



Invitation

Lecture by S. Akbar Zaidi

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A New Democracy and Many Old Wars: One Year of Democracy in Pakistan

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Pakistan's government has just completed one year in office following nine years of General Pervez Musharraf's military rule (1999-2008). The experience of democracy in Pakistan in the past has been troubled, to say the least, but the democratically elected Pakistan Peoples Party government, following probably Pakistan's fairest and freest elections, has been thrust into office in even more troubled times for the country and the region. Dealing with the consequences of President Bush's war on terrorism in the country and on the border with Afghanistan, rising Islamic militancy within Pakistan, deteriorating relations with India following the Mumbai attacks, and a weakened economy at home, have been the challenges the PPP government has had to face. This Public Lecture will try and assess how democracy in Pakistan in such troubled times has progressed, and the sort of future one can expect in the years to come. The talk will focus on domestic, regional and international factors and forces which affect Pakistan's political and economic possibilities.

S. Akbar Zaidi is one of Pakistan's best known and most prolific political economists. Apart from his interest in political economy, he also has great interest in development, the social sciences more generally, and increasingly, in History. He has written over sixty academic articles in international journals and as chapters in books, as well as eleven books and four monographs. His forthcoming Political Economy and Development in Pakistan is to be his twelfth book, and the third to be published by Oxford University Press. His other books include The New Development Paradigm: Papers on Institutions, NGOs, Gender and Local Government (1999), and Issues in Pakistan's Economy (2005), both published by Oxford University Press both of which are now standard text books for students on Pakistan's economy, and Pakistan's Economic and Social Development: The Domestic, Regional and Global Context, (Rupa and Co., New Delhi, 2004). He taught at Karachi University for over fifteen years, and at Johns Hopkins University where he was a Visiting Professor in 2004-05. He holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge and lives and works in Karachi.

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