

Role of defense studies in establishment of peace and security in South Asia

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Various specialized studies have addressed themselves to the aspirations, objectives, growth, development, achievements and problems related to the issue of security dealing with human security, internal security, national security and international security. However, none of them could be taken as complete in the holistic form as they all have remained limited to the branch or specialization to which the study dealt with. So also is the position with regard to the nature, scope, evolution and its relationship with grand strategy, war and the theoretical approaches evolved or used to complete the analysis and application. Majority of the scholars, thinkers and practitioners have limited the scope to the studies of security in relation to the nation – state while others have constrained the agenda to the national policy making for the realization of national interest and still others who have kept themselves within the framework of way as a means of establishing peace.

The defining of defense / security studies *elbit* other nomenclatures of the discipline as the study of the threat use and control of military force which tend to explore the conditions which make use of force more likely, the ways that the use of force effects individuals, states and societies and the specific policies that states adopt in order to prepare for, prevent or engage in war have been considered to be a narrow definition of the discipline as it assumes that the conflict as imminent and also it does not ponder over the alternatives to use or threat to use of military force as a means to resolve conflict.

The present study attempts to explore the meaning scope and role of defense/security studies in the establishment of peace in South Asian region in a much wider framework of multi-disciplinary approach so as to envisage the creation of an active society capable of praxis intervention to ensure socio-materialist progress more viable and comfortable, provided its concept, tools and doctrine are religiously followed by the national leaders and its proponents.

In the context of South Asian Region the security studies and consciously played not only a conflict preventing role but have also displayed an active awareness and participation for continuous, though, unsuccessful role in creation of Institutionalization of regional peace, stability and security. There is, therefore, a need for collective, co-operative and will full commitment to develop and use the discipline of security studies as a valuable alternative model.

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