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# Maritime Centre of Excellence INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

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**At Maritime Centre of Excellence, I take great pride in leading this institution dedicated to advancing maritime security through research, innovation, and collaboration. Since its establishment in December 2019 at Pakistan Navy War College, MCE has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of maritime leadership and addressing both national and international security challenges. With a commitment to excellence, the Centre through intellectual activities continues to provide invaluable insights and guidance, ensuring that Pakistan Navy is well-prepared for the complexities of modern maritime operations.**

**~ Rear Admiral Sohail Ahmed Azmie SI(M) ~**

# ABOUT US

Maritime Centre of Excellence (MCE) is a research-driven think tank established in 2019 at Pakistan Navy War College (PNWC), Lahore, to conduct multidisciplinary academic research focusing on maritime security and other associated subjects. Additionally, MCE extends its support to PNWC as its Research Wing in conducting professional courses, academic research activities producing, research publications, and undertaking outreach activities.

Though blessed with more than 1,000 km of coastline, maritime awareness in Pakistan and optimization of maritime resources remained wanting at all levels. The establishment of MCE aims to address the challenge of 'Sea Blindness' in Pakistan by providing a dedicated platform for high-quality research as well as comprehensive and long-term horizon scanning of the strategic maritime environment. It brings these efforts under one umbrella to ensure that maritime issues receive the focused attention aligned with Pakistan's strategic interests at sea.

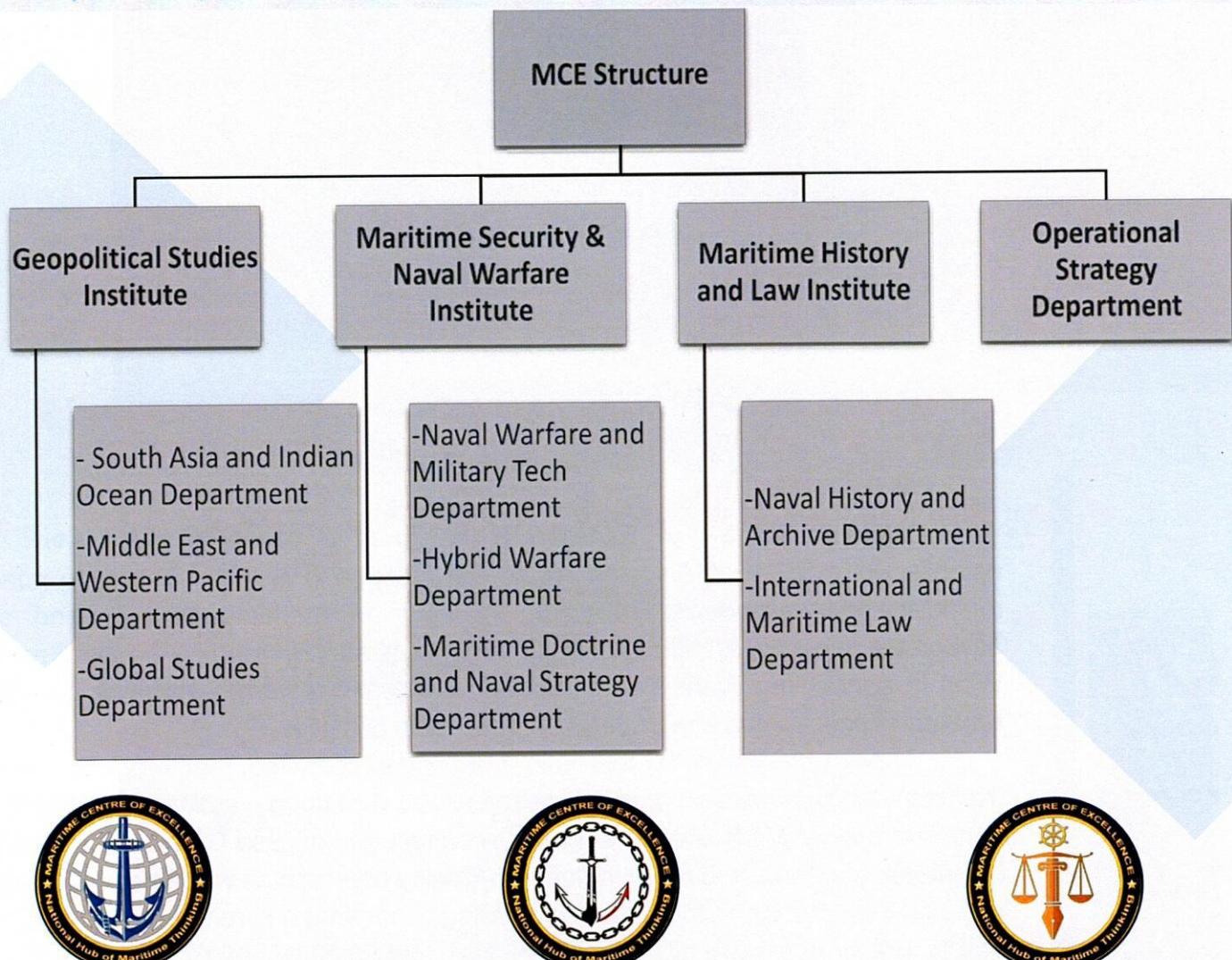
## Vision

MCE is to be "National Hub of Maritime Thinking".

