

# Resolving Pakistan's Political Crises Through Consensus

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## Pakistan Political Science Consortium (PPSC)

### **Background and Introduction of PPSC**

Pakistan is a promising land endowed with diverse and abundant natural and human resources. Cultural vibrancy is a distinctive feature of Pakistan, where politics and political debates remain at the centre of public discourse. Social media platforms have added new dimensions to the political awareness and activism of the people. The political energy of Pakistani people can be channelized towards the socio-political development of the country. However, multifarious economic and security challenges hinder the development path. Infighting amongst various organs of the state, such as the judiciary, army, and political parties, in different eras, has blocked the way forward for the country. Despite experimenting with various forms of governance, including dictatorship, democracy, judicial activism, and hybrid models, Pakistan has yet to find a workable solution to its problems.

We have identified two primary pressing issues in this regard, constitutional and institutional development, and we will be discussing them in this consortium.

We plan to consult with various politicians and analysts to identify current issues in Pakistani politics and develop a viable governance solution. The contribution of Political Scientists is crucial in recognizing and resolving our essential social and political issues. Political Scientists not only shape our world but also our perspectives. To have a more significant impact, Political Science communities must collaborate with practitioners, decision-makers and policymakers.

We have named this forum a consortium. According to Webster's Dictionary a consortium is: an agreement, combination, or group (as of companies) formed to undertake an enterprise beyond the resources of any one member. In this context, we aim to create a well-connected and active Political Science community in Pakistan that maintains a strong bond with key stakeholders, policymakers, decision-makers, media, civil society, and the public. We firmly believe that no single entity has the capacity or resources to pull Pakistan out of the abyss that it is in.

## Key Objectives -

- Facilitate dialogue and active networking with policymakers, politicians, media, writers, and the wider political and social sciences community in Pakistan to discuss crucial issues
- Bridge the gap between practice and research
- Increase the impact of political scientists on the field
- Reimagine Political Science for Pakistan and the Global South, especially with the fast-changing global political scenario
- Cultivate a sense of greater political awareness to shape well-informed public perceptions

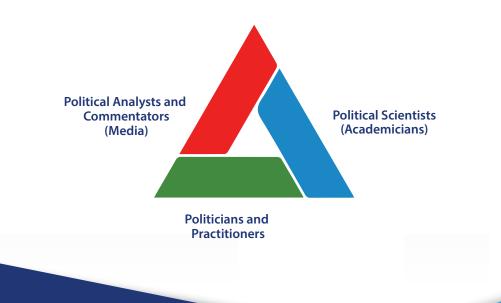
### Themes

- Political Turmoil and Civil Military Relations
- Troika of Power Sharing and Judicial Activism
- Political Reconciliation and Confrontation
- Ideological, Regional, Ethnic & Religious Politics
- Political History & Evolution of Parties

## **Participants of PPSC** –

In line with the aforementioned objectives, the consortium will comprise of speakers from the following categories:

- Leading Political Scientists and Chairpersons of Departments
- Politicians and Practitioners
- Political Analysts and Commentators



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