Public Lecture: Facets of Islamic Politics in Pakistan by Christophe Jaffrelot | January 4, 2014

Speaker:
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Date / Time:
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Venue:
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Abstract:
The lecture attempts to identify three kinds of Islamic groups active in Pakistan: those of the Pashtun belt (the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and the Haqqani network), the jihadis à la Laskhar-e-Taiba and the sectarian organizations, including Sunni militias. After addressing the inter-relations between these groups, the speaker will analyze the attitude of the state agencies - the central government, the state government of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and the army – towards them. He will then examine whether the recent elections have changed the rules of the political field, as suggested by the "new" idea of negotiating with the Taliban. Needless to add, Mr. Jaffrelot’s analysis of the whole subject will have to be seen in the context of the withdrawal of the NATO forces in 2014.

Registration: The talk is free and open to all. However prior registration would be helpful. Register here

Seating will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Kindly be seated 15 minutes prior to the start of the talk

A Note on the Speaker:
Christophe Jaffrelot is Research Director at the CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) and teaches South Asian politics and history at SciencesPo, Paris. He is also Visiting Professor at the King’s India Institute, London and Global Scholar at Princeton University. Areas of his research interest include theories of nationalism and democracy; mobilization of the lower castes and untouchables in India; the Hindu nationalist movement; and ethnic conflicts in Pakistan. Prof. Jaffrelot’s publications include The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics (Columbia University Press, 1996), India’s Silent Revolution: the Rise of the Lower Castes in North India (Columbia University Press, 2003), Dr. Ambedkar and Untouchability: Analysing and Fighting Caste (Columbia University Press, 2005) and The Pakistan Paradox: Instability and Resilience (Forthcoming, Hurst Publishers, 2014). He has also edited Pakistan: Nationalism without a Nation? (Zed Books, 2002), Religion, Caste and Politics in India (2010), and India Since 1950: Society, Politics, Economy and Culture (Foundation Books, 2012) and co-edited, Patterns of Middle Class Consumption in China and India (Sage Publishers, 2008), Militias of South Asia (2010), and Muslims in Indian Cities: Trajectories of Marginalisation (Columbia University Press, 2012).

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