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What's new in policy discourse?



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Food for Thought; Latest Publications

National Security Policy: Where We Stand (PR-4)

Terrorism and other forms of violence have hampered the socio- economic development, and tarnished the image of Pakistan at global level. In the past, absence of a coherent national security policy, national security framework and inconsistent actions to attain national security often led to challenges, if not failures. This policy brief reviews the policy structure (NACTA) and recent security policy (NISP) in Pakistan.

By Shakeel Ahmed Ramay

Sustainable Energy for All in South Asia Potential, Challenges, and Solutions (W - 151)

Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL), a global initiative launched by the United Nations in 2011, has considerable relevance to the current energy situation in South Asia. This working paper describes the current energy scenario, highlights renewable energy potential in South Asian countries, discusses the challenges being faced in promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy, and recommends how governments, private sector, civil society and international development partners can contribute.

By Muhammad Naveed Iftikhar, Fatima Najeeb, Sardar Mohazzam and Shahida Arif Khan

Climate Variability Impacts on Rice Crop Production in Pakistan

The climate variability has affected the agriculture production all over the globe. Climate changes are believed to have declining effects towards crop production in Pakistan. This study carries an empirical investigation of the effects of climate change on rice crop of Pakistan by employing Vector Auto Regression (VAR) model. Variation in mean minimum temperature brought about seven percent increase in rice productivity as shown by Variance Decomposition.

By Usman Shakoore, Abdul Saboor, Irfan Baig, Anila Afzal and Abdul Rahman

Green Growth: Important Determinants

The international agencies, organizations, experts and professionals are considering the important role of green growth in the preamble of sustainable development. This study discussed the important determinants required to develop green patents, which eventually reinforce green growth. The theoretical framework examined four elements, the enforcement of intellectual property rights (IPRs), research and development (R&D) expenditures, market size and environmental taxations in 11 developed countries.

By Ghulam Samad and Rabia Manzoor

Events

Preparing for COP 21; World Wide Views Climate and Energy Planetary Debate 2015

SDPI Organized the innovative international public consultation of WWViews that gave people of Pakistan a chance to communicate their positions on climate change issues. The initiative was a joint venture of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat, the French National Commission for Public Debate (FR), the Danish Board of Technology Foundation (DK) and Missions Publiques (FR), with the financial support of the French Government. A group of 100 Pakistani citizens met at COMSATS University Islamabad to discuss and vote on climate change and energy related issues. The results will be shared with Pakistan's COP delegates and final results from the global partnering countries will be presented at the COP21 negotiations.

Speakers: Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Mr Mushahidullah Khan, Dr Abid Suleri, Dr Tariq Banuri, Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi, MNA Ms Romina Khurshid Alam, Christiana Figueres (UNFCCC) and Shakeel Ahmad Ramay

"the National Climate Change Policy is finally going to be implemented and that in the federal budget 2015-16, the Government of Pakistan has announced interest-free loans for solar tube wells"

Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Mr Mushahidullah Khan

Post Budget 2015-16 Analysis and Civil Society Perspective (Seminar)

The speakers emphasized that the government needs to reduce debt burden and regulate subsidies. They criticized the government for poor allocation in social sector. The government has given a plan where it is expecting provinces to generate surplus, which will then be spent on the social sector. They agreed that the surplus produced by provinces should be spent at the provincial level especially after the 18th constitutional amendment. Government announced 7.5 per cent raise in salaries which is a pittance as compared to the current double digit inflation.

Speakers: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, Malik Sohail Hussain, Mr Faheem Sardar, Ms Safiya Aftab, Mr Naveed Cheema, Mr Agha Mujeeb Ahmed Khan, Mr Waris Masih and Moazzam S. Bhatti

"Rs1.56 trillion had been allocated under the public sector development programme (PSDP), of which Rs813 billion will be spent on infrastructure projects mostly in provinces."

