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## 70 Years of the Kashmir Issue Is there a Way Forward?

with

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author on East Asia**

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Conflict in Kashmir is an example of the type of unintended consequences that so often follow the “peace process” of a major war. Britain promised India independence after World War II. Since British rule had used division of religious and ethnic groups as an administrative tool, the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947 seemed the logical path to peace. Kashmir did not fit neatly into the Muslim-Hindu division. It was ruled by Hindu kings, but with some exceptions, the majority of the population was Muslim. The Hindu king chose to join India in the partition but many people of the region objected. The conflict in Kashmir involves three countries – India, Pakistan, and China, as well as the Kashmiri people. India and Pakistan have fought three wars over Kashmir and India and China have fought over Aksai Chin, a disputed territory. The conflict has heated up again this fall.

- Why has violence flared up again recently?
- What do the Kashmiris want?
- Are there solutions?



*“As an issue on the agenda since 1947 without resolution, there is a growing unease that Kashmir has become a ‘blind spot’ on the world’s conscience.”*

Victoria Schofield is a British author of numerous books on South Asia including Kashmir in Conflict and Kashmir in Crossfire. In addition to her eleven published books, she writes for the British and other media.