CALL FOR PAPERS

3rd Pakistani–Russian International Conference 2027

ON

REIMAGINING PAKISTAN–RUSSIA RELATIONS IN A MULTIPOLAR WORLD

Practical Cooperation, Multilateral Platforms and Shared Future

DATES	VENUE
6–8 April 2027	**FUUAST, Islamabad** Pakistan

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY

Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST)
Islamabad, Pakistan

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Kazan Federal University (KFU)
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Consortium for Asia Pacific & Eurasian Studies (CAPES)

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01 Background

> The Pakistani–Russian International Conference has emerged as a flagship academic platform dedicated to strengthening bilateral relations between Pakistan and the Russian Federation through academic diplomacy, policy dialogue and institutional cooperation.

Pakistan and Russia have witnessed a gradual transformation in their bilateral relations over the past decades. Moving beyond the limitations of the Cold War era, both countries have developed a constructive partnership based on mutual respect, strategic convergence, regional stability, economic cooperation and people-to-people engagement. Regular high-level political interactions, defence cooperation, growing trade, regional connectivity initiatives and expanding academic exchanges reflect the positive trajectory of bilateral relations.

In recent years, Pakistan and Russia have significantly expanded cooperation across political, economic, security, educational and humanitarian domains. The institutionalization of bilateral mechanisms, growing engagement under multilateral frameworks such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), expanding dialogue on Eurasian connectivity, and increasing collaboration between universities and research institutions demonstrate the growing maturity of the relationship. Academic diplomacy has emerged as an important pillar supporting official diplomacy by fostering mutual understanding, policy dialogue, evidence-based policymaking and long-term institutional partnerships.

Against the backdrop of a rapidly changing international environment characterized by geopolitical competition, the emergence of a multipolar world order, shifting regional alignments and new economic corridors across Eurasia, Pakistan and Russia have identified significant opportunities to deepen cooperation in areas of shared interest. As Pakistan pursues a geo-economic foreign policy and Russia strengthens its engagement with Asia, both countries share common interests in expanding cooperation in trade, connectivity, education, science and technology, energy, regional security, climate resilience and cultural diplomacy.

115	60+	230+	111
presenters at the 1st conference, Karachi, Feb 2025	universities, institutes and think tanks represented	abstracts received for the 2nd conference, Kazan, May 2026	presenters: 60 Pakistani and 51 Russian scholars

The **1st Pakistani–Russian International Conference** was successfully held in Karachi, Pakistan, in February 2025, bringing together 115 presenters from Pakistan and the Russian Federation, representing more than 60 universities, research institutes and think tanks. The conference witnessed the active participation of diplomats, policymakers, vice chancellors, university leaders and senior scholars, making it one of the largest Pakistan–Russia academic forums dedicated to strengthening bilateral cooperation through research, policy dialogue and institutional partnerships.

Building upon this success, the **2nd Russian–Pakistan International Conference** was organized in May 2026 at Kazan Federal University, Russian Federation, as part of the 17th International Economic Forum "Russia–Islamic World: Kazan Forum 2026." The conference attracted more than 230 abstract submissions from Pakistan, Russia and several other countries, and brought together 111 presenters, including 60 Pakistani and 51 Russian scholars, alongside ambassadors, federal ministers, vice chancellors, diplomats, policymakers and leading researchers.

Drawing on these achievements, the **3rd conference** will provide a high-level platform for scholars, diplomats, policymakers, business leaders and researchers to explore emerging opportunities for strengthening Pakistan–Russia relations. It seeks to reimagine the relationship by moving from declared intent to practical, institution-backed cooperation, strengthening engagement through multilateral platforms such as the SCO, BRICS and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), and building a shared future grounded in education, culture and people-to-people ties, while institutionalizing an annual Pakistan–Russia academic dialogue that complements official diplomatic engagement.

02 Objectives

The conference aims to:

- Strengthen Pakistan–Russia bilateral relations through sustained academic and policy dialogue.
- Promote strategic cooperation in regional peace, stability and economic connectivity.
- Enhance collaboration among universities, think tanks, policymakers and research institutions.
- Explore new opportunities in trade, investment, transport, energy, science, technology, innovation and higher education.
- Develop practical policy recommendations to support long-term Pakistan–Russia strategic cooperation.
- Promote academic diplomacy and people-to-people engagement between Pakistan and Russia.
- Examine the role of multilateral platforms such as the SCO, BRICS and the EAEU in advancing practical Pakistan–Russia cooperation.
- Build a shared vision for the future of Pakistan–Russia relations grounded in mutual respect, education and people-to-people ties.
- Institutionalize the Pakistani–Russian International Conference as the premier annual academic platform for Pakistan–Russia dialogue and cooperation.

03 Conference Theme

> **Reimagining Pakistan–Russia Relations in a Multipolar World – Practical Cooperation, Multilateral Platforms and Shared Future**

The conference will provide a multidisciplinary platform to examine the changing dimensions of Pakistan–Russia relations within the context of an emerging multipolar world. It will explore opportunities to strengthen bilateral cooperation in diplomacy, regional security, trade, connectivity, science and technology, higher education, climate resilience and people-to-people engagement, while generating policy recommendations that advance Pakistan's national interests and contribute to long-term strategic cooperation with the Russian Federation.

