Pakistan and the US have been allies for over five decades and yet United States’ ties with Pakistan have rarely been on an even keel. Pakistan’s ties with both its neighbors, India and Afghanistan, too have been tension ridden. In order to understand these relationships as well as what lies ahead, Dr. Aparna Pande will discuss her book, *Explaining Pakistan’s Policy: Escaping India*. 

Pakistan has over the decades become a hotbed for the terrorist ideology often referred to as Jihadism. Dr. Pande will analyze the underlying principles of Pakistan's foreign policy from 1947 until the present day, and explain the rise of Jihadism as an offshoot of Pakistan's security concerns. From its inception as a separate state, Pakistan's foreign policy focused on 'seeking parity' with India and 'escaping' from an Indian South Asian identity. The desire to achieve parity with its much larger neighbor led Pakistan to seek the assistance and support of allies.

“Aparna Pande's book is a must read for anyone who wants to understand Pakistani foreign policy and the obsession with India that drives its behavior.”
– Bruce Riedel, Senior Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institute

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**Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 4 p.m.**

*All are invited.*