



## 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Monday, February 24, 2025

08:30-09:00 Participants Registration

### Opening Session

09:00 - 09:45 **Sama Dance performance by Ms. Fahima Mirzaie.**  
**Singing the patriotic song "Vatan Eishgh To Iftakharam" by Ms. Shuhra Wakili.**  
**Introductory Remarks: Dr. Rangin Dadfar Spanta**, Chairman of the Afghan Institute of Strategic Studies (AISS), Advisory Board.  
**Special Guest:**  
**Mr. Michel Gasco**, Ethnomusicologist Producer, Documentary Filmmaker & musician.

### Panel I: Terrorism: Past is Present

09:45 - 11:15 **Moderator: Ms. Lynne O'Donnell**, Journalist, the Foreign Policy, UK.  
**Eng. Rahmatullah Nabil**, Leader of Afghanistan's Liberation Party.  
**Dr. Nilofar Sakhi**, Professor, Policy Analyst, Author, George Washington University; Andiana Foundation, Atlantic Council, Afghanistan/US.  
**Gen. Asad Durrani**, Former Head of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Pakistan.  
**Ms. Olivia Pirie-Griffiths**, Director, Impact & Engagement, Afghan Witness, UK.  
**Mr. Armands Pupols**, Human Rights and Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA).  
Open Discussion

11:15 - 11:30 **Tea Break**

### Special Conversation with United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan

11:30 - 12:00 **Moderator: Ms. Tanya Goudsouzian**, Senior Journalist, Scholar, Author, and Editor specializing in Afghanistan and Iraq affairs.  
**Mr. Richard Bennett**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan.

### Panel II: Political Space & Accountability for Afghan Women

12:00 - 13:30 **Moderator: Dr. Sahraa Karimi**, Film Director & Yale University Lecturer, Afghanistan.  
**Ms. Marzia Hamidi**, Taekwondo Champion, Women's Rights Advocate, Champion for Peace; Peace & Sport Athlete, French National Team & ORF.  
**Dr. Orzala Nemat**, Research Associate, SOAS University of London, UK/Afghanistan.  
**Dr. Dorothy Estrada-Tanck**, Member, UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women & Girls.  
**Ms. Sajia Behgam**, Gender & Policy Advisor; Doctoral Candidate, Goethe University, Frankfurt.  
**Mr. Qais Alamdar**, Open-source Intelligence Investigator & Founder of Intel Focus.  
Open Discussion



13:30 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Panel III: Post-Islamism: Negotiating Religion, Identity &amp; Political Settlement</b>	
	<b>Moderator: Professor Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh</b> , Associate Professor, Sciences Po Paris (Institute of Political Studies), France & Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland.
14:30 - 16:00	<b>Professor William Maley</b> , Emeritus Professor of Diplomacy, Australian National University. <b>Professor Mojtaba Mahdavi</b> , Professor of Political Science & the ECMC Chair in Islamic Studies, University of Alberta, Iran/Canada. <b>Mr. Mohsin Dawar</b> , Former Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan. <b>Professor Sayed Hussain Eshraq</b> , President of Nebras Institute, Writer & Researcher. Open Discussion
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>Panel IV: Taming Great Game: Sanctions, International Cooperation &amp; Diplomacy</b>	
	<b>Moderator: Ms. Kate Clark</b> , Co-Director & Senior Analyst, Afghanistan Analysts Networks, UK.
16:30: - 18:00	<b>Dr. Wolfgang Petritsch</b> , President, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIA) & Former United Nations High Representative for Bosnia & Herzegovina, Austria. <b>Amb. Ryan Clark Crocker</b> , Commissioner, Afghanistan War Commission & Former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan & Pakistan. <b>Amb. Mahmoud Saikal</b> , Adjunct Professor at the University of Canberra, Former Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the UN. <b>Dr. Alireza Khoda Gholipour</b> , Deputy Director-General, Institute for Political & International Studies, Iran. <b>Amb. Asif Durrani</b> , Pakistan's Former Special Representative for Afghanistan. Open Discussion
<b>Official Dinner &amp; Cultural Evening</b>	
	<b>Moderator: Amb. Tahir Qadiry</b> , Journalist, Afghanistan International & Former Ambassador of Afghanistan to Poland & India.
19:00 - 21:00	<b>Book Launch:</b> <b>Ms. Fawzia Koofi</b> , Afghan Politician & Former Member of the Afghan Parliament. <b>Mr. Ataullah Arghandaiwal</b> , Author. <b>Special Lecture:</b> <b>Professor Michael Barry</b> , University Lecturer, Princeton University, US. <b>Music Performance</b> by the Spanish/Afghan Artists: <b>Jaihoon Band</b> . Dinner
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Tuesday, February 25, 2025</b>	
<b>Special Session with Former United States Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR).</b>	
09:00 - 09:30	<b>Moderator: Mr. Sami Mahdi</b> , Co-Founder & Editor-in-Chief, Amu Television. <b>Mr. John F. Sopko</b> , Former United States Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR).



### Panel V: Nowruzistan: Multifaceted Identity & Civilizational Unity

09:30 - 11:00	<p><b>Moderator: Amb. Manizha Bakhatari</b>, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Austria.</p> <p><b>Dr. Yahia Baiza</b>, Senior Research Associate, Aga Khan Centre, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, Department of Academic Research &amp; Publications, Afghanistan/UK.</p> <p><b>Ms. Suhasini Haidar</b>, Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu, India.</p> <p><b>Ms. Sharmila Hashimi</b>, Journalist, Civil Rights &amp; Refugee Activist, Afghanistan.</p> <p><b>Amb. Wahidullah Waissi</b>, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the Commonwealth of Australia.</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>Panel VI: Constitutional Process: Rule of Law &amp; Inclusive Government</b>	
11:30 - 13:00	<p><b>Moderator: Ms. Annie Pforzheimer</b>, non-resident associate with the Center for Strategic &amp; International Studies (CSIS), US.</p> <p><b>Dr. Patoni Teichmann</b>, Executive Director, European Organization for Integration; Founder, Afghan Women Activist Coordinating Body.</p> <p><b>Mr. David Loyn</b>, Journalist, Analyst; Visiting Senior Fellow King's College War Studies.</p> <p><b>Mr. Mohammad Karim Amin</b>, Senior Political Board Member of Afghanistan's Hezb-e Islami Party.</p> <p><b>Mr. Sanjar Sohail</b>, Founder at Hasht e Subh Daily Newspaper (8am Media).</p>
13:00 - 13:05	<b>Note of Thanks by Director General Of AISS, Dr. Davood Moradian.</b>
13:05 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>



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