



# **2<sup>ND</sup> Russian-Pakistani International Conference**

on

## **THE EVOLVING RUSSIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONSHIP IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER**

**Venue: Kazan, Russian Federation**

**13-15 May 2026**



Jointly Organized  
by

**Institute of International Relations, History and  
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**Kazan Federal University, Russia**  
and

**Department of International Relations,  
Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science  
and Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan**



## **The Purpose and Foundation of The Conference**

The contemporary international system is experiencing a profound transformation characterized by the emergence of multipolarity, evolving geopolitical alignments, and the growing importance of regional cooperation. In this dynamic global environment, relations between Russia and Pakistan have entered a promising phase marked by mutual trust, pragmatic engagement, and expanding areas of cooperation. Both countries are increasingly viewing each other as constructive partners in promoting regional stability, economic development, and inclusive connectivity across Eurasia and South Asia.

While historical circumstances limited close interaction during the Cold War, Russia and Pakistan have, in recent years, successfully moved beyond legacy constraints to develop a relationship based on shared interests and complementary strengths. Cooperation has expanded in key areas such as defense dialogue, energy collaboration, trade, education, regional connectivity, and coordination on regional security challenges. Pakistan's strategic geographic position as a gateway between South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East, combined with Russia's Eurasian outreach and economic

capabilities, creates significant potential for mutually beneficial engagement.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Russian–Pakistani International Conference is designed to further strengthen this positive trajectory by providing an inclusive academic and policy-oriented platform for dialogue, analysis, and collaboration. The conference aims to bring together scholars, policymakers, practitioners, businessmen and students from both countries and beyond to examine the evolving Russia–Pakistan relationship within the context of a changing global order. Through interdisciplinary discussion, the conference seeks to highlight opportunities for cooperation, share best practices, and explore innovative approaches to long-term partnership.

This conference builds upon the strong foundation laid by the 1<sup>st</sup> Pakistani–Russian International Conference, held in Karachi in February 2025, which marked a milestone in bilateral academic engagement. The inaugural conference brought together 115 presenters from Pakistan and Russia, representing more than 60 universities and think tanks, and featured active participation by diplomats, policymakers, and senior scholars. As the first large-scale academic forum of its kind, the Karachi conference successfully fostered meaningful dialogue, generated high-quality research output, and established enduring academic and institutional linkages between the two countries.

By hosting the second edition in Kazan, this conference aims to deepen academic cooperation, expand research networks, and further institutionalize scholarly exchange between Russia and Pakistan. It

seeks to promote a balanced, forward-looking understanding of bilateral relations, contribute to regional and global peace, and support the development of practical frameworks for cooperation in trade, energy, education, connectivity, and people-to-people engagement. Ultimately, the conference aspires to serve as a catalyst for sustained collaboration and a shared vision of prosperity, stability, and partnership between Russia and Pakistan.

## **Objectives of the Conference**

- To analyze the global changes shaping the evolving relationship between Russia and Pakistan.
- To examine the historical heritage foundations and contemporary dynamics of political and diplomatic relations between Russia and Pakistan.
- To assess key energy projects and their role in strengthening economic cooperation between the two countries.
- To identify promising and emerging areas for deeper bilateral cooperation between Russia and Pakistan.
- To explore future trajectories of trade, transportation, and connectivity between Russia and Pakistan.
- To highlight Pakistan's role as a pivotal logistical and economic hub linking Russia and Central Asia with South Asia.
- To strengthen people-to-people engagement through education, cultural diplomacy, academic exchange, and media cooperation.
- To contribute to the vision of Greater Eurasian Cooperation by proposing practical frameworks and roadmaps for long-term collaboration.

## Themes and Sub-Themes

We invite abstracts of research papers from scholars around the world on the theme: *The Evolving Russia–Pakistan Relationship in a Changing Global Order*

Papers employing **theoretical frameworks, conceptual analyses, and case studies** are welcome for presentation under the following **Themes and Sub-Themes**:

1. **Russia and Pakistan in modern International Relations in a Polycentric World** (International security and cooperation, geopolitics and diplomacy, traditional and non-traditional security domains)
2. **Economic Integration of Russia and Pakistan within the Eurasian Framework** (Key areas of economic engagement, sectoral cooperation, trade and investment patterns, financial security issues, regional and multilateral frameworks including the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), BRICS, and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), as well as statistical trends and future prospects)
3. **Dialogue of Cultures and Values: Russia–Pakistan Interaction in the Field of Humanitarian Cooperation** (Education, culture, language learning, youth engagement, academic exchange, and people-to-people connectivity)



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## Basic organizational Information:

- The conference will be held on May 13–15, 2026, in Kazan, Russian Federation.
- 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 languages of the conference will be English and Russian.
- The conference will begin with a plenary session, followed by thematic sessions.

## Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- **How to Apply:** Individuals interested in presenting a paper are required to submit their abstracts through the **online application form** ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd748LY\\_S3NHYJfHJBp7YZPHq\\_clavUrlb3xp\\_UuH\\_zCx8KRA/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd748LY_S3NHYJfHJBp7YZPHq_clavUrlb3xp_UuH_zCx8KRA/viewform?usp=header))
- **Abstract Length:** Abstracts should be **250–300 words** and clearly outline the research question, methodology, and key arguments or findings.
- **Authorship:** A maximum of **two authors** is permitted per abstract.
- **Panel Selection:** Authors are encouraged to select the most relevant thematic session; however, submissions are welcome even if they do not directly align with the pre-published thematic sessions.
- All submissions will be reviewed by the **Concerned Committee**.
- **Participation Priority** will be given to **Faculty members, Senior and Graduate scholars, Professionals and members of the business community** whose work relates to Russia–Pakistan economic, trade, and connectivity cooperation
- Detailed information regarding registration, accommodation, and visa support will be shared with accepted participants in due course.

## **Key Dates:**

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **1 March 2026**
- Notification of Acceptance/Rejection: **5 March 2026**
- In-person / Online Participation Confirmation Deadline: **25 March 2026**

## **Publication Opportunity:**

Selected conference papers may be considered for publication in the following scientific journals: «**Modern Oriental Studies**», «**Eurasian Arabic Studies**» and «**Kazan Linguistic Journal**». All submissions will undergo independent editorial screening and a rigorous peer-review process in accordance with the respective journal's guidelines.

## **If you have any questions, please contact:**

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