



Roundtable – Arbeitskreis Pakistan

‘Pakistan and the 2014 NATO troop withdrawal’

After the withdrawal of Soviet troops 25 years ago, Afghanistan plunged into a civil war causing further Pakistani involvement. Many wonder how it would be this time round after NATO troops leave the country by the end of 2014.

After 13 years of Western intervention not only Afghanistan but both countries face an uncertain future.

Will there be a power vacuum left? Or will Pakistan revive its special relationship and try to secure its ‘strategic depth’?

These and other question will be addressed by Dr. Kiran Hassan in her lecture on December 11th.

Dr. Kiran Hassan is a Pakistan expert from the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London. Foreign and security policy issues in Pakistan and beyond are among her main research interests.

In her lecture Dr. Hassan will talk about the challenges and opportunities for the region in 2015. Will India–Pakistan border tensions and rivalry make any bilateral political consensus extremely difficult to attain? Or will there be more focus on opportunities for economic and transnational connectivity with Afghanistan in the fields of trade, energy and water, increasing the potential for regional development.



Dr. Kiran Hassan contributes to IISS research and publications on Pakistani politics. Her area of focus includes Pakistani media and Pakistan’s domestic politics and foreign policy, especially in the context of United States and India. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the School of Advanced Studies, University of London, an MSc. in Social Anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a Masters in English Literature from Kinnaird College.

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Venue: SAI, Room 317

All are cordially invited!!

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