

Herat Security Dialogue- VIII

18 - 19 October 2019

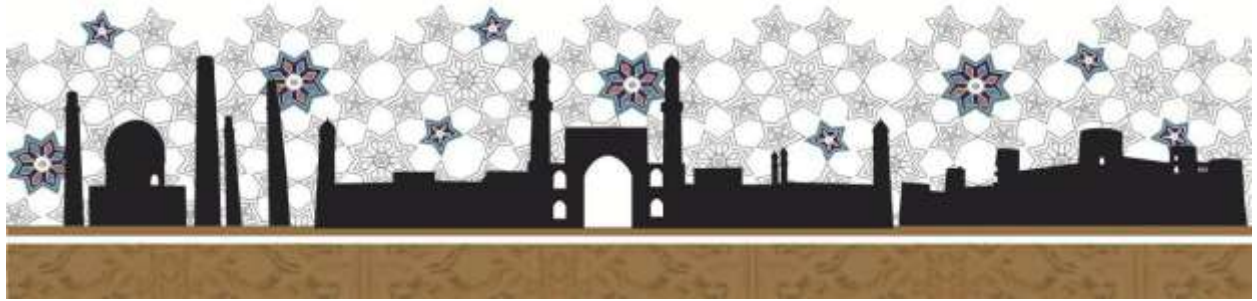
Herat - Afghanistan



کنفرانس امنیتي هرات- ۸

اتم نړيوال کنفرانس

۲۶-۲۷ مېزان ۱۳۹۸



Herat Security Dialogue-VIII

18-19 October 2019

Biography of speakers

#HSD8

#کنفرانس_امنيتي_هرات_۸

Abdul Qayoum Rahimi



Abdul Qayoum Rahimi is the Governor of Herat province. He has experience working in government and foreign agencies. Abdul Qayoum Rahimi previously served as Director of Public Support at the Independent Directorate of Local Governance. He holds a Masters Degree in Management and Business. Abdul Qayoum Rahimi was formally announced as the new governor of Herat province by a decree issued by Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani.

Dr. Rangin Dadfar Spanta



Dr. Rangin Dadfar Spanta is former Afghanistan's National Security Adviser, former Foreign Minister and the Senior Advisor on International Affairs to President Hamid Karzai. Dr. Spanta fled to Turkey during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan before moving to Germany. There he became assistant professor of political science at RWTH Aachen University. He also served as spokesperson for the Alliance for Democracy in Afghanistan, and was active in the German Green Party. He also briefly taught at Kabul University after the fall of Taliban.

Ambassador Roland Kobia



Ambassador Roland Kobia was appointed as the "EU Special Envoy to Afghanistan" on 1 September 2017. He has been specialising in peace conflict and transition countries, peace processes and reconciliation initiatives, regional security issues and state-building for the last 17 years. Prior to his current appointment Roland Kobia was the first resident Ambassador of the European Union to Myanmar/Burma (2013-countries 17), after having been the first full-term EU Ambassador to Azerbaijan (2009-2013). Earlier on, he was the Deputy Head of Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, notably covering the regional politics and the Great Lakes conflict. He also served in Kenya as the Head of the Regional Political Section, covering political affairs, conflicts and peace processes in 12 countries of the Horn of Africa and of the African Great Lakes regions, and negotiating / mediating peace agreements.

Abdullah Azad Khenjani



Mr. Abdullah Azad Khenjani is a prominent journalist who works as the head of a television station. Mr. Abdullah Khenjani has received the Alexandros Peterson Scholarship, which provides the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in war studies to provide the best and brightest students living in Afghanistan, Central Asia and the South Caucasus. He studied at the College of London College, London.

Dr. Timor Sharan



Dr. Timor Sharan was born in Bamyan province in year 1984. Dr. Sharan obtained his doctorate from the University of Exeter in the UK in the field of governance and politics in year 2013. Dr. Sharan holds a Masters in Development Studies from Cambridge University. He led the International Crisis Group in Afghanistan for one year. He has been the program manager for Asia Foundation since June of 2008 for one year. He was appointed to the position of Independent Bureau of Local Authorities on September 2016 under the decree of President Ghani as a professional and policy deputy.

Dr. Mahiyuddin Mehdi



Dr. Mehdi, writer, researcher and former member of the Afghan Parliament, holds a doctorate in linguistics from the Tajik Academy of Sciences. He was a member of the Emergency Loya Jirga, a member of the Loya Jirga of the Afghan Constitution, a professor of language and literature at the University of Kabul and a member of the Afghan Parliament. Mr. Mehdi has written many books and articles, including, the National Dialogue of Afghanistan, Orthography, and The History of the Language and Literature.

