

Emerging Multipolar World

Order: Opportunities and Risks

For Pakistan

Outline

1) Introduction

Thesis Statement:

The emerging multipolarity of the world order presents opportunities for Pakistan to diversify its geo-political relations, bolster its geopolitical clout and grow without restrictions. However, internal and external risks can undermine these opportunities. Pakistan needs a pragmatic approach to minimize the risks and maximize opportunities amid multipolarity.

2) Multipolarity of World Order and Pakistan

3) Manifestations of Emerging Multipolar World Order

a) Rise of China as counterweight to USA

Case in point: Rise in China's share of global GDP

b) Rise in global South's influence

Case in point: Rise of BRICS+

c) Rise of Asia as economic hub

Case in point: Asia's GDP projections

4) Opportunities for Pakistan With Emerging Multipolarity

a) Chance for Pakistan to diversify economic relations

Case in point: Develop ties with Russia

b) Chance for Pakistan to diversify its security and counter-terrorism collaborations

Case in point: Security agreement with Saudi Arabia and counter-terrorism cooperation with USA.

c) Chance for Pakistan to counter Indian hegemony

Case in point: Views of Daniel Markey

d) Chance for Pakistan to bolster diplomatic clout in Middle East

Case in point: Influence Gaza peace process

e) Chance to bolster ties with middle powers

Case in point: Develop ties with Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Iran

5) Risks That Can Hinder Pakistan Role Within Multipolar Order

a) Fragile economic infrastructure

Case in point: Dependence on ^{USA led} IMF

b) Precarious security situation
Case in point: Recent terror attacks in mineral-rich Balochistan

c) Political polarization and associated policy continuity issues
Case in point: Views of Malecha Lodhi (Career Diplomat)

d) Deep Chinese and American influence in Pakistan's institutions
Case in point: Threats to Pak-Saudi Defence Agreement - SMDA

6) Pakistan Needs A Pragmatic Approach to Minimize These Risks

a) Ensure policy continuity to emerge as a reliable power.
Case in point: Ideas of Dalbir Ahlawat (East Asia Forum)

b) Employ hedging to balance between China and USA
Case in point: Bagir Sajjad's Views

c) Strengthen economy to benefit from global market

7) Conclusion