

# Current Affairs (Relations)

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# NOA's Academic Design

Increased Length of Syllabus Overlapping Domain

IR, Cur. Affairs, History & Intl. Law NOA ~ Overlapping Areas ~ Converted into Specialized Modules



# Current Affairs (Relations) ~ Overlapping

1- Current Affairs (3~4)

2- Pak Affairs (2~3) 3- International Relations-I (2~3) 4- International Relations-II (3~4)

5- Political Science-I (1~2) 6- Political Science-II (1~2)

7- Indo-Pak History 8- US-History 9- European History (~1)

10- International Law (~1)

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# **Syllabus**

**Concepts Analysis** 

- ~ Foreign Policy
- ~ National Interest

Foreign Policy

~ Russia

~ Pakistan

- ~ India
- - ~ Pak-Russia

Relations

~ Pak-India

**Regional Perspective** 

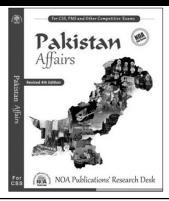
- ~ Peace Making
- ~ South Asia
- ~ Focus (Indo-Pak)

- ~ Pakistan Foreign Policy for USA Post 9/11 ~ China FP
- ~ Georgian Crisis ~ Crimean Crisis ~ Recognition of Israel
- ~ Maps ~ BRI/CPEC ~ US vs. Russia ~ USA vs. China ~ India vs. China

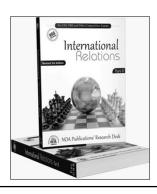
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# Recommended Readings







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# **Topic: Foreign Policy & National Interest**

## **Recommended Readings**

- Chapter 4 & 6 ~ NOA's Pakistan Affairs Book (Selective Topics)
- Chapter 3 ~ International Relations (Part-I Book) by Hassan Ali Gondal

#### Introduction

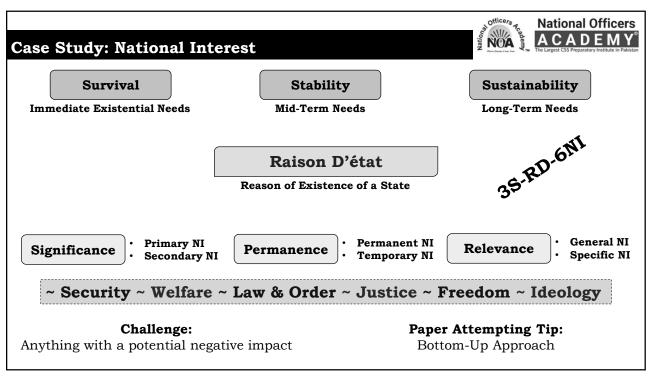


#### Theme-1:

# A policy pursued by a state in its FUTURE DEALINGS with ANOTHER STATE in order to secure its own NATIONAL INTEREST.

- Roadmap for Future
- One-to-One Interaction
- Under the Rationale of National Interest
- Written/Unwritten, Declared/Undeclared, Covert/Overt

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## **Evaluating Effectiveness of Foreign Policy**

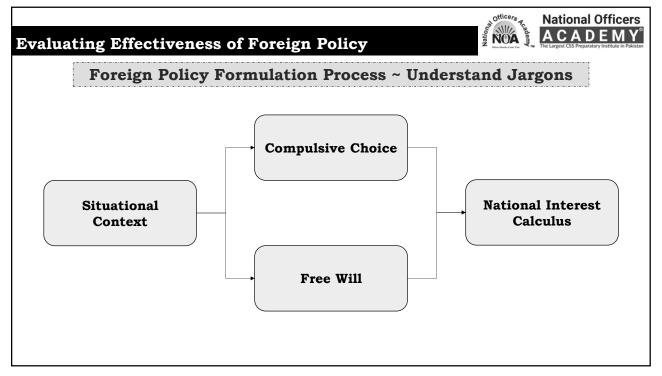


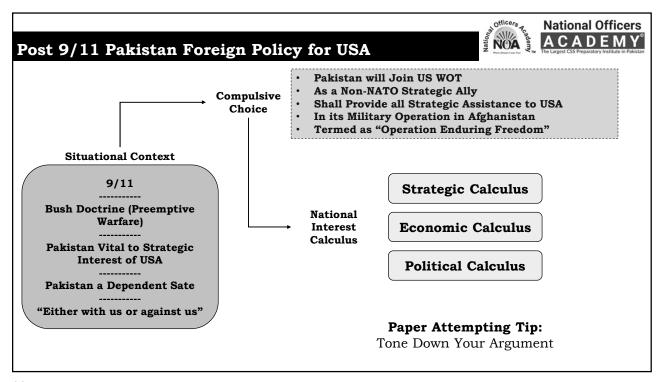
#### Theme-2:

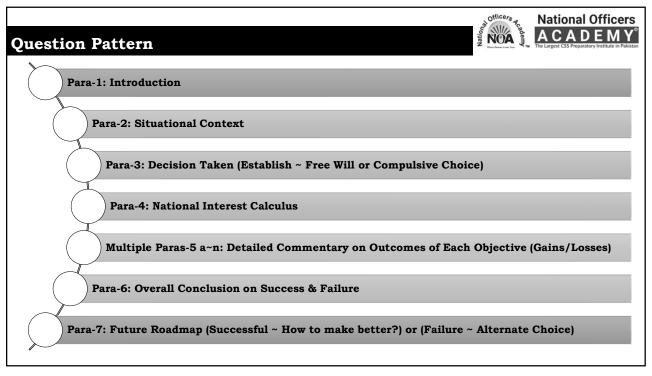
# Success of a foreign policy is dependent upon COMPARATIVE GAINS of NATIONAL INTERESTS in state's own HISTORICAL CONTEXT.

