

What next for Afghan women? Education and empowerment under the Taliban

Afghan Diaspora Academic Conference 2022



@rahelatrust



www.rahelatrust.org



MODERATOR LINE-UP



PANEL 1
MODERATOR

Dr. Gloria Moss

Gloria is a Professor of Management and Marketing. Gloria has worked with some of the world's most well-known organisations including Allen & Ovary, Canon, O2 and many more. She is also the author of six books on management and marketing.



PANEL 2
MODERATOR

Kamini Paul

Kamini is an International Development practitioner, with almost 30 years experience working with multi-lateral organisations, civil society and national governments. She is one of Rahela Trust's original Trustees and recognises the importance, understanding and contextual support that Afghan women need to address the challenges they currently face in trying to achieve an equitable future.



AFTERNOON SESSION
MODERATOR

Dr. Tugba Basaran

Tugba is Executive Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Human Movement at the University of Cambridge. She has a PhD in International Studies from the University of Cambridge, held visiting positions at Harvard Law, Princeton, Sciences-Po and the Institute for Advanced Studies and more.



PANEL 3 & MORNING SESSION
MODERATOR

Marika Theros

Marika is a policy fellow at the Conflict Research Programme at the London School of Economics. She is also a Trustee for Rahela Trust.



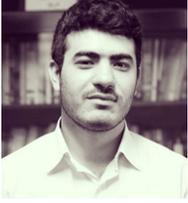
PANEL 4
MODERATOR

Dr. Arif Sahar

Arif is a researcher within the Centre of Excellence in Terrorism, Resilience, Intelligence and Organised Crime Research (CENTRIC) Institute at Sheffield Hallam University.

PANELLISTS

PANEL 1



Wahidullah Azizi

Wahidullah is an Afghan socio-political analyst based in Berlin. In 2020, he received the prestigious DAAD scholarship to study public policy at the University of Potsdam.



Malia Shir M

Malia has a degree in Gender Studies and in Asian Studies and International Relations from Lund and Malmö Universities respectively. Her academic and research work focuses on women's rights in Afghanistan and various aspects of Afghan women's lives in Sweden.

PANEL 2



Dr. Fahimeh Robiolle

Fahimeh is a French-Iranian former engineer at the Commissariat de l'Energie Atomique (CEA), and consultant. She was a lecturer at the ESSEC Business School (ENA Ecole National d'Administration) until 2016, and at the Sorbonne, Cergy, Nantes, Tehran and Kabul Universities, Catholic Institute of Paris and the Ecole de Guerre. She contributed to the leadership-building project in DRC and Burkina Faso. She also conducts seminars in negotiation, conflict management, leadership and team building in various languages.



Dr. Isar Sarajuddin

Isar is a political economy researcher with extensive experience in taxation and state-building, banking and financial management. He has recently completed a PhD on the political economy of taxation and state-building in Afghanistan at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

Objective 1

After the collapse: the relation between corruption and aid transparency in Afghanistan

Objective 2

The challenges to accessing secondary and tertiary-education faced by women and girls in Afghanistan

Objective 3

Exploring mechanisms for effective collaboration with Afghan diaspora groups in the UK and EU

Expert Speaker

The Political Economy of Taxation: Negotiating Taxes and Allocating Rents

PANELLISTS

PANEL 3



Nargis Sadiq

Nargis is Country Manager at Omid International. She has worked with the UN and Turkey Government to support Afghan refugees. She is currently studying for her PhD at Akdeniz University, Turkey.



Walid Halimi

Walid has a degree in International Studies and a Masters in International Security and Global Governance from Kingston University and Birkbeck University respectively. He is currently a PhD candidate at Brunel University.



Nazila Jamshidi

Nazila is a gender equality and human rights specialist involved in Afghanistan's development and democratization process for over a decade. She's a Fellow at Columbia University.

PANEL 4



Dr. Marissa Quie

Marissa is Fellow & Director of Studies HSPS at Lucy Cavendish and College Lecturer in Politics and Director of Studies in HSPS at Magdalene College.



Rahela Sidiqi

Rahela is the Founder and Director of Rahela Trust. She has an MA in Social Development Sustainable Livelihood from Reading University, UK.

