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Editorial

Dear readers,

We are pleased to present the August edition of Insights of Pakistan, Iran, and the Caucasus Studies (IPICS), a scholarly journal that aims to deepen our understanding of the complex dynamics within the region. This edition features two significant papers authored by Junaid Ali, Dr. Muhammad Asim and Eman Nur Al-Din Yazdi.

In the first paper, “Iranian Linguistically-Hegemonic or Revolution-Exporting Orientations towards Post-Soviet Tajikistan and its Counter Affects”, Junaid Ali and Dr. Muhammad Asim examine the intricate relationship between Iran and Tajikistan, focusing on Iran's linguistically-hegemonic tendencies and its revolutionary orientations towards Tajikistan in the post-Soviet era. Through a critical study, the authors meticulously analyze the consequences of these orientations and their impact on the region's dynamics. Their research sheds light on the complexities of Iran-Tajikistan relations and their broader implications.

The second paper, authored by Eman Nur Al-Din Yazdi, is titled “Khorasan: Symbolism in Shia Islam and its Relevance to Dr. Asim's Vision of ‘Romanticizing Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan’ and ‘Establishing a Jointly Administrative Market at Tri-Borderland’”. In this insightful work, Yazdi explores the significance of Khorasan, a region deeply rooted in symbolism within Shia Islam, and its relevance to Dr. Asim's visionary perspective of strengthening ties between Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan. The paper provides valuable insights into the historical and cultural dimensions of this vision, offering a fresh perspective on regional cooperation and collaboration.

We express our gratitude to Junaid Ali, Dr. Muhammad Asim and Eman Nur Al-Din Yazdi for their diligent research and contributions to this edition of IPICS. Their work not only enhances our understanding of the complex dynamics within Pakistan, Iran, and the Caucasus region but also provides valuable insights into the historical, political and cultural dimensions of the issues at hand.

We encourage readers to engage with the papers in this edition, as they offer critical analyses and fresh perspectives on the politics, culture, and regional dynamics of Pakistan, Iran and the Caucasus. It is our hope that these papers will stimulate further research, foster meaningful discussions, and contribute to a deeper understanding of the complexities inherent in the region.

We extend our gratitude to the authors, reviewers, and the wider scholarly community for their continued support of IPICS. We are committed to promoting academic excellence and providing a platform for insightful research on Pakistan, Iran, and the Caucasus.

Warm regards,

Dr. Shumaila Arzoo

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