

## **Imtiaz Gul Profile**

Imtiaz Gul, is currently the Executive Director of the Islamabad-based independent Centre for Research and Security Studies that he founded in December 2007, with the support of Germany's Heinrich Boell Stiftung. The Centre is a research and advocacy outfit, focused primarily on security and governance.

Penguin-Viking India published Gul's second book **"The Al-Qaeda Connection – Taliban and Terror in Tribal Areas"** on August 20, 2009, which profiles the evolution and nature of militancy in the Pak-Afghan border regions and how it fell under the influence of Al-Qaeda.

Penguin US/UK published the revised edition of this book **"The Most Dangerous Place – Pakistan's Lawless Frontier"** in June, 2010.

Gul had published his first book **"The Unholy Nexus; Pak-Afghan relations under the Taliban,"** in July 2002, and also edited a book on **"Islam and Liberalism"**, soon after the U.S-led coalition unleashed the controversial War Against Terrorism in October 2001..

## **Journalistic Career**

Besides reporting for the Urdu, English and Hindi language services of Deutsche Welle, Germany's foreign languages' broadcaster since 1989, Imtiaz Gul has also been broadcasting with the CNN TV between 1998 - 2000, and with the Hong Kong-based Star World TV, Japanese National Broadcasting Corporation NHK, the National Public Radio in the United States, and also regularly files for

## **FOREIGN POLICY, USA**

**Wall Street Journal**

**THE FRIDAY TIMES (weekly)Lahore**

**PULSE (weekly), Islamabad,**

on issues such as militancy, border regions, Afghanistan, and Indo-Pak relations.

Besides offering advice as consultant to foreign diplomatic missions and development sector organisations, Gul regularly appears as an analyst / expert on several Pakistani TV channels as well as the Doha-based Al-Jazeera English/Arabic satellite tv channel for his expertise in areas such as Afghanistan/Tribal Areas/ and the Kashmir militancy, which he has been extensively covering since 1988.

For research paper presentations, event coverage and conferences, Imtiaz Gul has traveled extensively across the globe including trips to the United States, Canada,

Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, Netherlands, U.K, Italy, Spain, Rumania, Hungary, Central Asian republics of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Russia, India, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Norway , Denmark, Japan, Palestine, Israel, Egypt, Libya, the U.A.E.

**Teaching Experience:**

Taught German language at the National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad (1988-89)

Gul has also been delivering lectures on Afghanistan/ Pakistan relations/ Militancy and Terrorism at the Quaide Azam University, Islamabad, Peshawar University and Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar

**Education**

Imtiaz Gul holds a Masters Degree in German Language, graduated with Economics / Statistics and English as majors.

He is fluent in English, German, Pashto, Urdu, Punjabi and Dari.