- · Leader to Leader Comparison
- Regime to Regime Comparison
- Event to Event Comparison
- Era to Era Comparison
- Point to Entire History Comparison

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## **Determinants of Foreign Policy**



All those factors which are BROUGHT UNDER CONSIDERATION in order to reach any FOREIGN POLICY DECISION would be termed as determinant of foreign policy.

Domestic Determinants
Domestic Stimuli
Internal Factors
Elements of National Power

- Military Capabilities
- Economic Capabilities
- Type of Government (Leader's Perception)
- · Size of a State & Geography
- Culture and History
- Technology
- National Capacity
- Social Structure
- Public Mood & Role of Media
- Political Accountability
- Leadership

International Determinants
International Stimuli
External Factors

**Environmental Factors** 

- Geo-Politics
- International Organizations
- World Public Opinion
- Polar Structure

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## **Assessing Role of Determinants**



#### Theme-3:

Comparison of both states on basis of ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL POWER as well as ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS serves as determinants of foreign policy.

Analysis Method
Remember 'END'

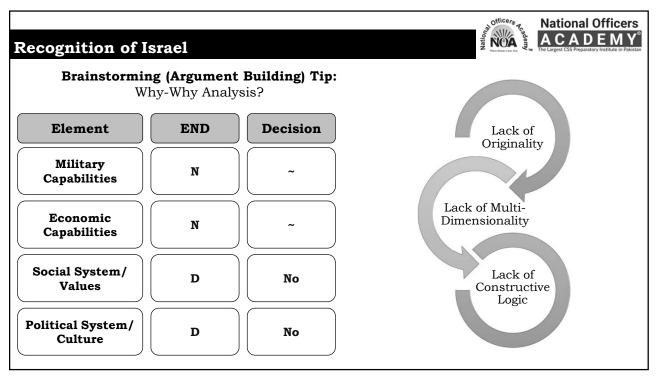
E = Enabler

- Point of Strength
- Point of Advantage
- Free Will

N = No Impact

 Irrelevant in Respective Situational Context D = Disabler

- Point of Weakness
- Point of Disadvantage
- Compulsive Choice



### Sample Paragraph



Debate of recognition of Israel has once again resurfaced in diplomatic power corridors of Pakistan. However, careful consideration against multiple determinants shall reveal that any prospective decision of recognition shall come up with both advantages and disadvantages. On the front of advantages, there is a probability that we shall be able to acquire superior military technology to further boost our defense capabilities. Furthermore, we can gain diplomatic leverage of Israel as well its economic niche to bring positive economic outcomes for Pakistan's ailing economy. However, the strategic and economic gains can be traded-off by further boosting our ties with our existing strategic partners - primarily CHINA. However, on the end of disadvantages, this decision shall create major backlash as far as socio-political stability is concerned. There is a high probability that this non-populist decision shall create political instability. In addition, this decision can lead to extreme reaction from different religious factions resulting in further polarization of societal fabric. If we weigh both advantages and disadvantages, apparently the later one appears to be more significant. So, our decision should be based upon socio-political lens. AND it is not feasible to go for any hasty decision of recognition without changing the mindset of masses and a wider consensus building exercise at national level.

## Decision Making & Analysis of FP



Graham
Allison's
Models
(ABC Model)

A. Rational Actor Model

**B.** Bureaucratic Politics Model

C. Bargaining Model

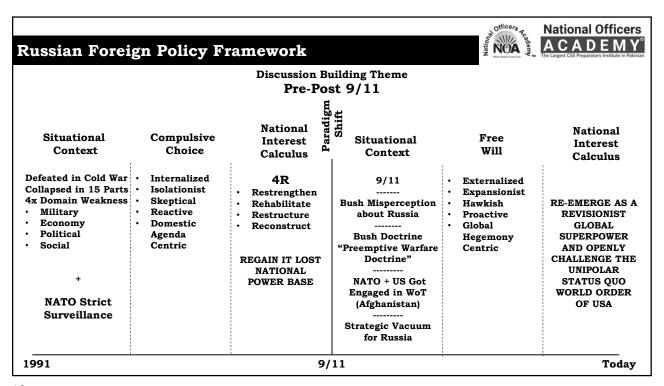
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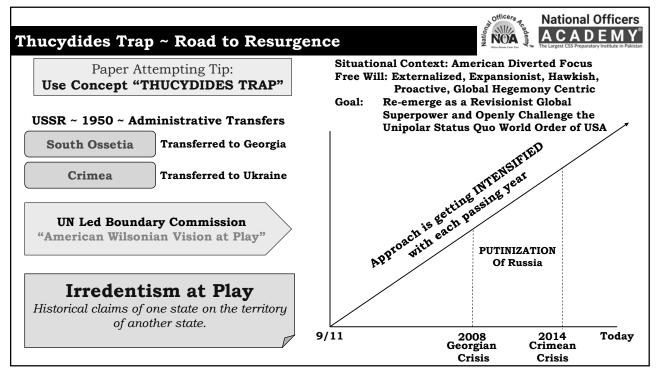