★ Conference at a Glance

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VENUE
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ORGANIZERS
FUUAST · Kazan Federal University · CAPES

ABSTRACT DEADLINE
5 January 2027

PATRONS
Both Ambassadors, the FUUAST Vice Chancellor and the KFU Rector

LANGUAGE / FORMAT
English · primarily in-person

04 Sub-Themes

We invite abstracts of research papers from scholars around the world. Papers employing theoretical frameworks, conceptual analyses and case studies are welcome under the following sub-themes:

1 Pakistan–Russia Strategic Partnership in a Multipolar World

- From Cold War legacy to strategic partnership
- Foreign policy priorities
- Defence and security dialogue
- Non-traditional security: cybersecurity, maritime security and counter-extremism

2 Multilateral Platforms: SCO, BRICS, EAEU and Eurasian Cooperation

- Cooperation within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)
- BRICS and emerging multilateral formats
- Eurasian Economic Union and the Greater Eurasian Partnership
- Regional governance and multilateral diplomacy
- United Nations and global governance reform
- OIC and the Russia–Islamic World dialogue

3 Trade, Investment, Energy and Regional Connectivity

- Pakistan–Russia economic cooperation
- INSTC, CPEC and Eurasian transport corridors
- Energy security
- Logistics and investment opportunities
- Finance, banking and payment mechanisms

4 Afghanistan: Regional Stability and Pakistan–Russia Cooperation

- Peace and stability in Afghanistan
- Counterterrorism cooperation
- Border security
- Regional diplomatic formats (Moscow Format, SCO mechanisms)
- Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction

5 Science, Technology, Innovation and Climate Solutions

- Artificial intelligence and digital transformation: policy and cooperation
- Science diplomacy
- Environmental cooperation
- Water security
- Agriculture and food security
- Disaster risk reduction and management
- Climate action and sustainable development

6 Shared Future: Public Diplomacy, Media, Culture and People-to-People Engagement

- Dialogue of cultures and values, including shared history, heritage and the Russia–Islamic World dimension
- Academic, youth and media cooperation
- Tourism
- Civil society engagement

05 Important Dates

All deadlines are 23:59 (PKT) unless otherwise stated.

Milestone	Deadline
Call for Papers launched	**1 November 2026**
Deadline for abstract submission (250–300 words)	**5 January 2027**
Notification of abstract acceptance / rejection	**25 January 2027**
Deadline for full paper submission (optional, for edited volume)	**15 February 2027**
Early-bird registration deadline	**28 February 2027**
Final registration deadline	**18 March 2027**
Deadline for presentation (PPT) submission	**25 March 2027**
Conference dates	**6–8 April 2027**

06 Abstract Submission Guidelines

How to apply

Submit your abstract through the online application form (English / Русский):
https://forms.gle/2cCc255SQvmt11gw7
Scan the QR code to open the form.

- **Abstract length:** 250–300 words, in English, clearly outlining the research question, methodology, and key arguments or findings.
- **Authorship:** a maximum of two authors is permitted per abstract.
- **Sub-theme selection:** authors are encouraged to select the most relevant sub-theme; submissions that do not directly align with the published sub-themes are also welcome.
- **Review:** all submissions will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee.
- **Participation:** priority will be given to faculty members, senior and graduate scholars, professionals and members of the business community whose work relates to Pakistan–Russia cooperation.
- **Further information:** detailed information regarding registration, accommodation and visa support will be shared with accepted participants in due course.

07 Registration and Conference Fee

Registration details and the online registration link will be announced on the conference webpage (fuuastisb.edu.pk/IR_Events.aspx). Presenters are required to complete registration by the Final Registration Deadline to be included in the conference programme. The registration fee should be submitted by the Final Registration Deadline via the registration form *(link to be provided)*.

Category	Early-bird fee until 28 February 2027	Regular fee after 28 February 2027
Paper presenter (in-person)	**PKR 3,000**	**PKR 4,000**
Online presenter	**PKR 1,500**	**PKR 2,000**
Non-presenter	**PKR 1,000**	**PKR 1,500**
International participant	**USD 30**	**USD 40**

> **Please note:** fees will be increased after the early-bird deadline. Bank account details will be shared with accepted participants in due course.

08 Publication Opportunity

Paper presenters will have the opportunity to have their accepted research papers considered for publication in HEC-recognized and partner-institution research journals, and/or in an edited volume comprising selected peer-reviewed conference papers. All submissions will undergo independent editorial screening and a rigorous peer-review process.

09 Patronage of the Conference

- **Prof. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari** — Vice Chancellor, Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST)
- **Prof. Dr. Lenar Safin** — Rector, Kazan Federal University
- **H.E. Mr. Albert P. Khorev** — Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- **H.E. Mr. Faisal Niaz Tirmizi** — Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Russian Federation

10 Partner Institutes

University of World Civilisation
Russian Federation

Russian State University for the Humanities
Russian Federation

Moscow Polytechnic University
Russian Federation

Moscow State Linguistic University
Russian Federation

Further Partner Institutes will be announced.

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13 Basic Organizational Information

- The conference will be held on **6–8 April 2027** at FUUAST, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- The conference is planned as a primarily in-person event, with limited online participation available for selected presenters, subject to approval by the Organizing Committee.
- The working language of the conference is English.
- The conference will begin with a plenary session, followed by thematic panel sessions.

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