

Who Should Attend?

- Government Officials and Policymakers
- Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs
- Academics and Researchers
- Development Practitioners and NGOs
- Industry Associations and Chambers of Commerce

Why to Attend:

- Gain insights into the strategic implications of the Belt and Road Initiative for South Asia.
- Explore opportunities for investment, trade, and economic cooperation in the region.
- Network with key stakeholders and engaged in partnerships for collaborative projects.
- Stay updated on the latest trends and developments in infrastructure and connectivity.
- Contribute to shaping the future trajectory of regional development and cooperation.

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Important Dates

Deadline for the submission of abstract/Poster: **26th April, 2024**
Acceptance of abstract/Poster: **10th May, 2024**
Full paper submission: **31st May, 2024**
Conference: **July 02-04, 2024**

Please note: Boarding/lodging will be provided by the organizers. Limited numbers of travel grants for international participants/ presenters are available.

Abstracts/Research Papers

Please visit Bacha Khan University Official Website through the following link for registration and submission of Abstracts and full Paper
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Expected Guests/Participants

- Scholars/Professors, Secretaries, Vice Chancellors (VCs), Chief Executive Officers (CEOs)/Heads, Politicians, Policy Makers.
- High officials/diplomats from foreign Embassies.
- Students from diverse disciplines of Sciences, Arts and Humanities.

Conference Fee (PKR)

- **Foreign Speaker: Free**
- **Faculty: 3000/-**
- **Student: 1000/-**
- **Company/Organization Representative: 5000/-**

**{ Include
Conference Kit
& Lunch/ Tea }**

Register now to secure your spot at the forefront of discussions on the transformative potential of the BRI in driving socio-economic development and regional connectivity in South Asia. For more information and registration details, visit BKUC Website or Registration Website. Join us as we unravel the opportunities and challenges presented by the BRI, and chart a course towards a more prosperous and interconnected South Asia.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

BRI: A Harbinger of Socio-Economic Development & Regional Connectivity in South Asia

(JULY 02 -04, 2024)

ORGANIZED BY:

**Bacha Khan University Charsadda,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Pakistan**

Venue:

**Bacha Khan University Charsadda,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan**



Hope to see you at the Conference

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Introduction:

Bacha Khan University Charsadda (BKUC), located in the scenic province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is proud to host the conference on "Belt & Road Initiative: A Harbinger of Socio-Economic Development and Regional Connectivity in South Asia." As a leading academic institution dedicated to fostering knowledge exchange and driving socio-economic development, we are honored to convene this prestigious gathering of thought leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has emerged as a transformative framework aimed at enhancing connectivity, fostering economic cooperation, and promoting sustainable development across regions. Against the backdrop of South Asia's rich cultural heritage and economic diversity, the BRI holds immense potential to catalyze socio-economic progress and promote regional integration. At BKUC, we recognize the importance of engaging in critical dialogue and knowledge-sharing to harness the opportunities presented by the BRI. This conference serves as a platform for stakeholders from academia, government, industry, and civil society to exchange insights, share best practices, and explore collaborative pathways toward realizing the shared vision of a prosperous and interconnected South Asia.

Through insightful discussions, keynote addresses, panel sessions, and case studies, we aim to delve into the multifaceted dimensions of the BRI and its implications for socio-economic development, infrastructure connectivity, trade, investment, and environmental sustainability in the region. By fostering greater understanding and collaboration, we endeavor to unlock the full potential of the BRI to drive inclusive growth and prosperity across South Asia.

Join us at BKUC as we embark on a journey of exploration, discovery, and collaboration to unlock the transformative power of the BRI for the benefit of present and future generations in South Asia.



Scope of the Conference:

This conference will encompass a comprehensive exploration of the BRI and its implications for socio-economic development and regional connectivity within the South Asian region. This conference aims to delve into various aspects related to the BRI, considering its potential as a catalyst for positive change and growth in South Asia.

- 1. Exploration of BRI Objectives:** The conference will examine the primary objectives of the Belt and Road Initiative, understanding its underlying principles, goals, and intended outcomes. Participants will analyze how these objectives align with the socio-economic development needs of South Asian countries.
- 2. Impact on Socio-Economic Development:** There will be a focus on assessing the impact of the BRI on socio-economic development within South Asia. This includes discussions on infrastructure development, trade facilitation, industrial cooperation, and poverty alleviation initiatives promoted under the BRI framework.
- 3. Regional Connectivity and Integration:** The conference will explore the role of the BRI in enhancing regional connectivity and fostering greater integration among South Asian nations. This includes examining infrastructure projects, transport corridors, and logistical networks that promote connectivity and trade within the region.
- 4. Policy Implications and Challenges:** Participants will discuss the policy implications of the BRI for South Asian countries, considering issues such as governance frameworks, regulatory standards, environmental sustainability, and debt management. The conference will also address potential challenges and risks associated with BRI projects in South Asia.
- 5. Investment Opportunities and Collaboration:** The conference will provide a platform for exploring investment opportunities arising from the BRI and fostering collaboration between public and private sector stakeholders. This includes discussions on financing mechanisms, joint ventures, and capacity-building initiatives to support BRI projects in South Asia.
- 6. Geopolitical Dynamics and Regional Cooperation:** There will be an examination of the geopolitical dynamics surrounding the BRI in South Asia and its implications for regional cooperation and stability. Participants will analyze the strategic interests of key stakeholders and explore avenues for enhancing mutual trust and understanding.
- 7. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Alignment:** The conference will assess the extent to which BRI projects align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and contribute to sustainable development outcomes in South Asia. This includes discussions on environmental protection, social inclusivity, and economic resilience.



Key Themes:

- **Unlocking Agricultural Potential:** Enhancing Sustainable Development through BRI.
- **Bio Diversity Conservation & Climate Resilience:** Botanical & Zoological Perspectives on BRI Corridors.
- **Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials for CPEC Infrastructure.**
- **Incorporating Sustainable and Green IT Practices of BRI Projects to Minimize Environmental Impact.**
- **BRI: A Roadmap to Global & Regional Prosperity.**
- **CPEC Integration in Teacher Education: Navigating Challenges, Seizing Opportunities.**
- **Going Beyond Boundaries: The Role of Inter-Cultural Communication in the Success of BRI.**
- **Exploration of Geology Resources, Climate and Environmental Change.**
- **Agriculture, Environmental and, Industrial Biotechnology under BRI**
- **Reflection on the South Asian Model of Religions Moderation.**
- **Financial Sector Integration and Human Resource Development : Opportunities and Challenges.**
- **Nutritional Governance: The CPEC and its Support for the Pakistan Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy.**
- **Impact of Confucius Philosophy on Pashto Literature.**
- **Pharmaceutical Innovations and Technological Transfer under BRI.**
- **Future Prospects for Pakistan through Science and Technology via CPEC.**
- **BRI and Geopolitics of South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities.**
- **Cultural Crossroad: Navigating Socio-Cultural Exchange along the CPEC Corridor.**

Conference Highlights:

Keynote Addresses: Insights from Distinguished Speakers on the Strategic Significance and Potential Impact of the BRI on South Asia's Socio-Economic Development and Regional Connectivity.

Panel Discussions: In-depth Discussions on Key Themes Featuring Expert Panelists from Government, Academia, Industry, and Civil Society.

Local Cultural Tour: Participants will have the opportunity to visit local cultural spots (such as Takht-i-Bahi Buddhist Monastery, Charsadda Chappal market, and River View Park Sardaryab) to witness the rich local culture and history.

Networking Opportunities: Engage with Fellow Participants, Forgive Partnerships, and Explore Avenues for Collaboration During Networking sessions.

