GEORGETOWN PAKISTAN FORUM - GPF

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Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

The GEORGETOWN PAKISTAN FORUM

A Forum for Pakistan's Next Chapter

OUR PURPOSE

The Georgetown Pakistan Forum convenes policymakers, private-sector leaders, technologists, academics, students, and diaspora leaders to discuss Pakistan's future and advance smarter public-private diplomacy, evidence-based systems, and practical ideas affecting Pakistan and the 1.2 million-strong Pakistani-American diaspora.

Over two days, the forum provides space for focused working groups, public plenaries, and a closing debate that connects ideas with the people positioned to advance them.

SIX FORUM TRACKS

- **Defense & Strategic Stability**
- **Tech for Finance & Education**
- **Health Financing & Infrastructure**
- **Maternal & Community Health**
- **Governance & Democracy**
- **Critical Minerals & Energy**

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CONFERENCE CHAIRS



Rai Hasen Masoud Kharal
President, South Asian Society



Shahaan Shafi
President, School of Health Academic Council

One of the largest conferences on Pakistan and its diaspora, bringing together leaders in public policy, healthcare, and beyond. Day 1 features invite-only policy working groups producing actionable briefs, while Day 2 opens to the public for engaging discussions and plenaries.

STUDENT TEAM



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Class of 2027



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Co-President,
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OPENING CEREMONY

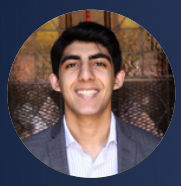
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8:45 AM–9:30 AM
Chai & Registration

9:30-9:40 AM
Opening Remarks

※ Co-Founder's Welcome



Shahaan Shafi
Class of 2027,
Georgetown University
School of Health

※ Faculty's Welcome



Prof. Mark Giordano
Cinco Hermanos Chair in Energy and Environment at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service

9:40-10:00 AM
Eradicating Preventable Diseases in Pakistan



Dr. Hamid Jafari
Former Director of Polio Eradication for WHO (Eastern Mediterranean Office)

10:00-10:25 AM
Pakistan's Next Chapter is Yours



Justice (R) Syed Mansoor Ali Shah
Former Senior Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan

10:30 AM–11:30 AM
Concurrent Sessions

※ Beyond the Reset: The Future of U.S.-Pakistan Relations | Great Room



Jumaina Siddiqui (M)
Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council & National Dialogue Forum



Shuja Nawaz
Author & Founding Director, South Asia Center, Atlantic Council



Wajahat Ali
Renowned Author & Journalist



Tamanna Salikuddin
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Indo-Pacific Managing Director, Near East & South Asia



Michael Kugelman
Resident Sr. Fellow, South Asia, Atlantic Council

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AGENDA & SCHEDULE

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※ From Treatment to Prevention: Rethinking Pakistan's Healthcare Model | Social Room

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Dr. Nasar Qureshi (M)
Chairman of the Board of Directors, American Pakistan Foundation
Founder, QDx Pathology Services



Dr. Hamid Jafari
Former Director of Polio Eradication for WHO (Eastern Mediterranean Office)



Dr. Farhan Essa
CEO, Dr Essa Laboratory & Diagnostic Centre



Dr. Shaista Khan
Consultant Breast Surgeon, South City Hospital

11:30 AM–12:30 PM
Concurrent Sessions

※ At the Frontier: Pakistani Americans Shaping the Future of Technology | Social Room



Hashim Syed (M)
Artificial Intelligence GTM Lead, Google



Hamza Chishti
Director Cloud & AI, Microsoft



Imran Aftab
Entrepreneur, Founder and CEO, 10Pearls



Kalsoom Lakhani
Co-founder & General Partner i2i Ventures
Founder, Invest2Innovate



Monis Rahman
Co-Founder & Chairman Recruit AI, Rozee, Dukan

※ Strengthening Pakistan's Healthcare System: Infrastructure & Financing | Great Room



Dr. Sumera Haque (M)
Senior Advisor, Milken Institute; Founder & CEO, An-Nisa Foundation



Dr. Zafar Mirza
Former Minister of Health, Pakistan



Dr. Omrana Pasha-Razzak
Academic Physician & Global Health Epidemiologist



Dr. Adil Haider
Chief AI Officer, CIMED
Founder, BostonHealth.AI
Former Dean, Aga Khan University Medical College



Dr. Ammar A. Malik
Development Finance Expert, Gates Foundation
Former Director of Research, Harvard Kennedy School's EPoD