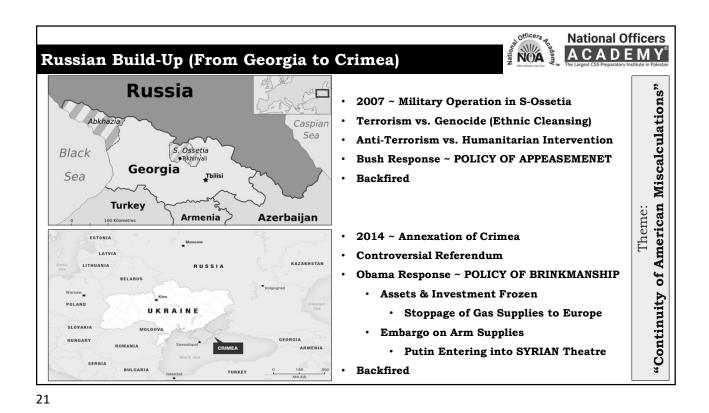
# Topic: Russia in Focus

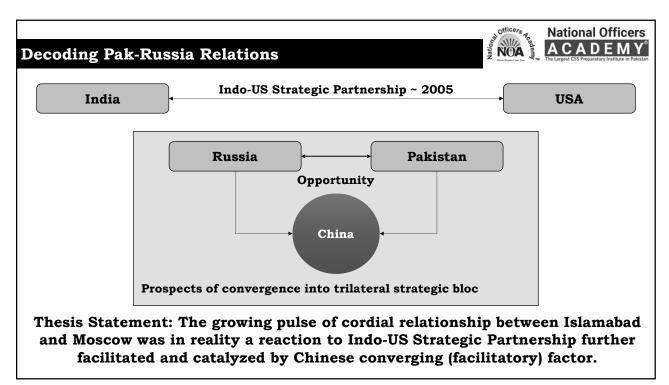
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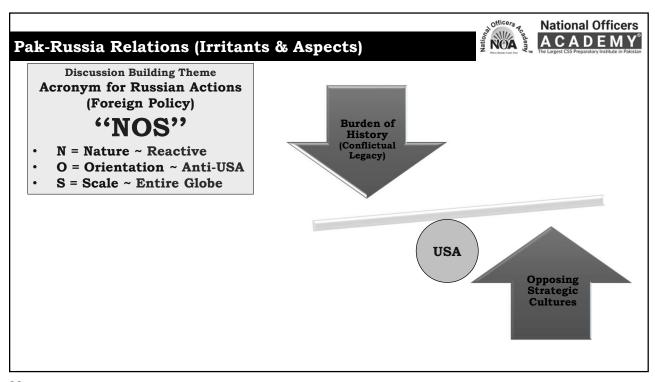
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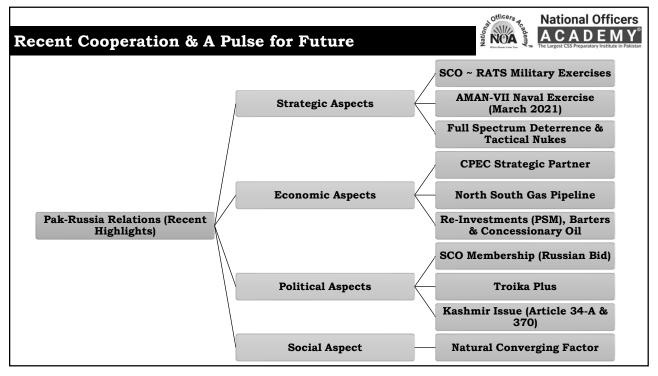












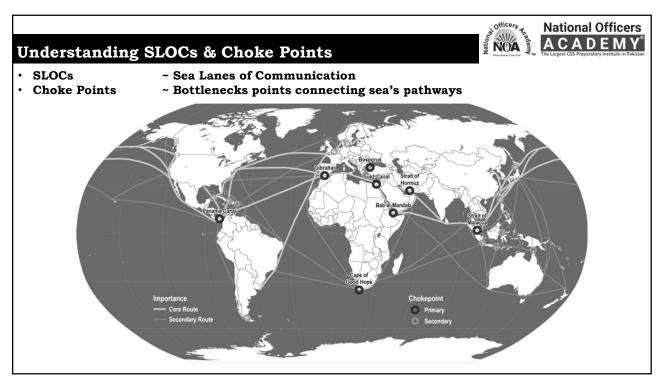


# **Topic: Understanding Key Aspects of Maps**

## **Recommended Readings**

• No Reading ~ For Interest ~ Prisoners of Geography (Tim Marshall)

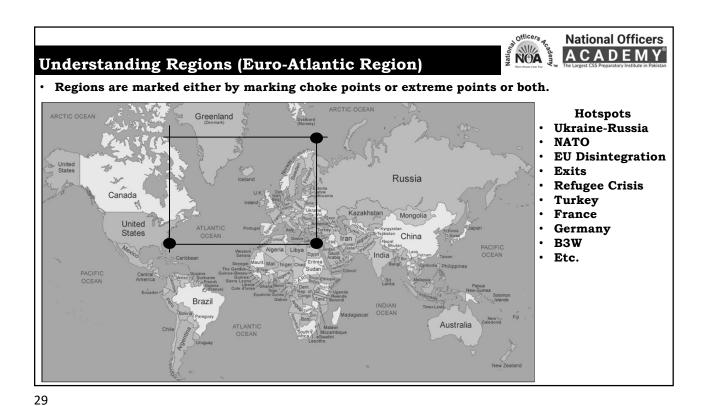
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#### **National Officers** NOA ACADEMY° **Understanding Regions (Indian Ocean Region)** Regions are marked either by marking choke points or extreme points or both. Hotspots Greenland Pak-India KSA vs. Iran China vs. India United States Sri Lanka Russia Afghanistan Canada **Persian Gulf Yemen Crisis** Mongolia BRI (CPEC) Arabian Sea **Energy Politics** India vs. Nepal Mynammar 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet (USA) **Critical Chokes** Etc.

