The Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue, in collaboration with the Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Education plans to organize a 2-Day international conference on Nation-Building in Pakistan: Prospects and Challenges. Nation-building is the process through which the boundaries of the modern state and those of the national community become congruent. The desired outcome is to achieve national integration. Nation-building is a dynamic and continuous process. It involves development of behaviours, values, language, institutions and physical structures that elucidate history and culture, concretise and protect the present and ensure the future identity and independence of a nation. Nation-building also includes efforts to promote institutions which will provide for economic wellbeing and social equity. The conference aims to highlight process of nation building and challenges faced by Pakistan. The conference also aims to find opportunities for Pakistan in attaining national integration through the process of nation-building. In this connection, contribution of religion, language, education system, media and other state institutions will be analysed. The aim of this conference is to bring the academician, researchers, professionals, experts and policy makers on the platform to discuss the innovative ideas, best practices and policies for building nation.
Key-themes and Sub-themes of the Conference

A. Role of state institutions in nation-building
- Judiciary
- Civil society
- Police institutions
- Bureaucracy
- Political parties
- Military

B. Culture, society and nation-building
- Globalization, culture and youth identity
- Gender equality
- Migration & its consequences
- Sustainable development
- Reproductive health of women
- Religious and ethnic tolerance
- Inclusion of differently abled people
- Political participation of women
- Pro-women legislation

C. Education as a tool of nation-building
- Character building
- Peace and education
- Quality education for sustainable development
- Primary curriculum and life skills
- Technical education

D. Role of media in nation-building
- Media conglomerates
- Freedom of media
- Ethics in news reporting
- Media and democracy
- Media and social reconstruction
- History of print and electronic media in Pakistan
- Usage of social media in Pakistan

E. Role of academics, researchers, intellectuals and poets in nation-building

F. Role of ulema in nation-building

G. Connection between foreign policy and nation-building

H. Nation building through development and removing grievances

I. Models of nation-building and the case of Pakistan.
Abstract of 250-300 words are invited on the above themes and sub-themes. The abstracts along with bio of the authors may be sent at the following email on or before the closing date:
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Upon successful review of the abstracts authors would be invited to submit full papers.

Venue
Quaid-e-Azam Auditorium, Faisal Masjid Campus, IIUI

Conference Dates:
1. Conference 13-14 December, 2022
2. Abstract Submission 05 November, 2022
3. Acceptance Letters 10 November, 2022
4. Paper Submission 10 December, 2022
5. Conference Secretary Dr. Maryam Siddiqua 0321-6798162