Tributes to late Munawar Saeed Bhatti (Reference)

SDPI organized a reference to pay tributes to late Munawar Saeed Bhatti, a well-known former diplomat, who passed away on 10th June 2015. He had served at various key positions in and outside the country and his last assignment was ambassador of Pakistan to Belgium and the European Commission. Mr Bhatti had joined SDPI as an advisor SDPI, which has benefited from his wisdom, intelligence and experience.

Ambassador(Retd) Shafqat kakakhel, Dr Abid Suleri, Ambassador (Retd) Muhammad Qurban, Mr Masood Khan (Director-General, Institute of Strategic Studies), Zuhair Munawar (Son of Munawar Bhatti), and Shakeel Ahmed Ramay recalled Amb (Retd) Munawar Bhatti's life both professional and personal and paid tribute to him.

Sustainable Development Television (SDTV)

SDTV is a web television launched to increase SDPI's policy research outreach in the country and abroad. Its flagship programmes include Coffee Table, and "News & Views". These can be viewed through the website: www.sdpi.tv

Coffee Table (June 2015)

Climate Change and Food Security

Speaker: Prof. Dr Rai Niaz Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor of Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University



News Articles

Food Insecurity in South Asia

By Anam Anwar Khan

Green to orange

By Maha Kamal, Maariyah Wasim and Omama Tahir

Labour-intensive industries – a way to fight poverty

By Junaid Zahid

Gaps and challenges in education spending

By Rabia Tabassum

Intra-regional aerial connectivity within South Asia

By Muhammad Adnan

Shale gas: a real game-changer

By Arshad H Abbasi

Per Capita debt as high as PKP 100,670

By Muhammad Adnan

Looking at History for the future of the CPEC

By Arshad H Abbasi

The 4pc challenge

By Asif Saeed Memon

In Press

Condolence reference: Munawar Saeed Bhatti – a resilient soul

The Express Tribune, Thursday, 18th June 2015

Law commission joins hands with SDPI

The Express Tribune, Wednesday, 17th June 2015

Govt urged to reduce debt burden, regulate subsidies

Pakistan Observer, Tuesday, 16th June 2015

Fiscal budget: Government criticised for low allocations

The Express Tribune, Tuesday, 16th June 2015

Attributes

Choose between renewable energy or destruction: Dr Banuri

By Rashid Khalid

Poverty of imagination

By Muhammad Zaman

CAPACITY BUILDING

Along with policy engagement and advocacy at the government level, SDPI believes in creating a critical mass that can address the issues of sustainable development through their learned skills and knowledge. Therefore SDPI invests its efforts in conducting training for the civil society, youth, media, academia, policy maker and other related stockholders.

Trainings in June 2015

Advocacy Communication and Social Mobilization

Resource Persons: Brig. Retd. Mohammad Yasin, Shahid Minhas, Moazzam Bhatti, Dr. Zubair Ghouri and Abdul Sattar Khattak conducted this training.

Stress Management

Resource person: Asad Mahmood Awan

Recruitment and Selection

Resource persons: Brig.. Retd. Mohammad Yasin and Douglas David

Advanced MS Excel

Resource persons: Asif Mehmood and Ijlal Ashraf



Upcoming Training workshops (July 2015)

Peoples Management for Project Leaders (28th to 30th, July, 2015)

Resource Persons: Brig. Retd. Mohammad Yasin, Shahid Minhas and Douglas David

[Details](#) | [Register to attend](#)

	<p>Two Days Interactive Training Workshop on PEOPLE MANAGEMENT FOR PROJECT LEADERS 11-12 August 2015 SDPI, Islamabad Rs. 20,000 pp investment. Discount is available.</p>
	<p>Limited Seats are available. For Registrations Contact us Today! cbb@sdpi.org</p> <p>Registration deadline is 03rd August 2015.</p> 

Upcoming Mega Event (December 2015)



**SDPI's Eighteenth Sustainable Development Conference 08 -
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