

Abstract

Noticeable shifts have been seen in the geopolitics of South Asia over the past few years owing to the deepening alliance between the United States and India. The aim of this thesis is to improve understanding of the implications that this increased collaboration has for different actors. A qualitative approach will be adopted for this study. The research will contain the review of literature, studies and policy papers in order to have comprehensive understanding of the topic. This research has profound implications. It will furnish policymakers with informed analyses on the prospective nature of the US-India partnership, both bilateral and in its regional context, enabling them to develop strategic responses to salient aspects of the changing balance of power across sectors in the region. This research will contribute to the limited literature in analytical and academic strands about South Asian geopolitics and alliances. The findings and policy recommendations of this research will provide great insights to Pakistan vis-a'-vis future policy options for the protection of its security and national interests in changing dynamics of South Asia. So the larger objective of this thesis is to examine the impact of the United States-India alliance on the security, economics and foreign policy of Pakistan. It will analyze the manner in which Pakistan is likely to react to this changing balance of power and what will be its resonance for both, prospects of resolution of Indo-Pak conflicts and stability in South Asia. It will also examine what Pakistan can do to attain balance of power as the US-India strategic partnership continues to expand. Drawing on a detailed examination of historical trends, geopolitical considerations and regional dynamics, the study will offer perspectives on the future trajectory of the strategic balance in South Asia.