

During this session, Michael Brecher (McGill University) concluded by pointing out seven key areas that need to be worked on to achieve some sort of concrete peace:

- Imaginative leadership
- Mutual Exhaustion
- External pressure
- Leadership Learning
- Resolution of nuclear issue
- Real conflict management
- Integration of Kashmir into India

Role of Women

Two key presenters during the conference were women, as was one of the paper discussants. There were also several female graduate students present and actively participating in the conference. Reeta Tremblay (Concordia University) presented a paper on institutional causes of the enduring rivalry. Theresa de Haan (DFAIT) was also present and made an important contribution on Canada and the enduring conflict. Marie-Joelle Zahar (Université de Montréal) made important critical remarks on the domestic sources of the enduring conflict. What is important to note is that this issue area is one that is not strongly represented by female participants (researchers, academics), and as such to have three key contributors is representative of the important role women played in this conference.

Goals vs. Outcomes

Except for one inconvenience caused by the weather (Gary Goertz was not able to attend to present his paper due to a snowstorm on the East Coast), generally the conference met its planned goals successfully. All the papers were of a very high quality, and there has been significant interest shown by leading academic presses to publish the final edited volume. There was also very positive feedback by those present who were not presenting a paper. The discussants as well as the general audience were very impressed with the quality of the presentations and the breadth of the issues dealt with. It was also very constructive in that this is one of the very first efforts to combine the work of international relations scholars with area specialists in studying the India-Pakistan conflict. While at times there may have been minor communication problems between the two fields, it is assumed that these will easily be solved in the final versions of the papers.