



Pakistan-Russia International Student Research Conference 2025-2026

Event Date: July 6, 2026

Venue: Online International Webinar

Time: 12:00-15:00 PST

Moderator: Dr. Sundas Khizar, Research Fellow, CAPES

The Consortium for Asia Pacific & Eurasian Studies (CAPES), in joint collaboration with the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation and the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (FUUAST), successfully organized the Pakistan-Russia International Student Research Conference 2025-2026. Held as a flagship event under the Pakistan-Russia Academic Collaboration Initiative, the conference marked the culmination of an intensive six-month period of structured joint research. The forum featured 9 distinct student research groups, comprising 40 young scholars representing more than 10 higher education institutions, who presented data-driven projects across a diverse range of contemporary themes.

The inaugural session commenced with opening remarks from Dr. Faisal Javaid, Senior Vice President, CAPES. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari, Vice Chancellor, FUUAST. Dr. Daria Osinina, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Financial University, Russia also addressed the forum and commended the student cohorts for their academic diligence. The session was also addressed by Gleb Shubin, the Culture, Science, and Education Attaché at the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Islamabad, who emphasized the growing trajectory of academic diplomacy between the two nations.

Conference Research Themes

The academic presentations covered critical dimensions of bilateral relations, co-supervised by faculty from both partner institutions;

- The Political Aspects of the Development of International Trade between Russia and Pakistan (*Supervised by Dr. Sundas Khizar*)
- The Influence of Political Factors on International Trade between Russia and Pakistan (*Supervised by Oleg Gannadievich*)



- Cultural Diplomacy as a Means of Maintaining National Sovereignty: A Comparative Study of Russia and Pakistan (*Supervised by Dr. Gul-i-Ayesha Bhatti*)
- Cultural Diplomacy as a Means of Maintaining National Sovereignty: A Comparative Study of Russia and Pakistan (*Supervised by Dr. Veronica Usacheva*)
- Media Patriotism in Russia and Pakistan: How Influencers are making National Pride a trend (*Supervised by Dr. Sikander Ali*)
- Media Patriotism in Russia and Pakistan: How Influencers are making National Pride a Trend (*Supervised by Stepan Borisovitch Vasilenko*)
- Artificial Intelligence as a Tool of Propaganda and Counter-Propaganda: Prospects and Risks (*Supervised by Ivan Sergeevich Pyatibratov*)
- Climate Security and State Policy Approaches to Climate Change: A Comparative Analysis of Russia and Pakistan (*Supervised by Saima Azhar*)
- Socio-Economic Stability and Regional Development: Assessing Trade, Energy and Connectivity Initiative Contributing to Regional Progress (*Supervised by Taimur Khan*)

Institutional Representation

The conference brought together a robust network of domestic and international institutions, including:

- Perm State National Research University, Russia
- Quaid-i-Azam University
- RUDN University, Russia
- International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI)
- Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Science
- LIER-FYT Center (EHESS), France
- University of Okara
- University of the Punjab
- University of Lahore
- University of Sargodha
- National University of Science and Technology (NUST)
- College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation