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PAKISTAN: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF A FAILING STATE

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Abstract

Pakistan is often seen as a failing, if not a failed state. It ranks 10th worst in the 2014 Fragile States Index. However, if one visits the country, one hardly gets the feeling that this is a country in a crisis, depending a lot where one happens to be and when. So is Pakistan really a failing state and how can we measure it? And in any case, does a failing state also mean a failing economy? If the economy is still robust and functioning to some extent, what does this tell us about the role of the state and non-state institutions in development? Pakistan has been open to trade and international assistance, but also to strategic alliances. How has this affected the people socially and economically? The federal republic has been ruled in a highly centralised manner. What can we expect from the devolution of powers?

About the Speaker

Prof. Wolfgang-Peter Zingel has been a member of the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Pakistan Studies, MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia. He studied economics, history and law and has been working on and in Pakistan since the 1970s. He spent two years at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and taught at the National Institute of Pakistan Studies (NIPS) of the Quaid-i-Azam University, both in Islamabad. Having studied and visited all of South Asia, he tries to put his Pakistan experience in perspective.