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Dr. Adil Najam, is a leading public policy scholar whose teaching, research and public engagement focuses on international environment and development policy, global governance, diplomacy and negotiation, South Asia, and higher education in developing countries.

A Professor of International Relations, Earth and Environment, at Boston University (USA), Dr. Najam has served in the past as the Vice Chancellor of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan, and as the Director of the BU Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future. Earlier, he was Associate Professor of Negotiation and Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Dr. Najam has also taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), from where he also completed his graduate and doctoral studies.

As Vice Chancellor (equivalent to University President in the US system) Dr. Najam led Pakistan's top-ranked university and one of South Asia's premier institutions of higher education, which includes separate schools of business management; of social sciences and humanities; of science and engineering; and of law. During his tenure, he led a large fundraising campaign which yielded over Rs. 3 Billion (US\$30 Million) in endowments and grants, strengthened a scholarship program for students from the poorest backgrounds (around 10% of entire University population), named three existing Schools and launched a new School of Law, launched 10 new graduate programs and 3 new undergraduate degrees, and established a major University-wide environmental initiative.

Earlier, as the Director of the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future at Boston University, Dr. Najam led an expansion of interdisciplinary research at the Center, developed University-wide collaborations with faculty and students from across different Schools, departments and Centers, initiated a Summer Fellows program for graduate students, launched three series of in-house publications focused on policy research, established an intensive regular program of conferences, workshops, roundtables and panel discussions, and worked on and with scholars at Boston University on research projects that resulted in multiple published books.

Having worked for 20 years on and with the United Nations system Dr. Najam is an acknowledged international expert on global governance. A leading authority on sustainable development, global climate change and international development, Dr. Najam has served as a Convening Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), focusing on the relationship between climate change and sustainable development. After the publication of its Fourth Assessment, the IPCC was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for advancing the public understanding of climate change. In 2009 Dr. Najam was selected by the United Nations Secretary General to serve on the UN Committee on Development (CDP). In 2010 he was awarded the *Sitara-i-Imtiaz* (Star of Excellence),

one of Pakistan's highest civil awards by the President of Pakistan.

In 2011, he was elected a Trustee on the International Board of WWF; in 2012 was elected Chairman of the Board of Governors of LEAD-Pakistan; and in 2013 elected a Trustee of The Asia Foundation (TAF). He has been a Council Member of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); and serves on the Board of the South Asia Network of Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), the Pakistan Institute for Environment-Development Action Research (PIEDAR) and the Pakistan Center for Philanthropy (PCP). Dr Najam has served on the Advisory Board for the 2011 Human Development Report (UNDP); on the Academic Council of the South Asian University (SAU), New Delhi, India; the Syndicate (Board) of the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Lahore, Pakistan; and as a Board's Visiting Committee member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Prof. Najam holds two Masters and a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a Specialization in Negotiation from the Program on Negotiation at the Harvard Law School, and an engineering degree from the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Pakistan. He is a past winner of MIT's Goodwin Medal for Effective Teaching, the Fletcher School Paddock Teaching Award, and the Stein Rokan Award of the International Political Science Association, the ARNOVA Emerging Scholar Award, and the Pakistan Television Medal for Outstanding Achievement.

He serves on the editorial boards of various scholarly publications including, *Global Governance*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *The Journal of Ecological Economics*, *The Journal of Human Development and Capability*, *Yearbook of International Co-operation on Environment and Development*, and is topic editor on sustainable development for *The Encyclopedia of Earth*. He has been a reviewer for leading international journals in the fields of his expertise and speaks widely at international scholarly as well as policy-related conferences. He was a member of the President of Pakistan's Special Task Force on Human Development (2001) and assisted Pakistan's Presidential Steering Commission on Higher Education (2002). He was appointed a Senior Fellow of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) in 2008 and elected a Fellow of the Human Development Capability Association (HDCA) in 2010.

Dr. Najam has published widely, written over 100 scholarly papers and book chapters, and his recent books include: *South Asia 2060: Envisioning Regional Futures* (2013); *How Immigrants Impact their Homelands* (2013); *The Future of South-South Economic Relations* (2012); *Trade and Environment: Visions from the South* (2007); *Trade and Environment Negotiations* (2007); *Pakistanis in America: Portrait of a Giving Community* (2006); *Global Environmental Governance* (2006); *Environment, Development and Human Security: Perspectives from South Asia* (2003); and *Civic Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development* (2002).

He has frequently served as advisor to international organizations and nongovernmental organizations, and to governments in the developing and industrialized world. Prof. Najam's public scholarship has also focused on Pakistani state and society. He is sought by global print and electronic media as an expert commentator and has published opinion editorials in leading newspapers around the world. He was founding editor of *Pakistaniat.com*, voted the Best Current Affairs Blog in Pakistan (2010) and winner of the 2010 Brass Crescent Award for Best Muslim Blog from South Asia.