

Call for Papers

**EMERGENCE OF ISIS IN MIDDLE EAST AND
ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR SOUTH ASIA**

Two-Day International Conference

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Concept Note

The issue of non-traditional threats to international security is recognized as widespread and serious phenomenon nowadays. The mounting threat posed by non-state actors, such as ISIS, is widely meant to dismantle state practices. The emergence of Islamic State has shaped a new battlefield in the Muslim World and generated a new debate in world politics. The ISIS is a well-equipped and an organized network, emerging in Middle East, and actively creating the covert network of likeminded groups and individuals across the globe. This may lead to chaotic situation in the region, and the spillover effects of ISIS practices in the Middle East may potentially disturb the South Asian region. In past rapid transformations that took place in Middle East, starting from Gulf wars to Arab Spring, affected South Asia in one way or the other.

The strategic shift in the regional security architecture of Middle East has augmented the stealthy Jihadi outfits of South Asia. It is to be noted that South Asia is a breeding ground for extremists because of social, political, economic and ideological discrepancies. The changing regional dynamics of South Asia with the secretly evolving network of terrorist organizations and its connections with other illicit militant groups have upset the security mechanisms of the regional states.

The upcoming conference aims to highlight the emergence of ISIS in Middle East and its implications for South Asia. More specifically, the conference is an endeavor to comprehend the violent role of the ISIS, and its potential expansion towards South Asia.

Sub-Themes

Session-I

The ISIS: An Emerging Threat in Middle East

Topics

- Factors of ISIS Emergence—Conspiracy Theories and Reality
- ISIS Expansion in Middle East—Gains, Threat Seriousness and Causes
- ISIS Phenomenon and Future of State and Society in Middle East

Session-II

Rise of the ISIS: Approaches and Responses of Regional and Global Actors

Topics

- Approaches and Responses of Important Regional Actors to the ISIS Rise
- Approaches and Responses of the US to the ISIS Rise
- Effectiveness of International Response to the ISIS Threat

Session-III

Rise of the ISIS: Implications for South Asia

Topics

- Actual/Possible Presence/Influence of ISIS in Pakistan
- Pakistan's Counterterrorism Measures and ISIS Threat
- The ISIS: A Threat to South Asia beyond Pakistan?

Aims and Objectives

The conference aims to provide a platform to scholars, researchers and practitioners to share their views on the seriousness of the threat posed by the ISIS, as a non-state actor, to regional and international security.

The specific objectives of the conference are:

- a) To highlight the gravity of the threat that the ISIS poses to the Middle Eastern region and beyond.
- b) To evaluate the nature and effectiveness of international community's response to the ISIS threat.
- c) To appraise the implications of the ISIS rise in Middle East for South Asia.

Conference Participants

- Professors
- Research Scholars
- Policy Makers

- Diplomats •
- Journalists

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Date and Venue

1. Last date for submission of abstract: 20 June, 2015
2. Acceptance /Confirmation of abstracts: 1st July-7th July, 2015
3. Last date for sending final papers: 1st October, 2015.
4. Conference Date: 08th-09th December 2015.

Venue

Auditorium, Salam Block
Department of International Relations
National University of Modern Languages-Islamabad, Pakistan

City of Conference

Islamabad, Pakistan.

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Guideline for the Paper Submission**General**

Kindly use the paper submission system at the conference website to submit your paper. Comments or questions should be sent to gagarewal@numl.edu.pk and mrshad@numls.edu.pk.

Format

The authors are required to follow the following instructions for formatting their papers, failing which the paper will not be accepted for presentation.

Paper Length

Completed research papers are limited to maximum of 5000 words in length, excluding all figures, tables, references, and the title and abstract page. Final papers SHOULD NOT exceed the upper limit. In case the paper exceeds the limit the editors reserve the right to edit the paper to conform to the specified upper limit.

Paper Layout

The paper layout is as follows:

- Page setup: A4, Portrait
- Margins: Leave 1.5 inch margin on left side and one-inch margin on right side as well as top and bottom of each page
- Paragraph Indentation: Indent each paragraph 5-7 spaces and apply the indentation consistently throughout the paper.
- Line Spacing: 1.5 throughout the entire paper
- Page Numbering: Number page consecutively in the top corner, beginning with title page
- Header: In the flush left, use a shortened form of the title as a header

Author/s Information

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Title Page

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Abstract

On the first line of the abstract page, center the word "Abstract" (no bold, formatting, underlining, or quotation marks). It should be a single paragraph double-spaced, having 200-300 words.

References

Please follow the APA style of referencing and references.