ABOUT

Jammu & Kashmir Policy Institute (Registered as Trust) is a Srinagar-based independent, non-partisan, youth-driven think-tank—committed to conversations on peace and sustainable development with a focus on economic growth in Jammu and Kashmir. We believe in facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues to bring in diverse perspectives and encourage constructive disagreements, introducing new cutting-edge creative problem-solving approaches on socioeconomic and political issues confronting J&K and the larger South-East Asian region. JKPI stands for Social Justice, Equality and Inclusivity. We cherish and celebrate Diversity. The Institution welcomes people from all backgrounds and encourage participation in our projects by virtue of merit and shared values. We are a young and vibrant team that engages with the spirit of learning and unlearning through dialogues, research activities and on-ground projects.
 OUR INTENTIONS AND VISION

We aim and strive to promote:

• Effective youth engagement in policy-making and decision-making processes.
• Awareness Generation about the critical issues and challenges in J&K.
• Interactions between youth and policy-makers for creating a shared vision and openness on the execution of development work.
• Partnerships and Collaborations with development agencies, think-tanks, youth groups, and educational institutions to generate interdisciplinary inputs on a wide range of issues.
ORGANISATION

The JKPI operates as a convening space for multi-stakeholder engagement to initiate a shared vision-building process for development and peace that promotes a spirit of inclusivity and equality for all in the long run. Employing a strategic peacebuilding approach, the JKPI emphasizes the need for peace and security in the spirit of encouraging healing and reconciliation for long term positive peace in the valley, sustainable development on a number of priority goals and economic growth. The JKPI contributes and invites contributions, partnerships in the form of educational dialogue-oriented seminars, panel discussions, opinion briefs, research papers, policy briefs, policy analysis papers and other creative projects.
1) Multi-stakeholder dialogue
2) Reflective peacebuilding
3) Mentorship

Mentorship for high school and undergraduates: public policy and conflict studies

1) Training projects in social leadership and peacebuilding
2) Community projects
3) Student chapters

1. Primary research – reports, briefs
2. Secondary research: case-studies, commentaries, research papers

Reflections:
Blog | Opinion

Advocacy campaigns
STAKEHOLDERS – INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- WOMEN
- MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES: BACKWARD TRIBES, TRANSGENDERS, ETC

DEVELOPMENT

- DEVELOPMENT AT THE GRASSROOTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS, CIVIL SOCIETY, RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS
- THE PUBLIC OPINION GENERATORS: JOURNALISTS, POLICY MAKERS, POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS
- YOUTH AND PEACEBUILDERS
STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

With grassroot leaders to understand their expectations and current state of grassroot democracy

With religious leaders and local media personals to study the engagement and cooperation to combat the pandemic through the internet ban

Dialogue circles with community women in Jammu and Kashmir
CATEGORIES OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

• CASE STUDY CORNER
• DIALOGUES AND REPORT BRIEFS
• COMMENTARIES
• INSIGHT
• POLICY RESEARCH/ANALYSIS
• RESEARCH PAPERS

TOPICS

• CULTURE
• EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT
• AGRICULTURE
• GENDER EQUALITY
• CONFLICT ANALYSIS
• INVESTMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
• TRADE
• NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY
• TOURISM
• HEALTHCARE
• LITERATURE & CULTURE REVIEW
• ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

JK Policy Institute presents

THE DIALOGUE

YOUTH IN AFGHANISTAN PEACE PROCESS: VOICES OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

June 23, 2021 6:30 pm IST

PLATFORM - LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK

JK Policy Institute

YOUTH FORUM - THE WAY AHEAD

PANEL DISCUSSION ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

1800 – 2000 hrs. IST | Friday, 04 December 2020 | ZOOM Platform

For Registration: https://forms.gle/2sezSRJeUd5cLao4A
Expert Talk Series is a special initiative of the Jammu and Kashmir Policy Institute (JKPI) where we seek to source inputs and recommendations from experts in various fields pertaining to different sustainable development goals through one-on-one dialogues.

Before You Conclude is a monthly virtual lecture series aimed at fostering well-informed and erudite opinions on recent international developments and emerging debates. It focuses on analyzing issues in the sphere of geopolitics, political economy, traditional and non-traditional security threats, foreign policy, neighboured relations, and broadly covers issues related to climate, migration, and refugees, and gender.
OUR TEAM

• FOUNDERS

**JAVAID TRALI**
FOUNDER

**JAVAID TRALI** is a public relations professional. He has served as a Media Analyst aiding the former Chief Minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. His role was to monitor ongoing media trends with regard to Jammu and Kashmir and also evaluate the information available publicly to create detailed reports for assisting the administration and government. Javaid is the recipient of the prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), a professional exchange program funded by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

**TOUSEEF RAINA**
FOUNDER

**TOUSEEF RAINA** is a young policy advocate who has over ten years of experience in the field of political activism. Born in Baramulla, Touseef remains deeply rooted in his humble beginnings, with a thorough understanding of the weft and waft of the fabric of Kashmiri society. Founder of advocacy group, Global Youth Foundation (GYF), Touseef served as advisor to Jammu and Kashmir AIMA association, convening dialogues between clerics of Kashmir.

• ADVISORS

**SHLOKA NATH**
ADVISOR - STRATEGY AND PARTNERSHIPS

**SHLOKA NATH** currently leads the Sustainability and Policy & Advocacy portfolios at the Tata Trusts, one of India’s leading philanthropic foundations. She is also the Acting Director of the India Climate Collaborative, an India-led platform founded in 2018 by a group of philanthropies interested in continuing to accelerate India’s development, while also exceeding its climate goals.

