

The International Council for Press and Broadcasting

PAKISTAN

Challenges in a New Political Environment: A Media Perspective

Friday 8th April 2011

Venue: Initiatives of Change, 24 Greencoat Place, London, SW1P 1RD

9:00 am: Registration and Coffee

9:30 am: **OPENING REMARKS: Salman Iqbal** - Chief Executive Officer of ARY Digital, Pakistan's largest media conglomerate

9:40 -11:10: **SESSION ONE :: Pakistan and her Neighbours: An Overview, including Recent Developments.**

- Chair: **Russell Twisk** - Correspondent of The Times and The Oldie; former Editor at Large of The Reader's Digest; former Editor in Chief of The Listener
- Panel:
 - **Salman Iqbal** - Chief Executive Officer of ARY Digital, Pakistan's largest media conglomerate
 - **Aamir Ghauri** - Publisher and Editor of The Asian Journal speaking on '*How do Pakistani Media Shape Public Opinion on Relations with Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India*'; former Director of the News of Dunya TV
 - **Waseem Ahmad Shah** - Correspondent at Daily Dawn, Peshawar
 - **Shahid Saadullah** - former Editor at Daily Jang and News International

11:10 -11:30: Tea and Coffee

11:30-1:00: **SESSION TWO :: Xenophobia: The Impact of Xenophobia on Regional Dialogue**

- Chair: **Jonathan Paris** - Senior Fellow of the Next Century Foundation
- Panel:
 - **Mazhar Abbas** - Secretary General of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ); Deputy Director of ARY One World Television
 - **Mohammad Zahid** - Senior Producer of the BBC Pashtun Service speaking on '*Pressures and Constraints on Pakistan's journalist*'; former Senior Journalist of the Frontier Post, Peshawar
 - **Shahzeb Jillani** - Editor at Middle East BBC News Room; former Radio Editor, BBC Urdu Service

1:00-2:00: Lunch

2:00-4:00: **SESSION THREE :: Conspiracy Theories: Hampering Efforts to Report the Truth**

- Chair: **William Morris** - Chairman of the International Council for Press and Broadcasting; Secretary General of the Next Century Foundation
- Panel:
 - **Riffatullah Orakzai** - BBC Urdu Service Correspondent in Peshawar
 - **Burhan Wazir** - Editor in Chief of The Bridge; Editor of ARY Digital Network; former Editor of The National on Saturday; former Deputy Features Editor at The Times
 - **Courtney Beale** - Acting Information Officer at the Public Affairs Section of the Embassy of the United States of America in Islamabad, Pakistan
 - **Saleem Safi** - Correspondent for Jang and News International; host for GEO Television

4:00-4:20: Tea and Coffee

4:20-5:30: **SESSION FOUR :: Don't Shoot the Messenger: Oppression Facing Journalists; Issues with Regard to Censorship And Intimidation**

- Chair: **Nicholas Fielding** - Author of *Pakistan Media Landscape Guide 2011*; Author and Editor of the *Circling the Lion's Den* blog
- Panel:
 - **Dilawar Khan Wazir** - BBC Urdu Service Correspondent for the tribal areas and Waziristan
 - **Parvez Jamil Mir** - Head of ARY satellite news network for the USA, UK and Europe

5:30-5:40: **CLOSING REMARKS: William Morris** - Chairman of the International Council for Press and Broadcasting; Secretary General of the Next Century Foundation