



BAHRIA UNIVERSITY ISLAMABAD

CLUSTER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS NEWS LETTER

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

EDITOR DR. SAIRA NAWAZ ABBASI

SUB EDITOR: DR. SADIA KHANUM

CONTRIBUTOR: MUHAMMAD ZAIN UL HAQ

**FALL
2025
VOLUME 1
ISSUE 1**



BAHRIA UNIVERSITY ISLAMABAD

IR CLUSTER EVENTS NEWSLETTER

FALL 2025

VOL 1, ISSUE 1

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



**Dean
H&SS**

**Dr. Adam
Saud**

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (International Relations) at Bahria University remains committed to academic excellence, critical inquiry, and global engagement.

We take pride in our students and faculty who actively contribute to research, policy dialogue, and international platforms.

Together, we continue to prepare responsible global citizens and future leaders for an evolving world.

From scholarly activities and policy dialogues to student-led initiatives and media outreach, these pages reflect our commitment to bridging theory with practice and classrooms with the real world. We take pride in nurturing critical thinkers who are equipped to analyze contemporary challenges and contribute thoughtfully to national and global conversations.

I hope this edition serves not only as a record of our achievements but also as an invitation to continued dialogue, collaboration, and innovation. Together, we move forward in shaping informed perspectives and responsible leadership in the fields of international relations and public policy.

Warm regards,

Dr. Saira Nawaz Abbasi
Associate Professor
Department of Humanities and Social
Sciences
Bahria University Islamabad

FALL 2025 AT A GLANCE

1. International Conference on China-Pakistan Friendship
2. MoU signed with SAQE
3. Corporate Advisory Committee Meeting
4. Roundtable Discussion on Climate Change
5. Global Village
6. Guest Lectures
 - Pakistan-Turkiye Relations: Past, Present & Future
 - Pakistan-Turkmenistan Relations by the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkmenistan
 - Revisiting Pakistan's PCVE Approach: A Futuristic Perspective by Abdul Basit
 - Pakistan-Netherlands Ties by the Deputy Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
7. Workshop on NVivo
8. Interactive Session on Climate Change
9. Interactive Session on Journalistic Freedom and Human Rights & Special Olympics Pakistan

EVENT GALLERY



**MoU with
Society for Access
to Quality Education**



BAHRIA UNIVERSITY



**Corporate Advisory
Committee Meeting**



**Roundtable
Discussion on
Climate Change**





EVENT GALLERY



International Conference: China-Pakistan Friendship



Chief Guest:
DG Campus,
Bahria University E-8
Rear Admiral (R) Naeem
Sarwar SI (M)



Chief Guest:

Honorary Guest

**Ambassador
of UAE
H.E. Salem
Mohammed Al
Zaabi**

**Delegates from
embassy of
Palestine and Ethiopia**



EVENT GALLERY



Guest Lectures



**Deputy Ambassador
of Netherlands**

Hajo Provó Kluit



Pakistan-Netherlands Relations



Pakistan-Turkiye Relations

**Ambassador
of Tuykiye**

**Irfan
Neziroglu**



Pakistan-Turkmenistan Relations

**Ambassador
of
Turkmenistan**

**Atadjan
Movlamov**



EVENT GALLERY



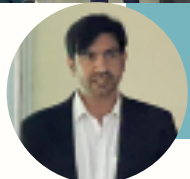
Session on Journalistic Freedom and Human Rights & Special Olympics Pakistan



Interactive Session on Climate Change



**Dr. Mohsin
Media
Department
BUIC**



**Workshop
on NVivo**

ACADEMIC LECTURES & SEMINARS



Guest Lecture on Pakistan–Turkmenistan Relations

His Excellency Atadjan Movlamov, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkmenistan, delivered a guest lecture at Bahria University Islamabad on Pakistan–Turkmenistan relations, highlighting diplomatic ties, regional cooperation, and future avenues of collaboration. The session was led by the Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and offered valuable insights to students and faculty on Central Asia–South Asia relations.



Guest Lecture on Revisiting Pakistan's PCVE Approach: A Futuristic Perspective

Mr. Abdul Basit, Senior Associate Fellow at Singapore's S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and the head of the South Asia desk at the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), delivered an insightful talk on 'Revisiting Pakistan's PCVE Approach: A Futuristic Perspective,' examining evolving challenges and future pathways in countering violent extremism in Pakistan.

ACADEMIC LECTURES & SEMINARS

Guest Lecture on Pakistan–Türkiye Relations: Past, Present & Future

The Ambassador of Türkiye delivered an insightful lecture on 'Pakistan–Türkiye Relations: Past, Present & Future,' highlighting the historical foundations, contemporary cooperation, and future prospects of bilateral ties.



The session provided students and faculty with a comprehensive understanding of the enduring partnership between the two countries and its significance in regional and global contexts. The session, led by the Cluster Head of International Relations, Dr. Sadia Khanum, provided students and faculty with a comprehensive understanding of the enduring partnership between the two countries and its significance in regional and global contexts.



Guest Lecture on Pakistan–Netherlands Ties

Deputy Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr. Hajo Provo Kluit, delivered a talk on Pakistan–Netherlands ties, highlighting the scope of bilateral cooperation in areas such as trade, development, climate resilience, and people-to-people linkages.