Maryam Safi



Maryam Safi is the Director and Founder of Policy Research and Development Studies. This research organization is considered a prominent think tank in Afghanistan and is committed to fostering democratic ideas and values. She was honored in the Diplomatic Media Network as one of the world's top women in 2014 for her contribution to the research community in Afghanistan. He is a senior fellow at the Afghanistan Policy Group, a senior fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies in Sri Lanka and a graduate of the Center for Strategic Studies in Southeast Asia and a local expert on direct peace building. Ms. Safi holds a Master's Degree in International Peace Studies from the United Nations-supervised University for Peace in San Jose (Costa Rica).

Lutfullah Najafizada



Mr. Lotfullah Najafizada is an award-winning journalist and director of TOLONews, Afghanistan's top 24/7 news and current affairs TV channel. At TOLONews, Mr. Najafizada oversees the largest news operation in Afghanistan. His international recognitions include Reporters without Borders's prestigious medal of Press Freedom Hero for his fight for free press in Afghanistan in 2016, TIME Magazine's title of Next Generation Global Leader and Forbes magazine 30 under 30 Asia influencers in media. He's member of Asia Society's Global Council and a former fellow with the World Press Institute and Rumsfeld Foundation. He has a BSc in Economics.

Motaesm Agha Jan



Former Taliban finance minister Motasem Agha Jan has been Mullah Omar's assistant and a moderate member of the group. Motasem Agha Jan after the fall of the Taliban, was the political leader of the Taliban leadership council known as the Quetta Council. He has mediated peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

Dr. Jafar Mahdavi



Dr. Jafar Mahdavi was born in winter 1976. He received his bachelor's and doctorate degrees from Tehran University and his master's degree from Tehran's Modarres University. He is the founder of Gharjistan University in Kabul. He has also served as an adviser to the Minister of Labor and Social Affairs and to the Minister of Education and to collaborate with the political parties active at the time and elected as the Secretary of the National Consultative Peace Jirga. He is the author of "Taliban Political Sociology" and "An Analysis of the Democratization Process in Afghanistan." He was elected as Member of parliament in the ۲۰۱۰ Sixteenth Parliamentary Elections.

Shoaib Rahim



Shoaib Rahim is the Senior Adviser at the State Ministry for Peace. He has previously served as the Acting Mayor of Kabul as well as Senior Adviser to Minister of Defense. Shoaib is a Fulbright fellow, an Asia Society Fellow, a Rumsfeld Foundation Fellow and a Duke University Alumni.

Dr. Sardar Mohammad Rahimi



Dr. Sardar Mohammad Rahimi was born in 1976 in Uruzgan. He graduated from faculty of Political Science and Geopolitical Geography of Tehran University in 2008. Dr. Rahimi is a political science graduate of Tehran University in 2004 and has a bachelor degree in environmental health from Tehran University in 2002. He has been a member of the Afghanistan Policy Group since 2012.

Nazir Kabiri



Nazir Kabiri, Founder and Executive Director of the Al-Biruni Institute. Previously, he served as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Finance Minister of Afghanistan for over six years. He was also a key interlocutor in the Ministry of Finance for international institutions and bilateral donors. Nazir Kabiri holds a degree in Management from South Korea, a BA in Economics from Kabul University and a Master's Degree in Development Economics (Fulbright Scholar) from the United States. He is frequently contacted by the media on issues related to the Afghan economy and regional issues.

Dr. Vanda Felbab-Brown



Dr. Vanda Felbab-Brown is a senior fellow in the Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. She is also the director of the Brookings project, "Improving Global Drug Policy: Comparative Perspectives Beyond UNGASS 2016," and co-director of another Brookings project, "Reconstituting Local Orders." Felbab-Brown is an expert on international and internal conflicts and nontraditional security threats, including insurgency, organized crime, urban violence, and illicit economies. Her fieldwork and research have covered, among others, Afghanistan, South Asia, Burma, Indonesia, the Andean region, Mexico, Morocco, Somalia, and eastern Africa.

Sayed Abdul Wahid Qatali



Sayed Abdul Wahid Qatali is a graduate of arts from Herat University. He established the Harry Potter Film Institute in early 2008, producing documentaries, fiction and television dramas and national anthems within its framework. He was a member of the Herat Provincial Council in 2013 and 2013 and chaired the Herat Provincial Council. He was subsequently appointed mayor of Herat. He was appointed General Director of Administrative Office of the President in a 2018.

Jyoti Malhotra



Jyoti Malhotra is National & Strategic Affairs editor at The Print website in New Delhi, India. She has been a journalist for २६ years and writes on foreign policy and politics, especially as it intersects in India's neighbourhood, as well as how South Asia is impacted by great power politics. For power to be responsible, she believes, it must be imbued with both morality and the realisation that neighbours have no option but to live next to each other.

