

South Asia Studies

at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies
cordially invites you to attend SAIS' concluding "Year of Religion" conference on

"Competing Religious Narratives in Pakistan: can Islam be an Agency for Peace?"

Monday, May 10th, 2010

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Kenney Auditorium

1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Washington, D.C.

In this interactive, all-day conference, the speakers will approach and discuss new ideas, and analyze religion's impact on the state, society, and politics in Pakistan. They will focus on issues and dimensions that have not been widely addressed, but carry significant social, political, and ideological weight, such as the contest between Sufi Islam and fundamentalist Islam.

Morning Session: 9:00 AM-12:00PM

Chair:

Dr. Walter Andersen, SAIS

***Lunch (Served):
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM***

Afternoon Session: 2:00 PM-5:30 PM

Chair:

Dr. Robert Hathaway, Wilson Center

Dr. Farzana Shaikh, Associate Fellow, Chatham House

Can Pakistan become a secular state?

Dr. Ali Riaz, Illinois State University

Changing the mindset: the state, education, and religion

Dr. Christine Fair, Georgetown University

Competing religious narratives among militant ideologies

Dr. Mumtaz Ahmad, Hampton University

The politics of religion: religious parties, elections, and the state

Dr. Ayesha Siddiqi, SAIS

Sufi Islam versus puritanical Islam

Dr. Nosheen Ali, Stanford University

Examining the Silence on Sectarianism: Class, State, and Region

Joshua White, SAIS / IGE

Religious identity and ethnic nationalism in the Frontier

Mr. Arif Jamal, Author of *Shadow War: The Untold Story
of Jihad in Kashmir.*

The intelligence services and religious militancy in Pakistan

R.S.V.P. to Rahul Madhavan by Friday, May 7th by e-mailing southasia@jhu.edu.

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