**National Officers** A C A D E M Y<sup>°</sup> **Understanding Regions (Asia-Pacific)** Regions are marked either by marking choke points or extreme points or both. Hotspots Pak-India China-India South Asia SEA Russia Korean Issue Japan vs. China AUKUS The Philippines Mongolia QUAD FOIP China SCS ECS BRI RECP New Zealand

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**National Officers** NOA ACADEMY° Energy Ring of the World (Live Energy Centers) CARs <sup>2</sup> Asia North Atlantic Ocean North Europe Persian Gulf America (Middle East) 1 dle East Caribbean Energy \$CS Ring of the **Africa** Central World America Equator North-Eastern Indian Ocean South Africa South Pacific Ocean America Australia 90° E Meridean South Atlantic Ocean & Oceania ©WorldAtlas.com Southern Ocean Warm Water Theory **Antarctica** 

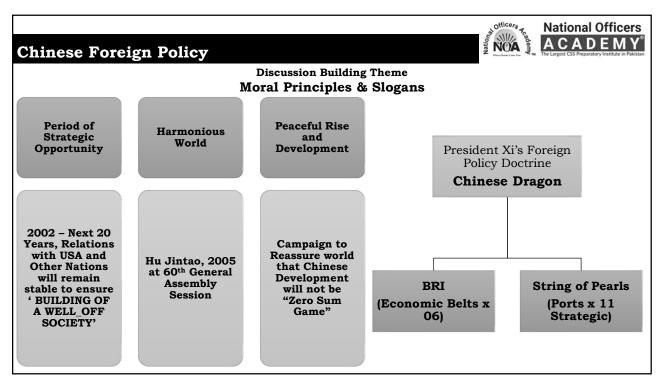


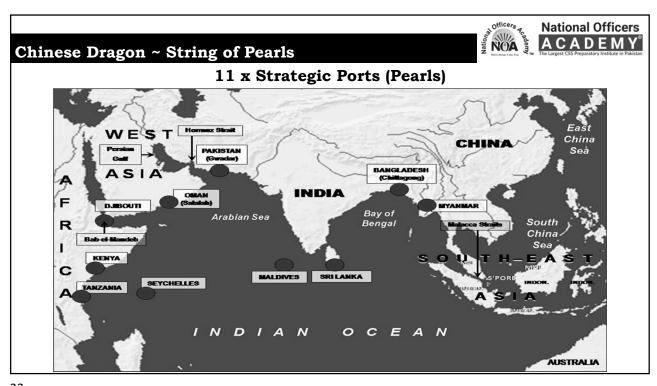
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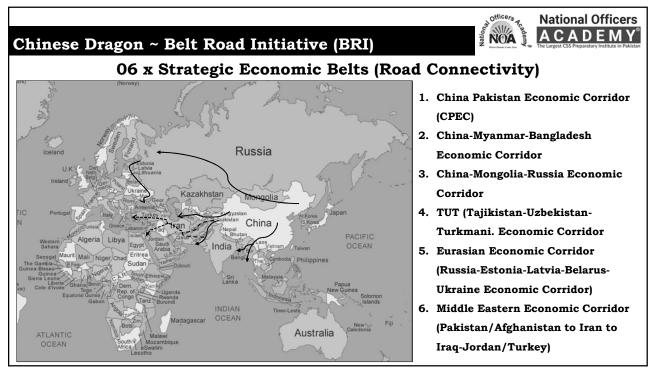
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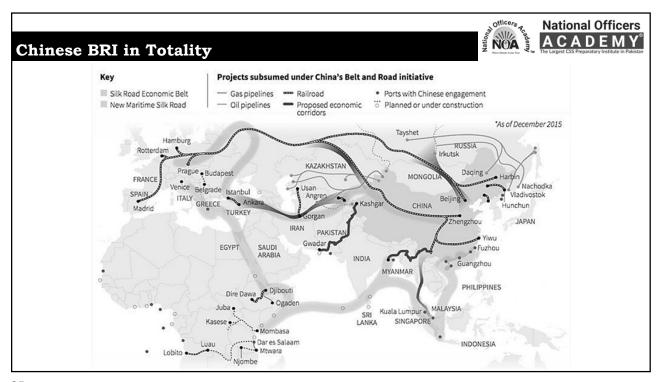
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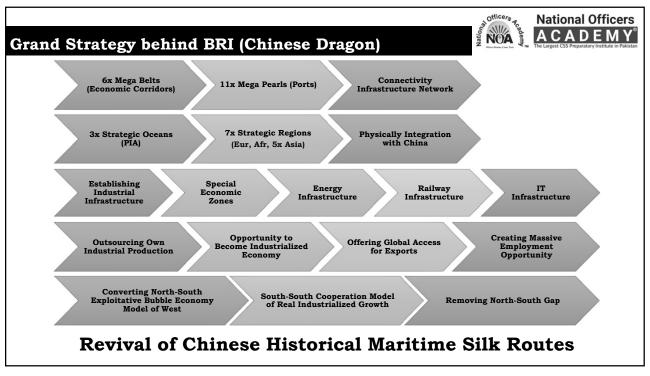
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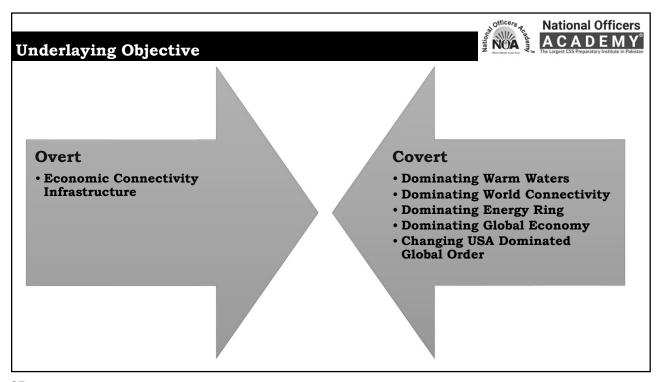


