

## **Dr Asima Rabbani**

### **Professional Summary**

Dr. Asima Rabbani currently holds the position of Director General (SIFC & Economic Diplomacy) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to this, she served as Director General (OIC & Economic Diplomacy).

Her most recent overseas assignment was as Deputy High Commissioner at the High Commission for Pakistan in Canberra. She has also been posted to New Zealand and Jordan. At the Headquarters, she worked in the Europe, Americas, Afghanistan, Middle East, and Training & Career Planning Directorates.

Dr. Rabbani holds a Doctorate of Philosophy degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia. Her thesis focused on the United Nations' collective security architecture and the challenges posed by nihilist non-state actors. She has presented her research at academic conferences in Australia, Great Britain, and Italy. During her doctoral studies, she also tutored and lectured undergraduates at UNSW Canberra.

Dr. Rabbani joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1998.

### **Work Experience**

#### *Overseas assignments*

- Deputy High Commissioner, Pakistan High Commission, Canberra, Australia (2013-2016)
- Deputy High Commissioner, Pakistan High Commission, Wellington, New Zealand (2009 – 2012)
- Third Secretary, Embassy of Pakistan, Amman, Jordan (2001 – 2004)

#### *Headquarters*

- Director Program Foreign Service Academy
- Director Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Deputy Director Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Deputy Director Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Deputy Director Training & Career Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Assistant Director Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Assistant Director Training & Career Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Education**

PhD, University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia (2020)

Master of Diplomacy, Australian National University (ANU), Australia (2008)

Master of International Affairs, ANU, Australia (2008)

Master of Computer Science, University of Peshawar, Peshawar (1993)

Bachelor of Science, University of Peshawar, Peshawar (1990)

## **Selected Presentations**

Andrade, Roberta C and Rabbani, Asima '***The Tethyan Copper v Pakistan Award, Crippling Compensation, and Issues of Morality: How to Make Investor-State Dispute Settlement Work Better for Developing Countries***' 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Asian Society of International Law. May 24-28, 2021.

Rabbani, Asima '***Collective Security in the Age of Nihilist Non-State Actors***' OCIS 2020 at ANU, December 7-11, 2020.

Rabbani, Asima '***Does the existence of nihilist non-state actors (NNSAs) require the UN to adapt its conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms to better deal with the threats they pose to our collective security? If so, why? How should it adapt?***' International Ethics Research Group, UNSW, July 2019.

Rabbani, Asima '***Does collective security in an age of VNSAs requires the United Nations to have new conflict prevention and resolution mechanism,***' Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), Rome, 11-14 July 2018

Also presented paper at exclusive workshop under 'Moral Victories Project' at Glasgow University and King's College London. The title of the workshop was '***Degrade and Destroy: Winning the War against Daesh,***' Shrivenham, UK, 23 July.