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Panelists/Moderators



Fahima Mirzaie

Sama Dance Performance.



Shuhra Wakili

Singing the patriotic song "Vatan
Eishgh To Iftakharam"



Dr. Rangin Dadfar Spanta

Chairman of the Afghan Institute of
Strategic Studies (AISS), Advisory
Board.



Michel Gasco

Ethnomusicologist Producer,
Documentary Filmmaker & musician.



Lynne O'Donnell

Journalist, the Foreign Policy, UK.



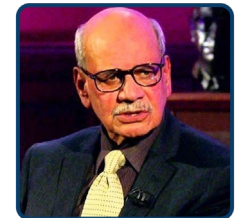
Eng. Rahmatullah Nabil

Leader of Afghanistan's Liberation
Party.



Dr. Nilofar Sakhi

Professor, Policy Analyst, Author,
George Washington University;
Andiana Foundation, Atlantic Council,



Gen. Asad Durrani

Former Head of the Inter-Services
Intelligence (ISI).



Olivia Pirie-Griffiths

Director, Impact & Engagement,
Afghan Witness.



Armands Pupols

Human Rights & Political Affairs Officer,
UN Regional Centre for Preventive
Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA).



Tanya Goudsouzian

Senior Journalist, Scholar, Author, and
Editor specializing in Afghanistan and
Iraq affairs.



Richard Bennett

United Nations Special Rapporteur on
the situation of human rights in
Afghanistan.

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Dr. Sahraa Karimi

Film Director & Yale University Lecturer,
Afghanistan.



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.



Dr. Dorothy Estrada-Tanck

Member, UN Working Group on
Discrimination against Women & Girls.



Sajia Behgam

Gender & Policy Advisor; Doctoral
Candidate, Goethe University,
Frankfurt.



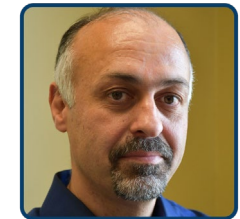
Professor Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh

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Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland.



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Emeritus Professor of Diplomacy,
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Professor Mojtaba Mahdavi

Professor of Political Science & the ECMC
Chair in Islamic Studies, University of
Alberta.



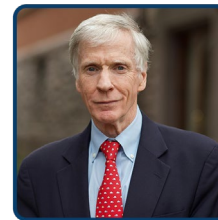
Abdullah Khenjani

Head of Political Office, National
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Kate Clark

Co-Director & Senior Analyst,
Afghanistan Analysts Networks, UK.



Amb. Ryan Clark Crocker

Commissioner, Afghanistan War
Commission & Former U.S. Ambassador
to Afghanistan & Pakistan.



Amb. Mahmoud Saikal

Adjunct Professor at the University of
Canberra, Former Ambassador, Permanent
Representative of Afghanistan to the UN.

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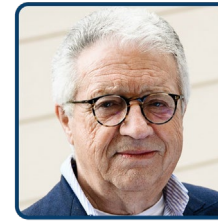
Dr. Alireza Khoda Gholipour

Deputy Director-General, Institute for Political & International Studies, Iran.



Amb. Asif Durrani

Pakistan's Former Special Representative for Afghanistan.



Dr. Wolfgang Petritsch

President, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP) & Former United Nations High Representative for Bosnia & Herzegovina.



Amb. Tahir Qadiry

Journalist, Afghanistan International & Former Ambassador of Afghanistan to Poland & India.



Fawzia Koofi

Afghan Politician & Former Member of the Afghan Parliament.



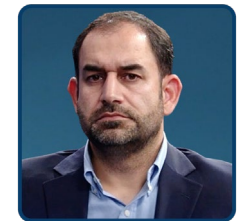
Mr. Ataullah Arghandaiwal

Author



Professor Michael Barry

University Lecturer, Princeton University, US.



Sami Mahdi

Co-Founder & Editor-in-Chief, Amu Television.



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Former United States Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR).



Amb. Manizha Bakhadari

Ambassador of Afghanistan to Austria.



Dr. Yahia Baiza

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Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu, India.

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