**PCS-673 Pakhtun Nationalism and Pakhtun Islamization Pak-Afghan Region**

**Credit Hours 03**

**Course Description**

The war against terrorism has had a definitive impact on Pakhtun regions in Afghanistan and

Pakistan. In recent history the area was used as base from which Islamist militants attacked

soviet forces. Pakhtun society has tended to oscillate between these competing poles of

nationalism and Islamization during the last many decades.

**Learning Objectives**

This course enables its students to gain a critical understanding of the oscillations in the Af-Pak

region viz a vizPakhtun Islamization and Nationalism. It explores issues of identity, nationalism

and ethno centrism within Pakthuns across the region.

**Course Contents**

• Introduction to Pakhtun nationalism

• Introduction to Pakhtun identity and peace movements

• Pakhtun nationalism, identity and peace movements

• The Soviet war and its impacts on the Pakhtun belt.

• Current crisis affecting the Af-Pak region.

• Impact of the WAT on the Pakhtun belt.

**Required Readings**

Banerjee, Mukulika. 2000. The Pathan Unarmed: Opposition & Memory in the North West Frontier. Oxford University Press

Khan, Abdul Ghaffar. 1969. My Life and Struggle, Hind Pocket Books: Delhi.

ShaheenBuneri. 2013. Taliban Militancy: Replacing a culture of Peace, Tigah 2. FATA research Center.

Khan, I., 2007, ‘Pashtuns in the crossfire: Pashtun politics in the shadow of “War

againstTerrorism”’, Pakistan Security Research Unit, Brief

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