The session, led by Dr. Saira Nawaz Abbasi, Associate Professor, offered valuable insights into evolving diplomatic relations and encouraged meaningful engagement with students and faculty.



WORKSHOPS & SKILL-BUILDING SESSIONS

NVivo Learning Workshop

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IR Cluster, organized an NVivo learning workshop for postgraduate students of International Relations (IR) and Governance and Public Policy (GPP).

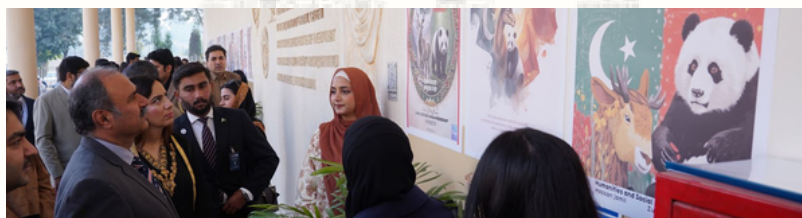


The session, led by Dr. Mohsin from the Media Studies Department, Bahria University, introduced students to qualitative data analysis using NVivo, focusing on data organization, coding, and thematic analysis. Through hands-on exercises, participants gained practical insights into applying qualitative research tools to academic and policy-oriented research, reinforcing the department's commitment to research skill development.

CONFERENCES, ROUNDTABLES & DIALOGUES

Bridging Horizons: Celebrating Pakistan-China Friendship

The IR Cluster, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, organized an international conference titled "Bridging Horizons: Celebrating Pakistan-China Deep-Rooted Friendship", led by the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bahria University. The conference featured national and international speakers, offering diverse perspectives on the historical, strategic, and cultural dimensions of Pakistan-China relations.



A notable highlight was the poster and essay competition held among students of International Relations and Media Studies, encouraging them to engage creatively with themes of bilateral friendship, diplomacy, and cultural exchange. The initiative not only showcased student talent but also fostered research, critical thinking, and public engagement. Overall, the event reflected the department's commitment to academic excellence, cross-cultural dialogue, and experiential learning.

International Roundtable on Climate Change and National Security

The IR Cluster organized an international roundtable on climate change and national security, led by Dr. Saira Nawaz Abbasi, Associate Professor, as part of its Fall 2025 activities. The event engaged experts from national and international backgrounds in examining how climate change acts as a non-traditional security threat, influencing resource distribution, migration, economic stability, and geopolitical dynamics. Participants explored the intersections of environmental challenges and national security policies, emphasizing the need for multidisciplinary approaches and proactive risk mitigation strategies.



The discussion also highlighted the role of media, policy frameworks, and research in shaping effective responses to climate-related security risks. The roundtable reinforced the department's commitment to bridging theory and practice, raising awareness of emerging security challenges, and preparing students to analyze complex global issues.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & ACTIVITIES

Global Village 2025: Unity in Diversity



The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences organized this year's Global Village on 24–25 November under the theme 'Unity in Diversity,' led by Mr. Fateh Najeeb Bhatti, Senior Lecturer.

The opening session was graced by the Ambassador of the UAE as Chief Guest alongside the Honorable Rector, while the Deputy High Commissioner of Malaysia was the Chief Guest on the second day.



The event celebrated cultural harmony through vibrant student performances, including traditional dances, musical presentations, and diverse cultural manifestations. Cultural stalls representing more than eight countries, along with international cuisines, attracted a large and enthusiastic audience of students and faculty, making the event a lively showcase of global diversity and mutual understanding.



COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

Corporate Advisory Committee Meeting

A Corporate Advisory Committee Meeting was held under the leadership of Dr. Sadia Khanum, focusing on facilitating consultancy services, strengthening research collaboration with industry, and enhancing student grooming initiatives. Experts from academia, think tanks,



and industry participated in the meeting, highlighting opportunities for internships and placements for Bahria University students and fostering stronger university–industry linkages.

(MOU) with the Society for Access to Quality Education

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Bahria University Islamabad Campus (BUIC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Society for Access to Quality Education (SAQE) to collaborate on initiatives that enhance educational opportunities, promote quality education, and support research, workshops, and student–faculty exchanges.



Interactive Session on Climate Change

As part of our collaborations and partnerships, the International Relations Faculty organized an interactive session on climate change in collaboration with Mr. Faras Ghani, Editor at Al Jazeera English, under the Pulitzer Center Climate Reporting Fellowship.



ABOUT EDITORS



Editor in Chief:
Dr. Saira Nawaz Abbasi
Associate Professor
Department of Humanities & Social Sciences,
Bahria University Islamabad.
Sairanawaz.buic@bahria.edu.pk



Sub Editor:
Dr. Sadia Khanum
Senior Assistant Professor
Department of Humanities & Social Sciences,
Bahria University Islamabad.
sadia.buic@bahria.edu.pk



Contributor:
Muhammad Zain ul Haq
Undergrad student of international relations
Department of Humanities & Social Sciences,
Bahria University Islamabad
mzainulhaq81@gmail.com

Department of Humanities & Social Sciences
International Relations
Islamabad E8 Campus

Disclaimer:
This newsletter documents academic and co-curricular
activities of the IR Cluster for the Fall 2025 semester.