The Perils of Peace: Re-Imagining Risk and Reward in South Asia


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About the Lecture

In 2007, the governments of India and Pakistan came close to announcing a historic peace agreement. The possibility of such a settlement will likely reemerge during the next few years. At the same time, America’s drawdown in Afghanistan will likely involve some form of negotiated peace between that country and Pakistan. In a region so long defined by the risks of war and violence, how can we reconceive the risks and rewards of peace in South Asia?

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Thursday
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Reception
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Lecture
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Venue
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
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