

# 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 geostrategic 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 <sup>USA led</sup> IMF

well organized and quite relevant

b) Precarious Security <sup>situation</sup>

Case in point: Recent terror attacks in mineral-rich Balochistan

c) Political polarization and associated policy continuity issues

Case in point: Views of Malécha 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 Ahluwalia (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