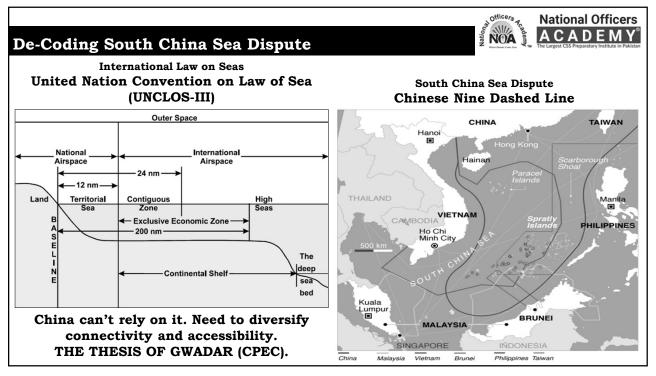


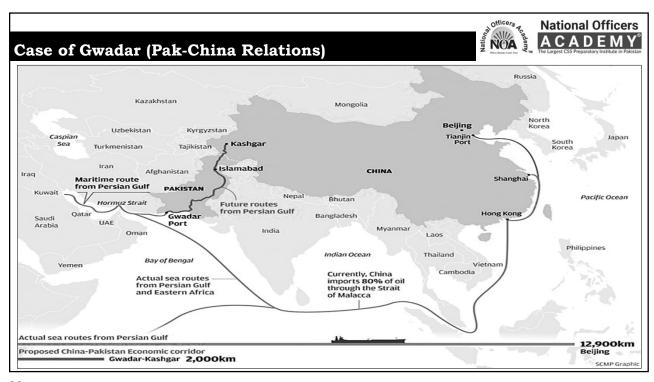










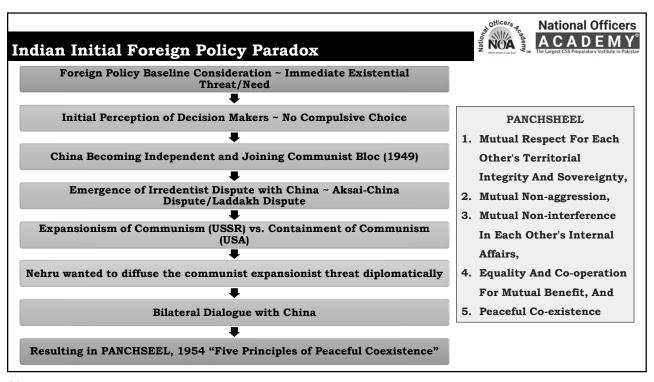


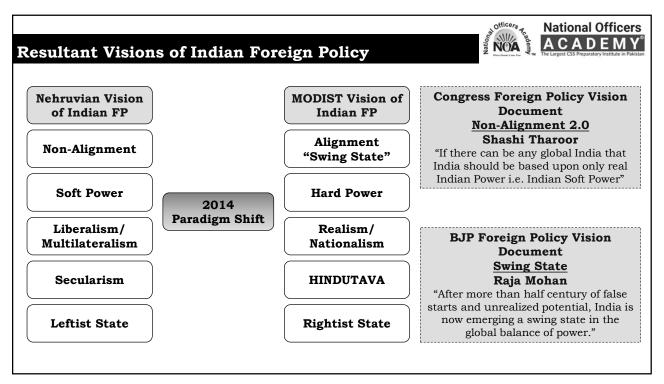


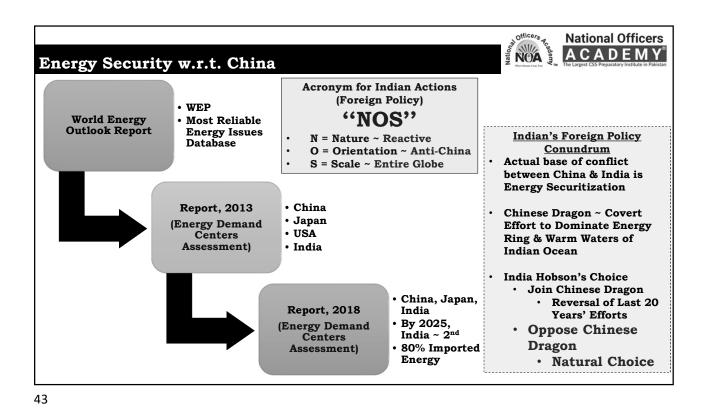
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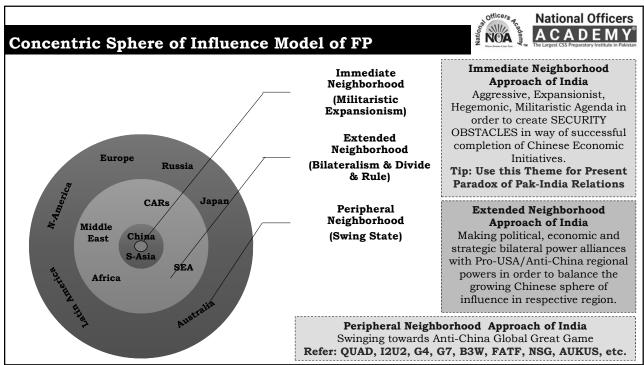
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#### **National Officers** NOA ACADEMY° Pak-India Relations (Mapping Key Contours) **Arms Race** Traditional & Non-Irredentism **Hyper Nationalism Colonial Legacies Traditional Security** (Conventional & (Burden of History) (Kashmir) (Religion) Competition Nuclear) Regional & Extra-CPEC (Pak-China Regional Begger thy Neighbor Policy of India Strategic Energy Intervention **Terrorism** Securitization Partnership) vs. (Geo-Strategic Complexity of India Indo-US Strategic (MFN, FATF) **Interests of Great** Partnership Power) Expansionist Lack of Conflict **Kashmir Issue** Policies of India in Resolution (Too **Populist Domestic** Chabar vs. Gwadar Immediate Much Focus on **Politics** (Article 35-A & 370) Neighborhood Unilateralism)

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#### **National Officers** NOA ACADEMY° Dispute Resolution Mechanism ~ Best Route?? Methodology: Identify different routes/ways in which both countries tried to resolve their conflicts. Figure out which route was result-oriented and which was not. Debate the relevance (prospects) of result-oriented route in prevailing environment. **Bilateral Route Multilateral Route** 3rd Party Mediation Route Seize Fire Agreement, 1949 (UN) Nehru-Liaquat Pact (1950) UN resolutions on Kashmir **SAARC** on Regional Cooperation Khawaja-Nehru Dialogue, 1952 Indus Water Treaty, 1960 (WB) Sikander Mirza-Nehru, 1957 Tashkent Declaration, 1966 (USSR) Bhutto-Sawaran Dialogue, 1960 Rann of Kutch Arb. 1968 (UNSG) Ayub-Indra Gandhi, 1966 Simla Agreement, 1972 (USSR) Bhutto-Indra Gandhi, 1973, 1975 Nuclear CBMs, 1998 (USA) Kargil De-escalation, 1999 (USA) Zia-Rajiv Gandhi, 1988 Balakot De-escalation, 2019 (KSA) Composite Dialogue, 1998 Lahore Declaration, 1999 Only productive route in historical Agra Summit, 2001 Ufa Summit, 2015 But not workable in prevailing No Big Breakthrough No Big Breakthrough



