CAS IR 381 U.S.-Pakistan Relations

Fall 2013
Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-11am

Course guide:

Pakistan, once described by President Eisenhower as ‘the most allied of US allies,’ is now viewed as one of America’s most difficult partners. Pakistan sits at the crossroads of Middle East, South Asia and Central Asia. Its strategic location and its complex role in the Muslim world necessitate understanding of its foreign and security policies as well as its view of its national interests. American military presence in Afghanistan, the global war on terrorism and the deepening ties with Pakistan’s neighbor and rival India have all enhanced Pakistan’s importance to the US. This course examines American policy towards Pakistan and Pakistan’s relationship with the US as a critical issue in contemporary US foreign policy.

Reading requirements

The reading requirements for this course include a combination of books, articles and online resources.

Key readings have been divided into required and recommended. Required readings are those all students are expected to read whereas recommended readings are those which would help a deeper understanding of the subject. Students are expected to either purchase or loan the required readings. Majority of the recommended readings will be posted on the course website.

Students are required to check the course website as throughout the course of the semester articles will be posted on the website. Articles and reports from various think tanks and research organizations on topics under discussion will either be posted online or handed out in class.
Thorough reading of a quality daily such as *The New York Times* and weekly (such as *The Economist* or *Time*) is mandatory. Access to the full daily edition of *The New York Times* is available on-line. You may also subscribe, or view hard-copy versions at Mugar library.

**Grading Distribution**

- Class participation: 20%
- Mid-Term: 30% (*Date: October 29, 2013*)
- Final Examination: 50%

**Special Remarks**

Students are expected to attend all classes except in case of a valid excuse (e.g. personal illness), in which case please e-mail me.

BU’s Academic Conduct Code applies. Please make sure you have studied it.

**Course Schedule:**

**September 3 --- Week 1: General Introduction**

**Required:**


Shuja Nawaz. “Pakistan in the Danger Zone: A Tenuous U.S.-Pakistan Relationship” *Atlantic Council South Asia Center Brief*, 2010 (Posted online)

**September 5 & 10 - Week 2: The Idea & Creation of Pakistan**

**Required:**


Recommended:
Aparna Pande. Explaining Pakistan’s Foreign Policy: Escaping India (Routledge, New York. 2011) Introduction (Posted online)

September 12, 17 & 19 --- Weeks 3 & 4: Initial years 1940s-50s
Required:
Kux, Chapters 2, 3 & 4

September 24 & 26 --- Week 5: Next decade, 1960s
Required:
Haqqani, chapter 2
Kux, chapters 5 & 6

October 1 & 3 ----- Week 6: The 1970s
Required:
Haqqani, chapter 3
Kux, chapters 7-9

Guest lectures
October 8
October 10

October 15 – No classes (Monday Schedule on Tuesday)

October 17

October 22 & 24 ---- Weeks 7: Anti-Soviet Afghan Jihad
Required:
Haqqani, chapters 4 & 5
Kux, chapters 10 & 11
October 29 – Mid term

October 31 & November 5 ---- Week 8: The 1990s

Required:
Haqqani, chapter 6
Kux, chapters 12 & 13

Recommended:

November 7 & 12 ---- Weeks 9 & 10: 9/11 and after

Required:
Haqqani, chapter 7

Recommended:
Pande, chapter 4 (Posted online)

November 14 & 19 ---- Week 11: Pakistan’s Nuclear Policy

Required:
Shamshad Ahmad, “The Nuclear Subcontinent: Bringing Stability to South Asia,” *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 1999)

Recommended:

November 21, 26; December 3 ---- Weeks 12 & 13: Relations with neighbors

Required:
Pande, chapters 2, 3 & 5 (Posted online)
December 5 & 10 -- Week 14: Future & Summing up

Required:
Haqqani, Chp 8

Recommended:
Cohen, Chp 9 (to be posted on website)

Required Readings

- Dennis Kux. The United States and Pakistan, 1947-2000 (Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore. 2001)

Recommended Texts (relevant chapters will be posted on the course website)

- Aparna Pande. Explaining Pakistan’s Foreign Policy: Escaping India (Routledge, New York. 2011)

Office Hours:
Tuesdays 4-5pm
Wednesdays 2-4 pm
Thursdays 11am – 12 noon

Other days, by appointment via email