Objective 4

Exploring mechanisms for effective collaboration with Afghan diaspora groups in the UK and EU

Objective 5

Developing information hubs on education for Afghan refugees and asylum seekers

Objective 6

Probing remote solutions to Afghan women's education

OTHER KEY SPEAKERS



Samantha Rennie

Samantha is an experienced charity chief executive (Rosa, the UK Fund for Women and Girls, Handicap International) and Trustee (London Funders, Landmine Action) and lifelong champion of social justice and the power of grassroots movements to effect change. She is Rahela Trust's Chair.



Dr. Rangin Dadfar Spanta

Dr. Rangin Dadfar Spanta is a politician in Afghanistan who last served as National Security Advisor of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Prior to that, he served as Foreign Minister from April 2006 to January 2010. He was a lecturer in political science at the Technical University of Aachen, Germany.



Mohammad Nadir Noorzai

Mohammad was a Council Member of Kandahar & Head of Foreign Affairs and Jirga's Committee in Kandahar Provincial Council. He is the Founder & CEO of Benawa's Institute of Higher Education, Kandahar. He has a Bachelor degree from the Faculty of Civil Engineering. He is a government and international award-winning individual.



TODAY'S AGENDA

Speakers	Sessions	Time
Registration	Arrival at Cripps Auditorium for registration for badge and conference package distributions	08:30 – 09:30 AM
Dr. Marissa Quie & Samantha Rennie (Rahela Trust Chair) Ziarmal Gharghasht (Rahela Trust AV Volunteer) Rahela Sidiqi (Rahela Trust's Founder & Director) Dr. Rangin Dadfar Spanta Mohammad Nadir Noorzai (Chairman of Benawa University)	Opening remarks and welcome Three-minute film Why we're here Keynote speaker The importance of investing in higher education	09:30 – 10:15 AM
Tea Break	Tea, Coffee & Refreshments served	10:15 – 10:30 AM
Moderator: Dr Gloria Moss Researchers: Wahidullah Azizi Malia Shir M	Panel 1 After the collapse: the relation between corruption and aid transparency in Afghanistan From one Taliban regime to another: highlighting the current challenges faced by women and girls in accessing secondary and tertiary education in Afghanistan Discussion	10:30AM – 10.50 AM 10:50AM – 11:10 AM
Moderator: Kamini Paul Researcher: Dr. Fahimeh Robiolle Speaker: Isar Sarajuddin	Panel 2 Exploring investment opportunities for Afghan women's and girl's education The Political Economy of Taxation: Negotiating Taxes and Allocating Rents Discussion	11:10 – 11:30 AM 11:30 – 11:50 AM

<p>Moderator: Marika Theros</p> <p>Researchers: Nargis Sadiq & Walid Halimi</p> <p>Nazila Jamshidi</p>	<p>Panel 3</p> <p>Exploring mechanisms for effective collaboration with Afghan diaspora groups in the UK and EU</p> <p>Developing information hubs on education for Afghan refugees and asylum seekers</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>11.50 AM - 12:10 PM</p> <p>12.10 - 12.30 PM</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>Lunch is served</p>	<p>12.30 - 1.30 PM</p>
<p>Moderator: Dr. Arif Sahar</p> <p>Researchers: Rahela Sidiqi & Dr. Marissa Quie</p>	<p>Panel 4</p> <p>Probing remote solutions to Afghan women's education</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>1:30 - 1:40 PM</p> <p>1.40 - 1.50 PM</p>
<p>Maryam Farzami Negina Yari Elaha Salik Elham Kohistani Wahida Faizi Husna Jalal</p>	<p>Scholar success stories</p>	<p>1.50 - 2.15 PM</p>
<p>Rahela Sidiqi (Rahela Trust's Founder & Director) Marika Theros Dr. Marissa Quie</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Call to action</p>	<p>2.15 - 3.15 PM</p>
<p>End of Conference Refreshments</p>	<p>Tea, Coffee & Refreshments served</p>	<p>3.15 - 4:15 PM</p>

Thank you for your participation



@rahelatrust



www.rahelatrust.org