# Topic: Foreign Policy of Pakistan

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- Chapter 5 ~ International Relations (Part-II Book) by HA Gondal
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#### **National Officers** ACADEMY Thematic Understanding of Past-Present Discussion Building Theme Foreign Policy in Transition Attempt for Paradigm Shift Historical Outlook (1947~2017) (2018~2022) Riyadh-Washington Centric **Beijing Centric** Socio-Strategic Lens Geo-Economic Lens Multilateralism Nationalism Realism Liberalism (Military/Hard Power Lens) (Economic/Soft Power Lens) **Isolation** Global Agenda Centric (Indian Propaganda) Bandwagoner Balancer/Inter-dependency (Extra-regional Approach) (Region Centric Approach) **Client State Mediator State**

## **Determinants, Contours & Phases**



#### **Determinants**

- Security Concerns
- · Geo-Political Location
- · Kashmir Issue
- · Economic Dependency
- Regional & Global Alliances
- Nuclear Program
- · Domestic Politics
- · Global Events
- · Islamic Identity
- · Diaspora & People-to-People Ties

Analysis Theme
Build Suggestions on
Following Themes

#### Contours

- · Quest for Security
- · Survival as Independent State
- · Troubled Relations with India
- · Reliance on West
- Solidarity with Muslim World

#### **Phases**

- · Formative Years (1947-1953)
- Alliances and Non-Alignment (1954-1970)
- · 1971 and Realignment (1971-1977)
- Cold War and Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan (1979-1988)
- Post-Cold War Era and Nuclearization (1988-2001)
- Post-9/11 and the War on Terror (2001-present)
- Engaging with Regional Powers (Recent Years)

Region Centric Approach

CPEC (Economic Lens)

Balancing (Non-Alignment)

