

# **Contemporary Central Asia**

**Edited By  
DR. MOONIS AHMAR**

---

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI,  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
HANNS-SEIDEL FOUNDATION, GERMANY**

**Name of the Book** : Contemporary Central Asia  
**Edited by** : Dr. Moonis Ahmar  
**Printed by** : Agha Jee Printers  
**First Printing** : 1995  
**Price** : In Pakistan Rs. 150/-

**All Rights Reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording or by any information storage and retrieval system, without the written permission of the publisher, except where permitted by law.**

**This book is based on the proceedings of the International Seminar "Contemporary Central Asia" organized by the Department of International Relations, University of Karachi in collaboration with Hanns-Seidel Foundation, Germany, and held on 30th & 31st Oct, 1994 at the Karachi Marriott Hotel.**

**The opinions expressed in the contained articles are those of the contributors and should not be considered as representing the views of either of the two seminar organizers.**

## Contents

	<b>Page No.</b>
<b>Foreword</b> <i>Abdul Sattar</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>Preface</b> <i>Syed Sikander Mehdi</i>	<i>5</i>
<b>Introduction</b> <i>Dr. Moonis Ahmar</i>	<i>9</i>
<b>Part 1. Central Asia in Contemporary Setting</b>	
1.     Central Asia: The political impact and security implications of Soviet dissolution <i>Khalid Mahmood</i>	<i>15</i>
2.     The emerging political order in Central Asia <i>Azmat Hayat Khan</i>	<i>31</i>
3.     CIS and ECO: Options for the Central Asian States <i>Talat A. Wizarat</i>	<i>51</i>
4.     Economic Challenges for Central Asia <i>Aurangzeb Khan</i>	<i>65</i>
5.     Some Aspects of the New Central Asia <i>Mohammad Anwar Khan</i>	<i>78</i>
<b>Part 2. Pak-Central Asian Ties: Political, strategic and economic aspects</b>	
1.     Central Asia and Pakistan - A troubled courtship for an arranged marriage: Conflicting perceptions and realities <i>Dietrich Reetz</i>	<i>85</i>
2.     Pakistan and Central Asian ties: Political and strategic aspects <i>Kamal Matinuddin</i>	<i>105</i>

- |    |   |     |
|----|---|-----|
| 3. | Kashmir and Central Asia<br><i>Hafeez R. Khan</i>                         | 121 |
| 4. | ECO: Pakistan's road to Central Asia<br><i>Syed Salahuddin Ahmad</i>      | 130 |
| 5. | Prospects for Pak-Central Asian<br>Economic Ties<br><i>Syed Ali Baqar</i> | 142 |

**Part 3. Pak-Central Asian communication and industrial ties**

- |    |  |     |
|----|--|-----|
| 1. | Pak-Central Asian communication links<br><i>Mirza Arshad Ali Beg</i>   | 150 |
| 2. | Contemporary Kazakhstan and scope of<br>economic cooperation: Pakistan's perspective<br><i>Iqbal M. Khan Bajauri</i> | 165 |

**Part 4. Central Asia and the world**

- |    |   |     |
|----|---|-----|
| 1. | China and Central Asia<br><i>Maqbool Ahmad Bhatti</i>                         | 174 |
| 2. | India and Central Asia<br><i>Maqsudul Hasan Nuri</i>                          | 191 |
| 3. | United States and Central Asia -<br>Distant neighbours<br><i>Moonis Ahmar</i> | 216 |
| 4. | European Community-Central Asian Ties<br><i>Sheikh Mutahir Ahmed</i>          | 232 |
| 5. | Turkey and Central Asia<br><i>Rubab Hasan</i>                                 | 244 |

## ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Khalid Mahmood** is Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Karachi.

**Dr. Azmat Hayat Khan** is Professor and Director, Area Study Centre for Central Asia, University of Peshawar.

**Talat A. Wizarat** is Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Karachi.

**Aurangzeb Khan** is Programme Coordinator, Hanns-Seidel Foundation, Islamabad.

**Professor Dr. Anwar Khan** is a former Director, Area Study Centre for Central Asia, University of Peshawar.

**Dr. Dietrich Reetz** is Researcher at the Berlin Centre for Modern Oriental Societies, Germany.

**Lt.Gen (Retd) Kamal Matinuddin** is a former Director General, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad.

**Hafeez R. Khan** is former Secretary, The Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA), Karachi and is presently Chairman, The Central Asia Society, Karachi.

**Professor Dr. Syed Salahuddin Ahmed** is Chairman, Department of International Relations, University of Balochistan, Quetta.

**Syed Ali Baqar** is Director Research, Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Karachi.

**Dr. Mirza Arshad Ali Beg** is former Director General, Planning & Development, Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR), Karachi.

**Iqbal M. Khan** is President, Society for Rural & Urban Entrepreneurship (SURE) Business Directories & Guides, Lahore.

**Dr. Maqbool Ahmad Bhatti** *is a retired diplomat.*

**Dr. Maqsoodul Hasan Nuri** *is Senior Research Officer, Institute of Regional Studies, Islamabad.*

**Dr. Moonis Ahmar** *is Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Karachi.*

**Sheikh Mutahir Ahmad** *is Research Officer, PIIA, Karachi.*

**Rubab Hasan** *is Senior Research Fellow, Area Study Centre for Europe, University of Karachi.*