

**Three Days Seminar/Capacity Building Workshop
on
National Security, Deterrence and Regional Stability in South Asia
Dates: 30May-1June, 2016
Venue: Islamabad Club
Strategic Vision Institute, Islamabad**

Seminar/Workshop Theme

Strategic Vision Institute is organizing a three (3) day capacity building workshop/seminar on National Security, Deterrence and Regional Stability in South Asia. Seminar series will be held in the morning sessions from 9.30 AM to 1.00 PM on each day followed by the workshop from 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM for mid-career media persons, academic scholars and young civilian / military officers. The workshop attendees will be required to attend the morning seminar series as participants.

The aforesaid participants will need a prior registration with the SVI to attend both sessions of the capacity building workshop. Registered participants will be awarded certificates on the basis of prior registration and full attendance.

The seminar will be based upon presentations by senior professional experts followed by an extensive debate and discussion. Registered participants will be required to submit written summaries and participate in simulation exercise at end of each day's session. This criterion is not obligatory for general audience.

Selected members of the Islamabad elite will be invited to participate in the seminar.

Mainly three broad issues will be covered in the seminar series:

- National Security Imperatives of South Asia
- Contemporary Nuclear Debate: Policy and Doctrinal Postures
- Deterrence Equilibrium and Strategic Stability in South Asia

Successful attendees of the workshop who will maintain regular attendance will be awarded certificates.

Program

Day 1

May 30, 2016

09:00-09:45 AM	Arrival of Participants/Guests/Registration
09:45-10:05 AM	Welcome Remarks by President/Executive Director SVI Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema
10:05-10:15 AM	Introduction to SVI Ms. S. Sadia Kazmi (Senior Research Associate)
10:15-10:35 AM	Address by the Chief Guest
10:35-11:00 AM	Tea Break

Session 1

National Security Imperatives of South Asia

Chair: Lt. Gen. (R) Asif Yasin Malik

11:00-11:20 AM	The Contemporary Threat Perception and Strategic Options for Pakistan Speaker: Air Cdre. (R) Ghulam Mujaddid (Registrar, Air University)
11:20-11:40 AM	Emerging Challenges of India-Iran-Afghanistan Nexus and Implications for CPEC Speaker: Lt. Gen. (R) Naeem Lodhi
11:40-12:00 AM	Growing Asymmetry in South Asia and its Implications for National Security of Pakistan Speaker: Dr. Tughrul Yamin (Asst. Dean, Department of Peace & Conflict Studies, NUST)
12:00-13:00 PM	Q & A / Discussion / Keynote Address by the Chair
13:00-14:00 PM	Lunch Break

Session 2

14:00-15:30 PM	Conference Participant's Discussion and Review of the 1 st Session
15:30-17:00 PM	Written Summaries of the Discussion

Day 2**May 31, 2016**

09:00-09:50 AM	Arrival of Participants / Registration
09:50-10:05 AM	Welcome Remarks by the President SVI Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema
10:05-10:25 AM	Keynote Address Lt. Gen. (R) Syed Muhammad Owais (Secretary, Ministry of Defense Production, Rawalpindi)
10:25-11:00 AM	Tea Break

Session: 1**Contemporary Nuclear Debate: Policy and Doctrinal Postures****Chair: Amb. (R) Tariq Osman Hyder**

11:00-11:20 AM	Review of Contemporary Nuclear Debate and Options for Pakistan Speaker: Amb. (R) Zamir Akram (Former Permanent Representative to CD/United Nations, Geneva)
11:20-11:40 AM	Indian Nuclear and Strategic Doctrine Speaker: Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema (President/ED SVI)
11:40-12:00 PM	Pakistan's Nuclear Posture and Quest for Assured Deterrence Speaker: Dr. Adil Sultan (Director R & A, PDS Branch, SPD)
12:00-13:00 PM	Q&A / Discussion by the Chair
13:00-14:00 PM	Lunch Break

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15:30-17:00 PM	Written Summaries of the Discussion

Day 3**June 1, 2016**

09:00-10:00 AM Arrival of Participants / Registration
10:00-10:15 AM Welcome Remarks by President/Executive Director SVI
 Dr. Zafar Iqbal Cheema
10:15-10:30 AM Tea Break

Session 1:

Deterrence Equilibrium and Strategic Stability in South Asia
Chair: Mr. Ross Masood Husain

10:30-10:50 AM Indian Nuclear Deterrence and Strategic Stability
Speaker: Dr. Zafar Khan (Asst. Prof., Department of Strategic Studies, NDU)

10:50-11:10 AM Pakistan Nuclear Deterrence and Strategic Stability
Speaker: Dr. Rizwana Karim Abbasi (Asst. Prof., Department of Strategic Studies, NDU)

11:10-11:30 AM Deterrence Equilibrium, Escalation Control and Strategic Stability in South Asia
Speaker: Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal (HoD, Department of IR, QAU)

11:30-12:50 PM Q&A / Discussion by the Chair

12:50-13:30 PM Distribution of Certificates and Group Photo

13:30-13:45 PM Vote of Thanks and Concluding Remarks by Chairman SVI
Mr. Ross Masood Husain

13:45 PM Lunch