Stability

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# **Additional Topics**

**Time Dependent** 



# Topic: Peace-Making & Peace Building in South Asia ~ Analytical Perspective

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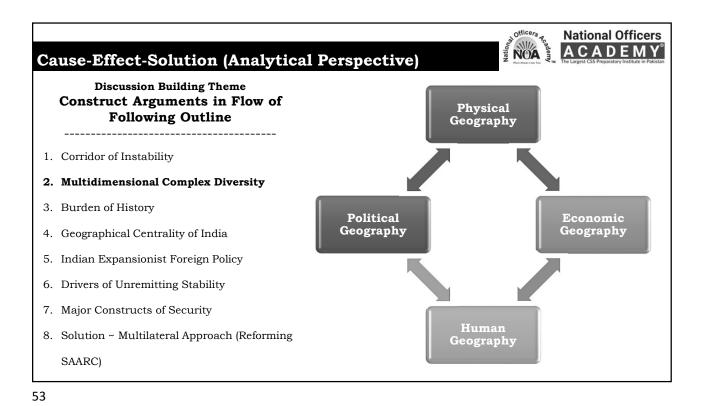
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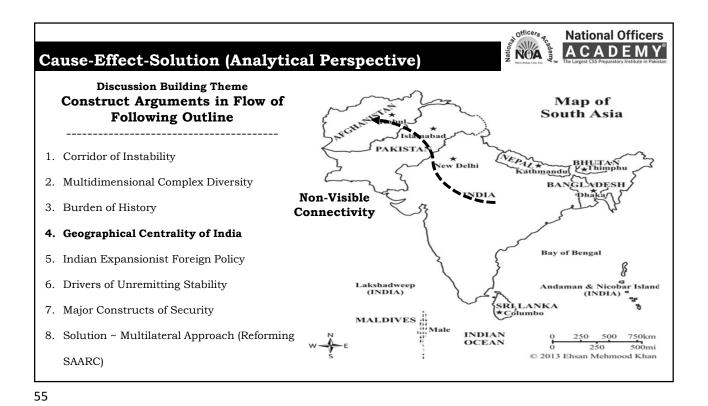
#### **National Officers** NOA A C A D E M Y Cause-Effect-Solution (Analytical Perspective) **Discussion Building Theme** Construct Arguments in Flow of **Following Outline** 1. Corridor of Instability 25% of World Most <u>Militarized</u> 2. Multidimensional Complex Diversity (Greatest Zone of the Human World 3. Burden of History Diversity) 4. Geographical Centrality of India 5. Indian Expansionist Foreign Policy 6. Drivers of Unremitting Stability Largest Array of Territorial & Non-Territorial Disputes 7. Major Constructs of Security 8. Solution ~ Multilateral Approach (Reforming

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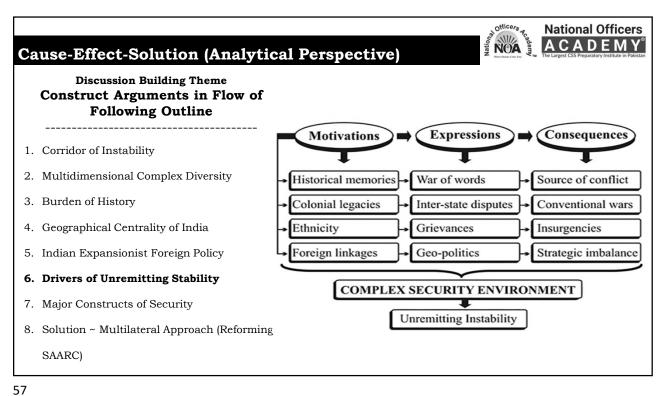
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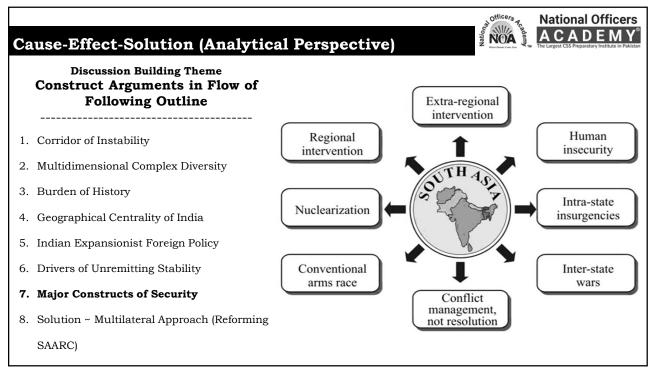


**National Officers** NOA ACADEMY° Cause-Effect-Solution (Analytical Perspective) **Discussion Building Theme** Construct Arguments in Flow of Following Outline Muslim Rule in Sub-1. Corridor of Instability Continent 2. Multidimensional Complex Diversity 3. Burden of History Colonial 4. Geographical Centrality of India Legacy 5. Indian Expansionist Foreign Policy 6. Drivers of Unremitting Stability Partition of 7. Major Constructs of Security 1947 8. Solution ~ Multilateral Approach (Reforming SAARC)



**National Officers** NOA ACADEMY Cause-Effect-Solution (Analytical Perspective) **Discussion Building Theme** Pak-Afghan argument over move of militants India-Pakistan Kashmir dispute Construct Arguments in Flow of India-China Aksai Chin dispute
 India-China Arunachal P.dispute **Following Outline** India-Nepal border dispute (400 sq km) India-Bhutan dispute 1. Corridor of Instability 2. Multidimensional Complex Diversity 3. Burden of History Geographical Centrality of India India-Pakistan Sir Creek dispute India-Bangladesh 5. Indian Expansionist Foreign Policy sea boundary dispute India-Bangladesh land border dispute 6. Drivers of Unremitting Stability India-Sri Lanka (162 enclaves) dispute over movement of rebels 7. Major Constructs of Security 8. Solution ~ Multilateral Approach (Reforming 500 750km SAARC)





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## Cause-Effect-Solution (Analytical Perspective)



#### **Discussion Building Theme** Construct Arguments in Flow of **Following Outline**

- 1. Corridor of Instability
- 2. Multidimensional Complex Diversity
- 3. Burden of History
- 4. Geographical Centrality of India
- 5. Indian Expansionist Foreign Policy
- 6. Drivers of Unremitting Stability
- 7. Major Constructs of Security
- 8. Solution ~ Multilateral Approach

(Reforming SAARC)

#### **Functional Restructuring of SAARC**

Reforming and Revitalizing SAARC

South Asian Security Dialogue (SASD)

