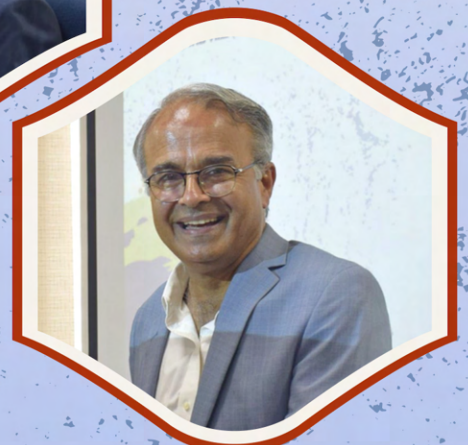
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# Day 4

Amb. (R) Abdul Basit discussed the future of South Asia and its importance as a region to begin. He highlighted India-Pakistan hostility as a hindrance to regional integration. Rear Admiral Syed Faisal Ali Shah followed with a session on maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region, stressing the need for regional cooperation to address threats. Both speakers emphasized the importance of cooperation for regional effectiveness.



# Day 5

Amb. (R) Zamir Akram discussed Pakistan's foreign policy, highlighting historical conflicts, internal instability, and strategic partnerships as key factors, as well as the direction that Pakistan should embark on for progress. Amb. Asad Majeed followed with a session on Pak-US relations, noting the strain caused by Pakistan's growing ties with China and US alignment with India. Both speakers emphasized the complexities and challenges in Pakistan's external relations while shedding lights on different ways forward.

# Day 6

Dr. Adil Sultan spoke on strategic stability in South Asia, emphasizing the importance of effective military capability use and credible leadership amidst evolving nuclear capabilities and regional dynamics. Brig. (R) Zahir Kazmi followed with a session on multilateral arms control, highlighting its relevance for strategic stability in South Asia, despite challenges posed by regional issues and trust deficits. The speakers underscored the complexity of achieving strategic stability in the region.

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# Day 7

An interactive session with the participants was conducted by Dr. Adil, Mr. Faraz, and Ms. Aiza covering various topics including space asset strategies, nuclear treaties, drones, Pak-China relations, and climate change. Later, Prof. Wyn Bowen discussed space and deterrence, highlighting the critical and contested nature of space due to rising investments, arms race risks, and debates on secrecy and transparency. The sessions emphasized the challenges in space-related strategies and deterrence.



# Day 8

Mr. Faraz Haider led a crisis simulation exercise, demonstrating the consequences of an AI malfunction in a U.S. fighter jet, which sparked an accidental attack on Iran and prompted international responses. Participants represented stakeholder states and negotiated through the crisis. Later, Dr. Aneel Salman discussed Pakistan's geo-economic vision, emphasizing the need to adapt to global shifts like automation and cryptocurrency to overcome economic challenges. The sessions highlighted the importance of preparedness and adaptability in addressing myriad technological and economic issues.

# Day 9

Dr. Ansar Pervez discussed Pakistan's vision of geo-economics, emphasizing the benefits of nuclear technology in sustainable energy, medical safety, and agricultural progress, while highlighting the promise of nuclear fusion for clean energy. Dr. Adam Saud followed with a session on securitization of discourse, explaining how states use narrative building to frame issues like immigration as security threats, legitimizing extraordinary measures. The speakers shed light on the intersection of technology, economics, and security narratives.

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# Day 10

Dean FASS Dr. Adil Sultan provided a comprehensive overview of the entire workshop, encapsulating the key insights and discussions. The Vice-Chancellor then delivered his closing remarks, highlighting the significance of the workshop's outcomes. He appreciated the organizing team and the FASS 2024 internees and FASS as a whole for its activities throughout the years. To conclude the event, he presented participants with certificates and shields, recognizing their active involvement and contributions.

# Feedback:

Describe the workshop & your experience in 2 -3 words

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Engaging &  
Enjoyable

Valuable, Insightful,  
Phenomenal

Thought  
Provoking &  
Wondrous

Informative  
& Engaging

Insightful &  
Participatory

## MOMENTS FROM THE WORKSHOP



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- 04 workshops
- 02 internship programs
- 20 in-person guest lectures by national and international speakers
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