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"2007 ELECTIONS IN PAKISTAN: CAN THEY BE FREE?"

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Thursday, June 7, 2007

4:30PM ~ Registration 5:00pm ~ Panel 6:30pm ~ Reception
Kenney Auditorium, 1740 Massachusetts Ave NW

This event seeks to address the fundamental question of whether the political infrastructure of Pakistan can support what would be judged to be a full and fair election, taking into account the practical realities of elections in general and the conditions in Pakistan in particular. The recent demonstrations over the dismissal of the chief justice are a reflection of the weaknesses in political institutions and their ability to represent interests of key actors and groups. Emerging from the unrest appears to be a national debate on the role of the military generally and Musharraf specifically.

Asif Alam is the President of the Association of Pakistani Professionals, a New York based think tank of Pakistani professionals that aims to produce better understanding of the issues that confront Pakistan. **Peter Manikas** is a Senior Associate and Regional Director of Asia Programs for the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and has been involved in NDI's democratic development work in more than 20 countries. **Adil Najam** is Associate Professor of International Negotiation and Diplomacy at the Fletcher School, Tufts University, and is a specialist on political communication. **Hasan-Askari Rizvi** is a Visiting Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and is one of Pakistan's leading experts on internal politics in Pakistan.

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