



Two Days International Conference

Youth Wings among Political Parties: A Comparative Analysis of Germany and Pakistan

on
March 30-31, 2015

**Jointly Organized by
Department of Sociology
Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad Pakistan
and
Friedrich Naumann Foundation Pakistan**

This conference is intended to discuss the political youth among different political parties in Pakistan and as well as in Germany. Young people are contributing towards the civic and democratic values of the both countries. Pakistan and Germany, both countries' political parties have their youth wings, but they are different in manifestations and values.

This conference will discuss and shed light on the broader themes including but not limited to:

1. Youth political parties contribution towards the civic and democratic values
2. Youth political and public policy
3. Youth activism and leadership
4. Youth politics and violence
5. Youth political parties, national and transnational networks

One broader aim of the conference is to understand and analyse the youth engagement in political activism and methodological or empirical approaches to discuss the participation. Another objective is to discuss the conceptual and theoretical approaches and how they are related to or different in both Germany and Pakistan. An important aspect of the conference is to draw policy recommendation, to a certain degree, to promote the youth engagement especially in Pakistan. Youth in Pakistan is much more radicalized and intolerant in political as well as social affairs. This conference may sensitize the relevant parties and actors to develop a thought to deal and engage peacefully the politically active youth in Pakistan.

Nevertheless, this conference may give a chance to develop research cooperation between the German and Pakistani academicians in future. There will be an opportunity to develop a baseline knowledge and policy intervention. Further, the participating academician may use this conference proceeding as a baseline for future work. This conference may lead to develop

a cooperation project for submission for funding to international donors like Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan and/ or German Research Foundation (DFG).

Academically, this conference will foster the creation and dissemination of growing knowledge for comprehensive understanding of various aspects of youth political participation and modern trends in social sciences to grasp, visualize and conceptualize them in a systematic way. There will be research papers and presentations of the acclaimed academicians, experts and research scholars from all over Pakistan and some representatives from Germany, Switzerland and Norway.

The academicians, scholars, researchers, students and NGO activists are requested to present their theoretical, conceptual and empirical work before the peers and university students on the related concepts, themes and research agendas. The conference will be organized on March 30-31, 2015 at the Department of Sociology, Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU) Islamabad.

The Department of Sociology at the Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad was established under the University Ordinance in 1972. However, it became functional in 2014. The Department of Sociology intends to create indigenous sociological knowledge and apply professional research skills to influence social policies for desirable social development. This department is a research oriented institution where students are expected to peruse knowledge.

The Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit (FNF) has been committed to a peaceful and progressive Pakistan since 1986. This German semi-governmental non-profit organisation was founded in 1958. The first President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Theodor Heuss (1884–1963), established the “Foundation for Freedom” and named it after his mentor Friedrich Naumann (1860–1919), a German liberal philosopher and politician. Today, FNF is active in more than 60 countries in the world and is a leading think tank, ranked 20th in Europe. With the support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) it pursues the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in real partnership with local NGOs. FNF is committed to Liberal Democracy, Human and Civic rights, Good Governance including the Rule of Law, and a Free Market Economy. FNF roots its efforts in the philosophy of enlightenment, or liberalism, which means to empower the individual with the utmost freedom possible without harming others.

Important Dates:

Call for Papers Publication: December 20, 2014

Abstract Submission Deadline: February 28, 2015

Peer review decision on abstracts: March 5, 2015

Conference: March 30-31, 2015

Venue: Department of Sociology, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad

Conference Organizers:

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Conference Logistics

The Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad will provide the venue, manpower (students and faculty) and conference instruments. Friedrich Naumann Foundation Pakistan will provide funding to organize the conference. The guests will stay at different places and localities in Islamabad.