**BHAVNA MISRI**
ADVISOR - GENDER EQUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

**BHAVNA MISRI** is a veteran in the real estate consulting fraternity and has worked in leadership roles with global organizations like M&S, Knight Frank, PVR, etc. She is currently the CGO of the prop-tech platform DXB that she co-founded in 2019. Bhavna is also an advisor on the board of 360Degrees, a real estate transaction and advisory platform. She is an alumna of the prestigious Sir J.J. School of Architecture.

**TUSHAR GUPTA**
ADVISOR - PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

**TUSHAR GUPTA** is a Public Policy Professional and possesses in-depth experience of working with the government at the district, state and national levels. He has worked at all the three levels of governance structure and is presently engaged with the Ministry of Commerce at the National level. Tushar envisions a policy making environment in which Indian youth are considered as an important stakeholders.
TANVEER LONE
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

Tanveer holds master's degrees in Economics from Lovely Professional University and Public Administration from Indira Gandhi National Open University. Tanveer has also received a diploma in Information Technology with a speciality in graphic and layout designing. He has presented a number of research papers at various academic conferences. At JKPI, Tanveer handles the administrative and creative duties.

TOUSEEF AHMED
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Touseef is an MBA graduate with expertise in Strategic Planning, Business Development, Public Relations, and Human Resource Development. He has worked on projects and proposals which include “Vision Document of J&K” and “SDG for J&K”. At JKPI, Touseef is interested in being part of the projects which are focused on sustainable development of J&K.

Aqeel Rashid
Research & Knowledge Hub Chief

Akeel is incharge of the publication department at Jammu and Kashmir Policy Institute, holds a bachelors degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Kashmir. He has done a masters in International Relations (Peace and Conflict Studies) at Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora.

Aqsa Khan
Head of Project Development and Resource Mobilisation

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Mukhtar Dar
Social Media Strategist & Data Officer

Mukhtar specializes in development communication. He holds a first class degree in Journalism from the media school of Islamic University of Science and technology, Pulwama. He has anchored, edited and presented programs at Peshkadam—a community radio platform. Known for his relentless efforts to record the grievances of the public from the remotest of areas, he aspires to be the voice for the voiceless. Dedicated to perform concrete and impactful work from ground zero, this soft-spoken young man uses ICT most creatively and effectively.

Burhan Mehraj
PR Coordinator & Media Head

Burhan has a decade long experience in public relations. He has been associated with Alternate Kashmir as operational head for over five years. Hailing from Baramulla, Burhan has also served as the media strategist with “Global Youth Foundation.” A graduate from Government Polytechnic College Srinagar, Burhan supervises the management and outreach operations at JKPI.
**Shivangi Singh**

**Research Associate**

Shivangi is a Political Science Postgraduate aspiring to research and design policies in Women Development. Her interest areas include the role of Women in International Relations and Political Philosophy; within this, she is particularly interested in the role of women in Conflict and Peace Building. She has extensive field research experience, primary & secondary research, project development & implementation, CSR & Grant proposal writing, NGO management.

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**Ambreen Yousof**

**Senior Fellow**

Ambreen is a doctoral candidate at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Her research focus is Peace-building, democratic transitions, Security-sector reform, foreign policy, ethnic conflict and European Union (EU). Earlier, she has been part of Mercy Corps, Women in Security Conflict management and Peace (WISCOMP), a leading South-Asian think-tank and Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS).

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**Zahoor A. Dar**

**Research Associate**

Zahoor works at the intersection of public policy and climate change with a specialization in predictive analysis and risk assessment. He has majored in Geography at the University of Kashmir. He specializes in locating the spatial and temporal factors affecting climate and sustainable development in Kashmir. Zahoor’s interest lies in public policy, energy policy, and climate action.

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**Interns**

**Amira Sajad**

**Intern**

Amira is an undergraduate student majoring in Political Science and minoring in Economics at Hindu College, Delhi University. She has a keen interest in policy research, developmental studies and social justice. She currently works as the president of The Symposium Society, the policy and deliberation forum of Hindu College. She also works as the publisher of the Hindu College Gazette, a bimonthly publication aimed at furthering academic debate and quality research.

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**Liza Gupta**

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Liza is currently pursuing her Bachelors in Political Science from ARSD College, Delhi University. She is interested in issues related to International Relations and Gender Equality. She seeks to constructively contribute to the policy issues of Jammu and Kashmir with respect to International Relations and seeks to contribute to bridging the gap of Gender Inequality through her work.

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**Sehar Chowdhry**

**Intern**

Sehar, a high school student, is inclined towards media, feminism, politics and diplomacy and their reciprocity. She endeavours to join journalism to amplify marginalized voices. Sehar is a pre-college student with the New York Times and content writer at Women’s Media Center. Sehar has also written the book titled “Her Songs of Faith and Fury” which is available on Amazon.
GEETA VAISHNAVI
VISITING FELLOW

Geeta is an Artist, Activist and Educator. Over half a decade of her career as a muralist, she has worked on street art projects across India. To her – ‘The World is her canvas’. She has painted on a plethora of themes ranging from ‘Women Empowerment’, ‘Child Rights’, ‘Conservation of Natural Resources’, and ‘Girl Child Education’ nationwide.
At JKPI she contributes towards arts in education, culture and working for the children and women of Kashmir.

ADEELA HAMEED
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Adeela is a writer and Fellow – Himalayan Journalists Collective Against Climate Change. She has worked with organisations like The Global Times, Scribblers, and Kashmir Leader. She is a guest contributor for the wildlife magazine, Saevus, and ecotech website, Green Clean Guide. Adeela is a member of the writer’s community, WissenMonk, and the Editor of their monthly magazine – Wisdom Quest. She works for environmental conservation and social sustainability.

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