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Editorial

Dear readers,

Welcome to the May 2024 edition of the Journal of Insights of Pakistan, Iran and the Caucasus Studies. This issue offers a diverse and engaging collection of research that delves deep into the socioeconomic dynamics and political relationships influencing regional development and international cooperation across these significant geographical areas.

In this edition, our featured articles explore the nuances of economic relations and community engagement through detailed case studies and empirical research, reflecting the complex interplay between political strategies and social outcomes.

Our lead article, "Political Economy of Taftan City within the Context of Pak-Iran Economic Relations" by Wali Hamdullah and Shakeebullah Kakar, provides an in-depth analysis of the economic synergies and challenges between Pakistan and Iran, with a specific focus on Taftan City. This piece is particularly timely, considering the evolving geopolitical landscape and its implications for cross-border trade and cooperation.

Following this, we present "Strengthening Ties with Communities in Gilgit-Baltistan: A Case Study of Government-Community Engagement for Regional Development" by Dr. Muhammad Asim. This study highlights effective strategies for community engagement and participatory governance that can serve as a model for similar regions striving for sustainable development.

In addition, this issue includes insightful contributions from emerging scholars from the Government Graduate College Asghar Mall, Rawalpindi and the University of Okara, who present fresh perspectives on political and psychological aspects affecting regional interactions and development policies.

Lastly, our international section features a poignant piece by Elina Zohedov and Dr. Samina Noor, examining the initiatives by the Young Women for Change in Caucasus (YWCC). Their work sheds light on the empowerment of women in the Caucasus region and the role of academic and non-governmental collaborations in fostering social change.

We hope that the research presented in this edition sparks further academic inquiry and encourages a broader understanding of the intricate relationships that shape the political economies and societal structures of Pakistan, Iran and the Caucasus region. We look forward to your feedback and continued engagement with our journal.

Enjoy reading the May 2024 edition of the Journal of Insights of Pakistan, Iran and the Caucasus Studies.debate.

Best regards,

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