## MISSION

To conduct multi-disciplinary research focusing on maritime security, geopolitics and blue economy, duly rendering input to Naval headquarters for promoting maritime sector in-country and abroad while preparing naval leadership for contemporary maritime challenges.

# Organisational Structure



## Geopolitical Studies Institute

The Geo-Political Studies Institute conducts research on global and regional power politics, strategic alignments, and their maritime implications. The institute undertakes research-driven and strategic activities at the subject-specific level. Additionally, Geopolitical Studies Institute remains committed to its core mandate i.e., conducting in-depth geopolitical analysis and assessing policy impacts while maintaining close coordination with other institutes.



## Maritime and Naval Warfare Studies Institute

The Institute is focusing on maritime security and naval strategy, along with naval force structures, emerging technologies, hybrid threats, and maritime doctrines. It also emphasizes capacity building through training modules, wargaming, and scholarly publications, while fostering interdisciplinary coordination with other institutes.



## History and Lawfare Institute

The institute leads research in naval history, maritime law, and ethical perspectives relevant to maritime security. By integrating historical insights, international maritime law, and Islamic perspectives on conflict and trade, the Institute develops a unique knowledge base to support national maritime policy and institutional objectives.

# KEY PRODUCTS

**Beacon Journal**- Bi-Annual HEC Recognised Y-Category, double peer academic journal covering issues relevant to geopolitics and maritime security

**Compass**- Research produced during PN Staff Course, including research articles and book reviews



**Workshop Papers** – Develop and present well-researched papers tailored for workshops and academic forums.

**Mainstream Media Contributions** – Publish thought-provoking articles in leading print, electronic and print.

**Electronic Media Projection** – Engage with mainstream electronic media to project expertise on specific, strategically relevant subjects.

**Strategic Assessments** – Conduct and disseminate strategic appraisals and spot analyses on emerging issues of significance.

# OUTREACH

MCE is actively strengthening its ties with academia to develop future maritime thinkers. The outreach department is driving youth and scholar involvement by extensively promoting research among university students. Key programs, such as the Inter-University Essay Competition (IUEC), internships, seminars, and workshops, are attracting wide participation from across Pakistan. MCE also effectively utilizes social media and regularly hosting specialised events to engage directly with students. These activities are successfully nurturing a young generation who are becoming highly knowledgeable in maritime affairs.



## Seminars/workshops

MCE actively engages with policymakers, academicians, and scholars at leading think tanks, as it works to advance the cause of maritime security and the Blue Economy both at home and abroad. MCE achieves this through the continuous conduct of regular seminars, major conferences, specialized workshops, and table-top discussions, which bring together subject matter experts in coordination with NHQ.



## Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW)

MARSEW takes center stage for national maritime awareness by actively convening policymakers, military officers, academics, and industry leaders. MCE facilitates high-level academic sessions and field visits, which provide participants with firsthand exposure to the complexities of maritime security and the Blue Economy. This widely acclaimed workshop has educated hundreds of leaders, fostering an integrated approach to advancing Pakistan's maritime sector.

## Maritime Essay Competition

MCE organizes an annual Maritime Essay Competition to promote original research and fresh perspectives. The competition draws contributions from students, young professionals, and scholars focused on contemporary maritime challenges.



## Courses

**Executive Leadership Course (XLC):** A three-week preparatory course designed for senior officers prior to their enrollment in NSWC. The curriculum provides an intensive focus on geo-strategy, economy, and maritime security, integrating these subjects with the core principles of statecraft, military strategy, and maritime strategy.



**Maritime Potential Course (MPC):** A two-week introductory course for fresh university graduates. MPC is designed to build foundational knowledge of maritime security, the Blue Economy, and overall maritime awareness.

**Internship for University Students (IUS):** This intensive eight-week internship is for post-graduate students. The program effectively combines in-depth academic study with hands-on field attachments, providing firsthand exposure to maritime security, the Blue Economy, and naval roles. IUS simultaneously focuses on developing the interns' research, academic, and creative skills.



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