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1 Digital Dialogues vs Paper Promises: Manifesto Alignment

Author: Abbas Murtaza Maken, Izzah Salam
November, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/y3r9vau6>



2 Manifestoes Without Substance

Author: Nadeem UI Haque, Saddam Hussein
November, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/8sbsd38b>



3 Pre-Afghan Taliban Refugee Exodus and the Complexities of Returning Home

Author: Muhammad Ajmal Khan
November, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/5f7my3t>



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1 Identity, Inclusion And Social Capital In Upper And Southern Punjab

Author: Fahd Zulfiqar, Durr-e-Nayab
November, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6jwnze>



Webinars & Seminars

<https://tinyurl.com/56ebe88u>

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Pension Reforms for sustainable
ECONOMIC GROWTH
AND ENHANCED
pensionary benefits

SPEAKER
Brigadier M. Ashraf (Retd)

Moderator
Shahid Mahmood
Former Editor, PIDE

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**FOUNDATIONS OF
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DEVELOPMENT**
LESSONS FOR
PAKISTAN

SPEAKER
Dr. Zakaulah Warrach

Moderator
Dr. Shujat Farooq

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2:00 PM PKT

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PIDE WEBINAR

**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF
INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES FOR
RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH**
UNLOCKING MEXICO'S POTENTIAL

SPEAKER:
EHTISHAM AHMAD
FORMER SENIOR OFFICIAL IMF, UNIVERSITY OF BOKAL,
PUEBLA UNIVERSITY & ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE ECONOMIA

Moderator: NADEEM UL HAQUE | VC, PIDE

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PIDE WEBINAR

30th November, 2023
11:00 AM PKT

**ENERGY
CONSERVATION
IN THE
DOMESTIC
SECTOR**

SPEAKER
BRIGADIER MOHAMMAD ASHRAF (RET'D)

Moderator
DR. NADEEM UL HAQUE
VICE CHANCELLER PIDE

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Events / Activities



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Predicting Pakistan's Case Pendency: Mediation As A Critical Reform Agenda

Event Date: Tuesday, November 07, 2023 at 02:00 PM - 06:05 PM

Venue: JCR HALL, PIDE



2

Impact Evaluation Techniques

Event Date: **Friday, November 10, 2023 at 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM**
Venue: **A.R Kemal Room, PIDE**



3

Agri-Food Production And Food Security In Pakistan

Event Date: **Friday, November 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
Venue: **A.R Kemal Room, PIDE**

Webinar Briefs

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Navigating Inland Water Transport: A Sustainable Solution For Pakistan's Water

Author: **Zainab Fatima**
November, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/mumjmee7>



THE 37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

EVENT DATE: NOVEMBER 20-23, 2023 | VENUE: BHAUDDIN ZAKARIYA UNIVERSITY, MULTAN



RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND ADVANCEMENT COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAMME FOR POLICY-ORIENTED RESEARCH

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad

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The objectives of the RASTA program are to: (a) Reduce the research-policy gap by stimulating economic and social science research and debate across Pakistan; (b) Build a network to stimulate internally defined and produced policy-relevant research; (c) Provide a knowledge-sharing platform where different actors can present and share evidence-based research to inform decision-making in the government; (d) Revisit the future policy agenda in line with the evidence produced in this program; and (e) Build capacity and improve policymaking and implementation by involving and engaging local universities, think tanks, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders. The programme is guided by the following 27 members Research Advisory Committee (RAC), chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, PIDE Islamabad.

The RASTA programme has two broad streams through which it is building research networks, funding research projects, and informing public policy in Pakistan: the Competitive Grants Programme (CGP) and the Demand-Driven Research (DDR). Under CGP, research proposals are invited on specific themes/topics decided by the Research Advisory Committee, followed by a rigorous three-stage double-blind review process and announcement of awards. DDR programme is a pro-active evidence-based research approach to inform governments’ policy-making processes. The final output of CGP & DDR projects is in the form of books, research reports, journal articles and working papers and policy briefs. The final output of CGP & DDR projects is in the form of books, research reports, journal articles and working papers and policy briefs.



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<https://file.pide.org.pk/pdfpdr/issue/pdr-2023-v62i4.pdf>.



SESSION ON 'FOREIGN AID' IN THE 37TH ANNUAL PSDE CONFERENCE

A conference session on 'Foreign Aid' was held by the RASTA CGP Programme at the 4-Day 37th Annual General Meeting and Conference titled 'Breaking the Aid-Debt Chains' on 21st November 2023. The Conference was hosted by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics at the Bahauddin Zakariya University in Multan from 20 to 23 November 2023.



CGP 6.0 CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Sixth Call for Research Proposals under the Competitive Grants Programme (CGP 6.0) was announced on 7th November 2023. Research proposals were invited on five broad themes: (I) Fiscal Management, (II) Public Sector Management, (III) Business, Investment, and Exports, (IV) Institutions, and (V) Gig Economy. Specific sub-themes were also provided under each theme to bring clarity for applicants. Applications must be submitted using prescribed RASTA CGP 6.0 Forms electronically to rasta@pide.org.pk by 10th December 2023, midnight PST

<https://rasta.pide.org.pk/cgp-6-0/>

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