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Languages of the Conference: English, Urdu, Balochi, Pushto, Sindhi & Punjabi

Endemic perception of the political notions like nation, national, federal, civil, public, or ethnic are basically an interface of perception, cognizance, theorization and empirical or rational exposition of a society. Right from individualistic to collective or inclusive to exclusive pursuits may determine the intent of their proponents and opponents. Multi-culturalism and ethno-nationalism are often perceived as antithetical to the National Integration and it is believed that the creation of a 'single national identity' is essential for the modern nation-states. This is premised on two fundamental propositions. One, the world is divided into nations assuming all the 193 United Nations member states constitute 'one-nation' each. Second, each nation-state is a united, homogenous entity possessing unified norms/shared identity as part of the national culture of the country. In addition, this presupposes national integration, political stability and national cohesion is sought in multi-cultural and multi-national states. This is despite the fact, among 193 UN member states only a few can rightfully claim possessing 'single national culture' and 'single national identity' based on which they constitute 'one-nation' in true sense of the word.

In the history of the subcontinent the concept of 'one-nation' has a special significance. In pre-partition India, Gandhi and Congress claimed Indians constituted 'one-nation', which resulted in the partition of India in 1947 as Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Muslim League believed Hindus and Muslims constituted 'Two-Nations' in pre-partition British India. Hence, the emergence of Pakistan on August 14, 1947 was in a way direct rejection of the 'one-nation' dictum of the Indian Nationalists.

Pakistani National identity is a sense of belonging to the Pakistani society. Various symbols have been invoked from time to time to construct Pakistani national identity. Accordingly, different conceptions of cultural identity based on religion, language, culture, or land are also prevalent in Pakistani society. Pakistani culture when portrayed as a diverse culture of different ethnicities, values/shared traditions consequently created an identity crisis that has the potential to affect the national cohesion, harmony, and unity among citizens. This necessitates to construe Pakistani culture on common grounds through unity in diversity, hence promoting unified norms/ shared identity as the national culture of the country and achieving the objective of national integration, political stability, cohesion, and unity.

The proposed conference is an attempt to evaluate the policies and strategies employed by subsequent governments during last seventy-three years to achieve the national integration in Pakistan. It also aims to suggest the future course of action for promoting ethnic peace, cultural harmony, religious tolerance, and national integration. The scholars are urged to academically engage with the policies of the past and provide the policy input for future course of action learning from the international best practices in this regard. It would be interesting to see how cultural and ethnic differences are reconciled in the contemporary Pakistan and what its state and society may learn in this regard from the global community?

CONFERENCE THEMES

- National Identity and National Integration
- Multi-culturalism and Acculturation
- Religious diversity and religious tolerance
- The role of Islam in national integration
- Ethno-Nationalism and Nationalism
- The role of Social values in National Integration
- The Cultural Heritage of Pakistan
- The Pakistani languages and literature
- The Music and dances of Pakistan
- The Rituals and Festivals of Pakistan
- The Folk/Cultural Dresses of Pakistan
- Cultural Diplomacy and National Integration
- Mysticism, Sufi Islam and Social Harmony

Contributions are welcome on other themes related to the subject of the conference as well.

INSTRUCTIONS

We seek abstracts of 250-300 words from scholars across Pakistan.

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Please send your proposals to nidc@qau.edu.pk by March 20, 2021 and complete paper drafts by **July 31, 2021**.

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