South Asian Nuclear Dialogue (SAND)

Conventional Arms Reduction Dialogue (CARD)

South Asian Parliament (SAP)

Confidence Building Measures (CBMs)

People to People Contact (PPC)

Multi-track Diplomacy (MTD)

Inter-Regional Trade (SAFTA)

South Asian Literacy Commission (SALC)

South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA)

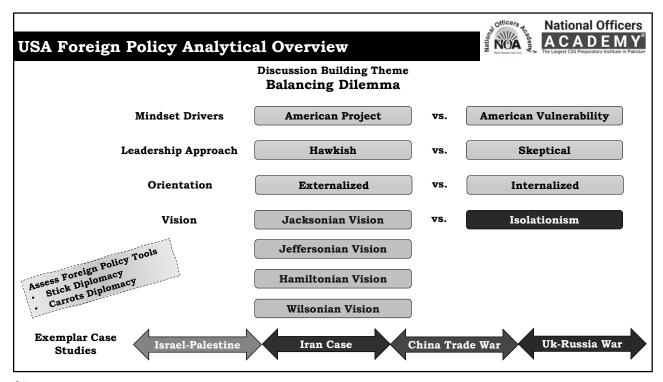
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## **Topic: Foreign Policy of USA**

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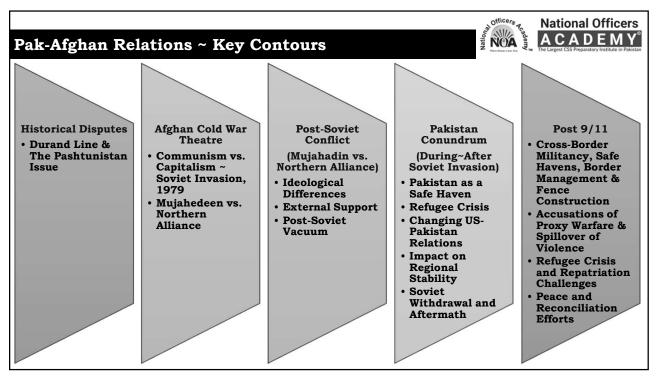


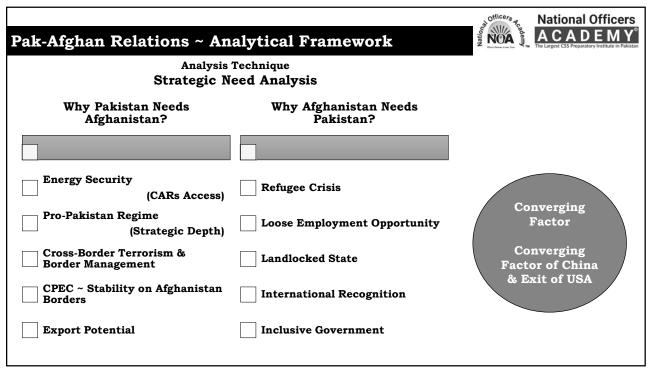


# **Topic: Pak-Afghan Relations**

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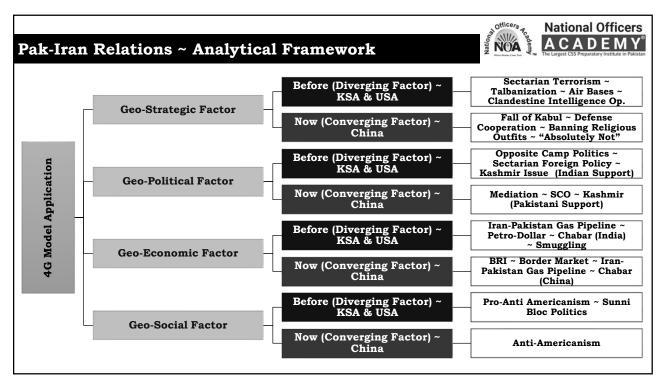


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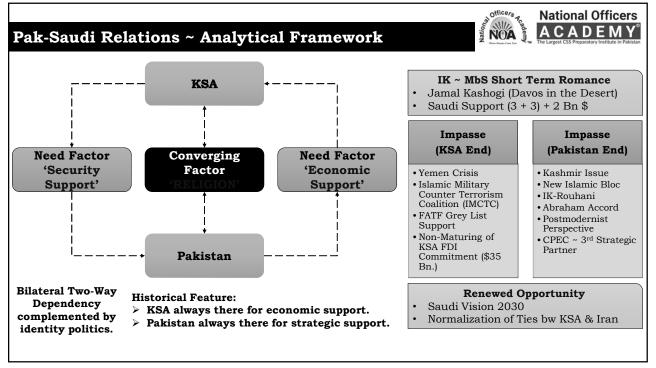


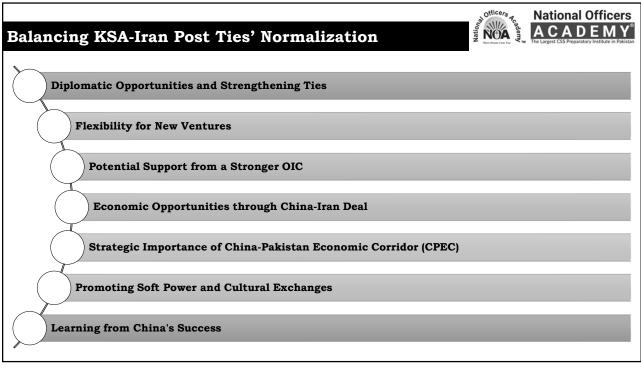
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