Abstract

The world in the 21st century has witnessed the rise of the idea of cooperation among states in the form of groups, blocs and regions which has altered the old concept of a sovereign state interacting with other states in its individual capacity. South Asia is such a region which have enormous potential of political, economic, socio-cultural, and energy-centric cooperation but the whole notion of cooperation seems to be overshadowed by a number of internal and external security dilemmas. Cooperation and security in South Asian states are inextricably attached with one another and failing to establish either one of these will result in the failure to establish any possible arrangement of connectivity in the region. This research is an attempts to analyze in detail those areas of cooperation establishing which will result in the improvement of security designs in the region. Also, it will explain the potential security threats for the region and how these are impeding the cooperation between states. Finally, it will examine the puzzle that how security dynamics of Pakistan and India are a hindrance to any possible arrangement for connectivity.