Prof. Carol Christine Fair



professor C. Christine Fair is a Provost's Distinguished Associate Professor in the Security Studies Program within Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. She has previously worked as a senior political science researcher with the RAND Corporation and also with the United Nations Office in Afghanistan (UNAMA). Ms. Fair's research is political and military in South Asia today, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, and has written books on this field. Among these books are "The Permanent Challenges of Pakistan", "Police and Insurgents" and "Political Islam and Governance". Ms. Fair received her Ph.D. in civilization and south Asian languages from the University of Chicago.

Amb. Rakesh sood



Ambassador Rakesh Sood He is a former Indian writer and foreign affairs expert. He was appointed in September 2013 as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister (Mr. Manmohan Singh) for disarmament and non-proliferation. He studied physics at St Stephen's College in Delhi and joined the Indian Foreign Service in July 1976. He served as Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan and Nepal, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Disarmament Conference in Geneva. He also served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Washington, DC. Ambassador Sood has also served as first secretary and advisor to the Indian High Commission in Islamabad and first secretary to the Permanent Mission of India to UN offices in Geneva, apart from serving in the Indian diplomatic missions in Brussels and Dakar.

Bushra guhar



Bushra Gohar is a Pakistani politician who is leader of Awami National Party and has served as Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan from 2008 to 2013. Gohar studied economics at the University of Peshawar and moved to the United States where she received master's degree in human resource management from the Wilmington University in 1991 followed by a postgraduate certificate in South Asian Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. On return to Pakistan, she

worked as a consultant with UNDP, USAID and UK-AID. In 2000, Gohar became the member of the National Commission on the status of women, a position she retained until 2003.

Tamim Asey



Tamim Asey is the Founder and Executive Chairman of The Institute of War and Peace Studies (IWPS). He is also a fellow at the Royal College of Defense Studies (RCDS) in London and the former Deputy Minister for Policy and Strategy at the Ministry of Defense of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. He previously served as the Director General of International Relations and Regional Security Cooperation at the Office of National Security Council (ONSC) of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. He also served as the Director General for Policy and Strategy at ONSC. He is a fellow at Asia Society and was a Fulbright scholar at Columbia University. Mr. Asey also taught at the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF). He is a prolific writer and regular contributor to Foreign Policy magazine, The Diplomat, Eurasia Review, The Diplomat, 8am Newspaper and appears regularly on national and international media to discuss political and economic developments in Afghanistan and South Asia.

Farahnaz forotan:



Farahnaz Frutan was born on August 1992. He immigrated to Iran following Dr. Najibullah's death. She dropped out of one year of education on discrimination against immigrants in Iran. And began another school in a newly established Afghan school. After completing the interim and election with her family, she returned Afghanistan. She began her career as a children's program at Nurin TV. Then she went to Ariana for two years as a cultural programmer and then entered the serious world of journalism in Aryana News and Tolo News. She spent eleven years working in the local free press. Dialogue between Afghan people launches views on peace called My Red Line Campaign. The campaign is now being interviewed in Helmand province

Prof. Sayed Hussain Eshraq Hussaini



Professor Sayed Hussain Eshraq Hussaini has completed his higher education in Afghanistan and Iran in the field of philosophy. Mr. Hossaini is the founder of the Nebraska Institute for Studies and Research, director of the Nebraskan Scientific Research Group and lecturer at Kabul University and Kabul Education University. He is the author of scholarly works on language, discourse and pluralism, and key concepts of intercultural philosophy.

Prof. Hans Joachim Giessmann



Professor Hans Joachim Giessmann is the Berghof Foundation's Executive Director. Before joining our organisation in 2008, he was Deputy Director of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH). As Adjunct Professor, he currently represents the University of Hamburg on the Board of Directors for the European Master Programme in Human Rights and Democratization (E.MA) From 2009 to 2014, Hans-Joachim was a Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Councils on "Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction" and on "Terrorism", serving as the Chair of the latter in 2011 and 2012. He is presently in his fourth consecutive term as Member of the Advisory Board for Civil Crisis Prevention at the German Federal Foreign Office. As author, editor or co-editor he has published more than 40 books and 350 research and media articles, numerous of which have been translated into more than ten languages.

Nazar Mohammad Mutmaeen



Nazar Mohammad Mutmaeen is a journalist & political analyst based in Kabul, Afghanistan. He has a bachelor degree in engineering faculty of Kabul University. Following the events of 9/11, Mutmaeen continued to work with a couple of NGOs operating in the fields of engineering & construction. In 2005, Motmaeen joint UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services) in Kandahar, but he was later shifted to continue working at UNOPS Kabul office until his resignation in back 2009. After completing his mission, he began his efforts to negotiate with armed opposition groups in the Afghan government. Mutmaeen attended the peace conferences of Islamabad, Istanbul & Warsaw, which were held to settle peace & reconciliation in Afghanistan.

