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Special Lecture

on

**South Asia 2060:
Envisioning Regional Futures**

by

Professor Adil Najam

Professor of International Relations and
Earth & Environment
Boston University, Boston, USA

Friday, 24 January 2014, at 4.00 p.m.

At South Asian University Premises, Akbar Bhawan,
Chanakya Puri, New Delhi-110021

Tentative Programme

16:00 – 16:30 **Registration**

16:30 – 16:40 Opening Remarks
Dr. Nagesh Kumar
Director, United Nations ESCAP South and South-
West Asia Office & Chief Economist, ESCAP

16:40 – 16:50 Introductory Remarks by Chair
Professor G. K. Chadha
President, South Asian University

16:50 – 17:30 Special Lecture
Professor Adil Najam
Professor of International Relations and Earth and
Environment, Boston University

17:30 – 17:55 Open discussion

17:55 Closing remarks by the chair

18:00 Tea

Professor Adil Najam



Dr. Adil Najam is a Professor of International Relations and Earth & Environment at Boston University. Formerly, he was Vice Chancellor of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) and Director of the BU Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future. He has also taught at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is a past winner of MIT's Goodwin Medal for Effective Teaching, the Fletcher School Paddock Teaching Award, the Stein Rokan Award of the International Political Science Association, the ARNOVA Emerging Scholar Award, and in 2010 was awarded the Sitara-i-Imtiaz (Star of Excellence), Pakistan's highest civil award.

Prof. Najam has authored over 100 scholarly publications, most recently co-editing: *South Asia 2060* (2013), *The Future of South-South Economic Relations* (2012) and *How Immigrants Impact Their Homelands* (2012). He served as a Convening Lead Author for the 3rd and 4th IPCC Assessment Reports. He has served on the Advisory Board of the Human Development Report and was elected a Fellow at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and also the Human Development Capability Association (HDCA).

In 2009 Dr. Najam was nominated by the UN Secretary General to serve on the UN Committee on Development (CDP). He serves on the international boards of The Asia Foundation, WWF-International, the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), the Pakistan Center for Philanthropy (PCP), the South Asia Network of Development and Environment Economics (SANDEE), and is Board Chair for LEAD-Pakistan.

South Asia 2060: Envisioning Regional Futures

Will we even be talking about a “South Asian region” 50 years from now? And will the region still be seen as a threat to global stability? This future-oriented exploration tackles these questions whilst departing from a purely security-based analysis to include factors such as development and human well-being, seeking to shed light on a whole spectrum of current issues that will affect the region into the future.

The Special Lecture is based on the recent book ‘South Asia 2060: Envisioning Regional Futures, co-edited by Adil Najam and Moeed Yusuf for the Boston University Frederick S Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future. Published by Anthem Press, U.K., South Asia 2060: Envisioning Regional Futures is the product of an ongoing dialogue among 47 experts from a diverse range of expertise and backgrounds, including thought leaders from the ranks of policymakers, academics and civil society. These thought

leaders and visionaries discuss the likely longer-range trajectories of South Asia's future as a region, focusing particularly on current regional trends, possible futures and the key factors that will determine whether these trajectories are positive or negative for the region.

The essays in this book organically inform the collection's coherent and nuanced outlook on the region, which offers both an introspective and globally aware perspective of the outcomes of the region's development. The volume fills the gap in studies on South Asia by exploring its regional identity, as well as the potential of present conditions to impact the future of South Asia and the rest of the world.

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