MARGALLA DIALOGUE

Global Order *in* Transition

Navigating Strategic Uncertainty

PROGRAMME

10 November 2026, Tuesday

Inaugural Session

0945 hrs	**Arrival of the Chief Guest**
0945-0950 hrs	**National Anthem and Recitation from the Holy Quran**
0950-0955 hrs	**Welcome Remarks by** **Lt Gen Majid Ehsan, HI(M) (Retd)** President IPRI
0955-1030 hrs	**Address by the Chief Guest** **Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar** Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
1030-1100 hrs	**Tea Break**

Keynote of the Margalla Dialogue

1100 -1230 hrs PKST

Keynote Address
Professor John J Mearsheimer
R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor, Political Science Department, University of Chicago, USA

Q & A

Forum A

Geopolitics and the Realignment of Global Power
1330 - 1530 hrs PKST

Moderator
Mr Fahd Husain
Executive Director & Anchor, Express Media Group

Keynote Address
Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
Chairman, Pakistan-China Institute

Speakers
Professor Dr Vali Reza Nasr
Majid Khadduri Professor, Johns Hopkins University, USA
Dr Victor Zhikai Gao
Vice President, Centre for China & Globalisation, China
Ambassador Robin Raphel
Senior Associate, Centre for Strategic & International Studies, USA
Dr Timofei Bordachev
Programme Director, Valdai Discussion Club, Russia
Professor Dr Carlo Masala
Professor, Bundeswehr University Munich, Germany

Q & A

Forum B

West Asia–South Asia: Geopolitics of Connectivity and Competition
1600 - 1800 hrs PKST

Moderator
Ms Zunaira Azhar
Anchor & Analyst, Express 24/7

Speakers
Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry
Chairman, Sanober Institute
Professor Dr Ismail Numan Telci
Director, Center for Gulf Studies & Global Policy, Ibn Haldun University, Turkiye
Shanjida Shahab Uddin
Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of International & Strategic Studies, Bangladesh
Mr Pravin Sawhney
Director, Force Research Institute, India
Ambassador Asif Durrani
Senior Research Fellow, IPRI

Q & A

Special Forum Economic Security

Pakistan's Economic Bottlenecks: Diagnosis and Prescription

1830 - 2000 hrs PKST

Moderator
Dr Aneel Salman
Chair Economic Security, IPRI

Keynote Address
Honourable Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb
Federal Minister for Finance & Revenue

Speakers
Mr Zafar Masud
President & CEO, Bank of Punjab
Mr Shahbaz H Syed
President & CEO, Export-Import Bank of Pakistan
Dr Gohar Ejaz, HI, SI
Chairman, Economic Policy & Business Development Think Tank
Professor Dr Ashfaque Hasan Khan, SI
Director General, NUST Institute of Policy Studies

Q & A

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Forum C

Technology and the Transformation of State & Society

1100 - 1300 hrs PKST

Moderator

Mr Siddique Humayun
Director, Advocacy & Communications, IPRI

Keynote Address

Honourable Shaza Fatima Khawaja
Federal Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunication

Speakers

Mr Daniel Castro
President, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, USA

Dr Ilaria Mariani
Assistant Professor, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Mr Akira Igata
Project Lecturer, Economic Security Intelligence Lab RCAST, University of Tokyo, Japan

Mr Aamer Rana
Member, Pakistan Digital Authority

Professor Li Xiguang
Director, Pakistan Centre for Culture & Communication, Tsinghua University, China

Brigadier Dr Raashid Wali Janjua, SI (M) (Retd)
Director, Research & Analysis, IPRI

Q & A

Forum D

National Resilience and Non-Traditional Security

1400 - 1600 hrs PKST

Moderator
Ms Sidra Iqbal
Broadcast Journalist, Aaj TV

Guest of Honour
Honourable Attaullah Tarar, NI
Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting

Keynote Address
Senator Javed Jabbar
Former Federal Minister

Speakers
Ms Mahtab Akbar Rashdi
Member, National Assembly of Pakistan
Ambassador Shafqat Kakakhel
Chairperson BOG, Sustainable Development Policy Institute
Lt General Nasser Khan Janjua, HI (M) (Retd)
Former National Security Advisor
Ms Aisha Khan, TI
Chief Executive, Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change
Dr Zafar Mirza
President, Pakistan Association of Lifestyle Medicine
Professor Dr Tayyaba Tamim
Dean & Chair Syeda Perwin Babar Ali School of Education, LUMS

Q & A

Special Forum International Law

International Law and South Asian Security Dynamics

1630 - 1800 hrs PKST

Moderator
Barrister Ayesha Siddique Khan
Chair International Law, IPRI

Keynote Address
Honourable Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, NI
Federal Minister for Law & Justice and Human Rights

Speakers
Professor Dr Cheng Xizhong
Senior Research Fellow, Charhar Institute, China
Mr Ahmer Bilal Soofi
Founder & President, Research Society of International Law and ABS & Co
Lt General Muhammad Saeed, HI (M) (Retd)
Chairman, Water and Power Development Authority

Q & A