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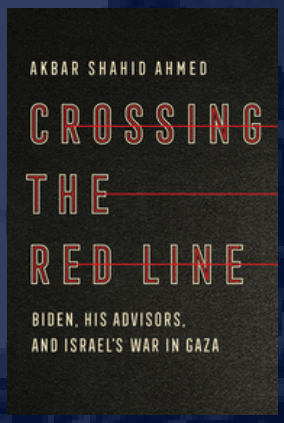
12:30 PM–2:00 PM
Lunch & Book Talk: Crossing the Red Line



Akbar Shahid Ahmed
Award-Winning Diplomatic Correspondent, The Washington Sun
Author of *CROSSING THE RED LINE*



Sabrina Siddiqui (M)
National Politics Reporter, The Wall Street Journal (WSJ)



2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Concurrent Sessions

※ Climate, Health, Water, & Energy Security in Pakistan | Social Room



Zoha Tunio (M)
M.A Candidate, Global Human Development, Georgetown University



Dr. Erum Sattar
Water Law & Policy Expert



Dr. Syed M. Ali
Development Anthropologist; Lecturer, John Hopkins University



Ali Tauqeer Sheikh
International Climate Finance Expert; principal author of Pakistan's National Climate Finance Strategy



Dr. Ans Irfan
Global Public Health Expert & Climate-Health Researcher
Lecturer, George Washington University

※ Pakistani Entrepreneurs Building Global Businesses | Great Room



Monis Rahman (M)
Co-Founder & Chairman Recruit AI, Rozee, Dukan



Ali Tareen
CEO, JK Group & Former Owner, Multan Sultans



Sidra Qasim
CEO, Atoms



Imran Aftab
Entrepreneur, Founder and CEO, 10Pearls



Senan Khawaja
CEO, Kollegio
Forbes, 30 Under 30

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3:00 PM–4:00 PM
Concurrent Sessions

※ Reimagining Education in Pakistan: Innovation, Equity & Opportunity | Great Room
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Abdullah Jafari (M)
Director Emeritus & Chair Outreach Committee, The Citizens Foundation USA



Junaid Akram
Content Creator, Podcaster & Entrepreneur



Ali Tareen
CEO, JK Group & Former Owner, Multan Sultans



Hasnain Aslam
Founding Partner & Chief Investment Officer, The Resource Group (TRG)



Dr. Sara Qazi
Chapter Lead, The Citizens Foundation

※ From Diaspora to Service: Pakistani-Americans in Public Service | Social Room



Sadia Sindhu Khosa (M)
Senior Associate Dean of Strategy and Chief of Staff, Johns Hopkins University School of Government and Policy



Dilawar Syed
Former State Dept. Special Rep., Former SBA Deputy Admin.



Sadaf Jaffer
Former Assemblywoman (NJ LD16) & Former Mayor (Montgomery Township NJ)



Shamila Chaudhary
Co-Chair, Afghanistan War Commission
President, American Pakistan Foundation (2019-2022)

4:00 PM-4:20 PM
Walk to Lohrfink Auditorium

The Closing Ceremony will take place in Lohrfink Auditorium within the McDonough School of Business. Student volunteers will be present to help attendees navigate the walk.

Information on the Closing Ceremony can be found on the next page.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Lohrfink Auditorium

The GEORGETOWN PAKISTAN FORUM

4:25 PM–4:45 PM
Reforming Public Health in Pakistan



Dr. Zafar Mirza
Former Minister of State for Health, Pakistan

4:45 PM–5:40 PM
The Forum Debate

THE FORUM DEBATE

Has the Diaspora failed Pakistan?



Sajid Tarrar
CEO, Center for Social Change



Shaezmina Khan
GTM, ElevenLabs



Bilal Lakhani
Host & Founder, Pehchaan



Uzair Younus
Partner & Chief Product Officer, The Asia Group

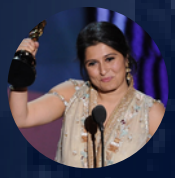


Raza Rumi
Policy Analyst, Author & Editor, The Friday Times



Hashim Syed (M)
Artificial Intelligence GTM Lead, Google

5:40 PM–5:50 PM
From Pakistan to the World Storytelling, Identity, & Impact



Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy
2x Academy & 7x Emmy Award-Winning Filmmaker

5:50 PM–6:30 PM
Closing Fireside Chat



Amb. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh
Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States



Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy
2x Academy & 7x Emmy Award-Winning Filmmaker



Bilal Lakhani (M)
Host & Founder, Pehchaan

6:30 PM–6:35 PM
Co-Founder's Closing Message



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President, Georgetown South Asian Society

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