



## Winter 2021 Update: Video, Reports, and More

In October, the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs held a panel discussion entitled "Sectarianism in Pakistan: State, Society, and Regional Politics." The discussion was focused on the history and contemporary challenges of sectarianism in Pakistan, including the complex dynamics between Pakistani state and society, and the diversity of cultural, ethnic, and religious identities in the country.

**SECTARIANISM IN PAKISTAN:  
STATE, SOCIETY, AND REGIONAL GEOPOLITICS**



Monday, October 9th, 2020

**Hassan Abbas**  
Distinguished Professor of International Relations at the Near East South Asia Strategic Studies Center

**Nosheen Ali**  
Visiting Global Faculty at New York University

**Beena Sarwar**  
Pakistani Journalist and Documentary Filmmaker

Moderator:  
**Ali Asani**  
Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures,  
Harvard University

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## News



**Shi'a Muslim-Americans Were a Key Force in Joe Biden's Victory**

By Mehdi Haider

Graduate Researcher Mehdi Haider outlines how Shi'a Muslim-Americans, a diverse community growing in presence & influence, made a noteworthy contribution to Joe Biden's victory, especially in the crucial swing-state of Michigan.

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**Panel Summary: The Future of the Iran Nuclear Deal**

Project Associate Hassan Ahmadian contributed to a panel discussion on the potential future of nuclear negotiations with Iran under the Biden administration

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**Video - The Heat: U.S.-Iran Tensions**

Project Associate Hassan Ahmadian contributed to a panel discussion on US-Iran relations and Iran's national security strategy.

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**Diversity makes us better, New Stanford Law Review President says**

The [Stanford Law Review](#), a prestigious student-run legal journal, elected its first Iranian-American and Muslim-American president, second-year law student Daniel Khalessi. Daniel is also an Associate with The Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs. We extend our congratulations to Daniel on this significant achievement!

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**Adib-Moghaddam: It's Biden who needs to take verifiable steps to lift Iran sanctions**

Arshin Adib-Moghaddam, Professor and Chair of the Centre for Iranian Studies at the London Middle East Institute at SOAS and Project Affiliate Scholar, argues in an interview that the onus is on Joe Biden's administration to take verifiable steps to lift sanctions on Iran.

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**Not in Our Name, Never in Our Name: A Conversation with Muslim Faith Leaders Echoing the Wisdom of a Pontiff**

A conversation with leading Muslim faith leaders, including Project Associate Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi, about the importance of interfaith dialogue and love.

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**Lift Lebanon Campaign Raises Over \$450,000, Unlocks More Than \$13.5 million**

In partnership with International Medical Corps, Zaman International, led by Zaman CEO and Project Associate Najah Bazy, raised more than \$450,000 as part of its Lift Lebanon Campaign to support the more than 300,000 people displaced by the Aug. 4th explosion in Beirut. Through global institutional donors, Zaman's contributions should help unlock more than \$13.5 million for those in need.

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**U.S. Policy Towards South Asia**

Project Senior Adviser Hassan Abbas examines the Biden administration's foreign policy choices toward South Asia, arguing that the entrenched nature of the India-Pakistan rivalry and the geopolitical realities of South Asia complicate U.S. policy options.

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## Publications



**Shia Influence in the Axiology of Malay Culture**

By Mohd Faizal Musa

Project Associate Mohd Faizal Musa published an article on the influence of Shi'ism in cultural developments in Southeast Asia in the *International Journal of Philosophy of Culture and Axiology*.

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### Research

The Project on Shi'ism & Global Affairs pursues advanced research on four inter-disciplinary studies in an effort to re-focus scholarly attention on the strategic transformations happening across the Shi'a worlds on both a socio-political level as well as the cultural values and ideology that drive these larger phenomena.

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### Visions

Visions, the online publication platform of the Project on Shi'ism and Global Affairs, provides an educational platform that bridges the dispersed field of Shi'a studies—from historical hagiography and philosophy to contemporary geopolitics and world affairs—into a leading source on the latest analysis on Shi'ism from an academic and scholarly perspective.

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