

**CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA,
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GENERAL SEMINAR

S. Akbar Zaidi,

Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia
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will give two talks at the CSSSC,
the first of which is titled as follows:

First Talk: **The State of Social Science in Pakistan: Still Dismal Two Decades Later?**

Abstract

About a decade ago, in 2000, there was a large consensus amongst social scientists in Pakistan, that it was particularly 'dismal', for a host of reasons. Other than the discipline of Economics, most other social science specialisations were absent. Reasons ranged from the absence of a critical cohort of scholars interested in the social sciences, military rule which was never conducive to free thinking, and other social and institutional factors. In 2017, much has changed, and there seems to be a boom in the social sciences in Pakistan. The talk will explore what has changed since 2000 and will examine the present state of the social sciences in Pakistan.

Date: Monday, 20 March, 2017

Time: 3 – 5 pm

Venue: CSSSC's Seminar Room II, Patuli Campus

Rosinka Chaudhuri
(Convener, Seminar Committee)