Amb. Jawed ludin



Ambassador Jawed Ludin was born on March 16, 1973 in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was admitted to the Faculty of Medical Sciences of Kabul University. Jawed Ludin resumed his studies when he went to exile in London, United Kingdom, in 1998, studying politics and sociology. In 2002, he earned a Master of Science degree in Political Theory from the University of London. Jawed Ludin was the Deputy Foreign Minister on Political Affairs. He was appointed on 2011, by President Hamid Karzai. He was Ambassador of Afghanistan in Canada from 2009 to 2012, and had been Spokesperson and later Chief of Staff to President Karzai.

Amb. Sayed Rasoul Mousavi



Ambassador Sayed Rasoul Mousavi is born in 1958 and is a senior diplomat of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Ambassador Mousavi was the Director of Cultural Relations at the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance from 1986 to 1991. From 1991 to 1996 he was the head of the Central Asia and Caucasus Studies Center at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran. In 1996 he was appointed Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Tajikistan. After returning to Iran in 2001, he became Head of the Center for the Study of Central Asia and the Caucasus. He was appointed Iranian Ambassador to Finland from 2009 to 2014.

Dr. Bakhtiyor Mustafaev



Dr. Bakhtiyor Mostafayev is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the Uzbekistan Presidential Administration. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in international relations from the Uzbekistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy. He has served as a senior adviser to the Uzbek Presidential Administration. He also headed the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the Uzbek presidency.

Amb. Robin Raphel



Ambassador Robin Raphel is an expert on political, security and economic development in South Asia and the Middle East. She has served as a professional Foreign Service expert for nearly 40 years in US foreign agencies, including the State Department, the US Agency for International Development, and the US Department of Defense. He was the first assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs, ambassador to Tunisia, deputy director of the National Defense University and deputy inspector general for Iraqi reconstruction. He also served early in his career in Pakistan, India, South Africa and the United Kingdom. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Senior Advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Ambassador Raphel holds a bachelor's degree in history and economics from the University of Washington and a master's degree in economics from the University of Maryland and a degree in modern history from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.

Samiullah Mahdi



Mr. Sami Mahdi is the Bureau Chief of Radio Azadi (Radio Free Europe) in Afghanistan. He was Director of PAYK Investigative Journalism Center and former Strategic advisor to Tolonews. He previously worked as C.E.O. of Khurshid TV from 2013 to 2014 and as Director of News and Current Affairs at 1TV from 2009 to 2013. He has been also an op-ed contributor to major Afghan and international newspapers and magazines. In 2012, Mr. Mahdi was awarded the prestigious Knight International Journalism Award from the International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) for his excellent and courageous reporting. Prior to joining 1TV, Mr. Mahdi began his career as a journalist in 2007 with Tolo TV. Mr. Mahdi holds a BA from the School of Law and Political Science of Kabul University (2009) and a MA in International Relations from the University of Massachusetts Boston as a Fulbright Scholar (2016). He currently teaches at Public Administration and Policy School of Kabul University.

Dr. Hamdullah Moheb



Dr. Hamdullah Moheb was born in 1983 in Nangarhar, Afghanistan. Moheb holds doctorate and bachelor's degree from Brunell University in the UK. The university has also awarded him a prize for social and cultural assistance and research fellowships in pursuit of a doctorate in philosophy. He taught at the Information Technology Department of the American University of Afghanistan and also headed the Information Technology Department at the American University of Afghanistan. After 2014, he served as Afghan Ambassador to the United States 2015-2018. He has also served as Afghanistan's non-resident ambassador to Mexico, Dominican Republic, Argentina and Colombia. Dr. Moheb was appointed as President's National Security Adviser on August 20, 2018 by the order of President Ghani.

Freshta karim



Freshta Karim began her career at the age of 12 and worked as a journalist on various radio and television networks in Afghanistan. In these programs, she produced research reports on the situation and challenges of Afghan children. Freshta is currently the director of the charmaqz Organization, an NGO in Kabul dedicated to promoting critical thinking among children by providing resources and places on buses that have become mobile libraries. He has previously worked with UN agencies, international organizations and the Afghan government and most recently worked as a political analyst at the Office of the President of Afghanistan.

Amb. Hussain avni botsali



Ambassador Hossein Ovni Botsali is the Permanent Representative and Ambassador of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. In 1983, he served as the Head of the Turkish Foreign Ministry's Board on International Security and NATO Affairs. From 1985 to 1988 he also served as second and third secretary at the Turkish Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. He also served in Afghanistan as the first secretary at the Turkish Embassy in Kabul from 1988 to 1991. He has also carried out diplomatic activities in countries such as the United States, Greece, Iraq, Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina and organizations such as UNESCO. In 2018, Botsali was appointed Permanent Representative of Afghanistan by the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. He holds a degree in political science from the University of Ankara.