



MONASH University

BRIEFING ON PAKISTAN

Thursday 8 October 2009

6pm to 8.30pm

**Monash University Conference Centre
Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne**

While the Indo–Pakistani border region has moved to the forefront of international concerns about regional stability and the war on terror, misinformation and misunderstanding about modern Pakistan have not abated. This forum is designed to provide three different perspectives into modern Pakistan and the resilience or otherwise of its people and government. Ms Zorica McCarthy is regarded as one of Australia’s most accomplished diplomats and was widely admired for restructuring the relationship between Australia and Pakistan during her period as the High Commissioner in Islamabad. Andrew MacLeod worked as the Emergency Co-ordinator in the UN’s response to the devastating Pakistan earthquake in 2005. Until the UN’s involvement the relief came mainly from Lashkar-e-Toiba. Dr Bukhari is writing a book about ethnic conflict in Baluchistan, one of Pakistan’s most contested provinces. He will speak on the role of Baluchistan in the construction of national identity.

SPEAKERS

Ms Zorica McCarthy

Former Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan

Mr Andrew MacLeod

Former Chief of Operations, United Nations
Emergency Co-ordination Centre, Islamabad

Associate Professor Mussawar Bukhari

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