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China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is destined to become a fate-changer for Pakistan which was initiated in 2015 with the projected investment of \$46 billion and has been enlarged to \$62 billion. CPEC is one of the six projects of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) started in 2013 and CPEC is the flagship project with exception to the involvement of only two countries; China and Pakistan. The current pace and progress on the project is remarkable and as per timeline. The projects under the first phase of CPEC are being matured as the project has entered in the second phase. With the passage of time, economic and strategic worth of the project is being increased both for China and Pakistan.

CPEC is going to benefit not only Pakistan and China but also other neighbouring states and even adjacent regions including Central Asia and the Middle East. It is aimed at building all the infrastructural features needed for the economic prosperity of Pakistan. Here, China and Pakistan equally share the level of benefits the project is delivering or going to deliver in the coming years. We are already getting its fruit in terms of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from all over the world, employment opportunities, decline in power shortage, industrial boost and exports increase.

Before the execution of any project, narrative building is even more necessary. It is important to make all the stakeholders vis-à-vis the masses understand the constructive aspects of the project as they are going to be impacted by it directly or indirectly.

TIMELINE

January 16, 2021
**Proposal
Submission
Deadline**

January 22, 2021
**Notification of
Acceptance/
Rejection**

February 26, 2021
**Final Paper
Submission
Deadline**

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Conference Dates



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The responsibility of narrative building lies with the ruling class, media and scholars. This conference aims to present the ongoing and forecasted benefits of CPEC to the public to become part of it rather than opposing it by accompanying the view of many negative forces (internal and external) involved to project it against Pakistan's interests. The conference also aims to highlight the deficiencies/shortcomings of CPEC with a purpose to provide guidelines to the policymakers to make this project even more productive for the masses, on a large scale. The conference welcomes paper on the themes given below:

- ✧ Socio-cultural impacts of CPEC on Pakistan.
- ✧ Strategic importance of CPEC in the regional and trans-regional context.
- ✧ Macro and micro assessment of economic impact of CPEC on Pakistan.
- ✧ Role of Media and CPEC narratives.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Proposals of individual papers should include the title, an abstract of around 300 words, and the name(s) and a short biographical note (of approximately 50 words) about the speaker(s). All submissions should be sent to:

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