

## EFFECTIVE STATE INTERVENTION AND ELECTORAL POLITICS: UNDERSTANDING THE DECLINE OF PASHTUNISTAN MOVEMENT IN PAKISTAN

*Syed Jaleel Hussain*

*Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India*

---

**Received: 14 Jun 2018**

**Accepted: 01 Aug 2018**

**Published: 31 Aug 2018**

---

### **ABSTRACT**

*This paper looks at the birth and decline of the Pashtunistan movement in Pakistan. The core argument of the paper is that the movement lost its appeal among the masses due to the convulsion of three factors: rise of pashtun elites in Pakistan's central administration, huge Influx of the Afghan refugees and their support by Pakistani government, and the subsequent rise of national parties' influence in N.W.F.P. and the corresponding decline in the NDP base.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Movement in Pakistan, Central Administration*