



International Conference

Reimagining Afghanistan: Ways Forward

Venue: King's College London, Department of War Studies, Strand, London, [WC2R 1HH](#)

Agenda

Thursday, July 20, 2023

08:30-09:00 | Participants Registration

Opening Session

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| 09:00-09:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcoming Remarks by Dr Davood Moradian, Director General, AISS ➤ Introductory Remarks by David Loyn, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, King's College London. ➤ Keynote Speaker: Honourable John Sopko, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan, the USA |
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Panel I: Emerging Black Hole: Convergence of "Acute" & "Chronic" Ills

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| 09:30-11:00 | Moderator | Dr Arian Sharifi, Lecturer, Princeton School of Public & International Affairs |
| | Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Carlos Igualada, Director, International Observatory on Terrorism (OIET) ➤ Dr Esther Zubiri, UN Security Council Expert, ISIL/ Al-Qaeda / Taliban Sanctions Monitoring Team ➤ Ambassador Sir Nichols Kay, former UK Ambassador to Afghanistan |

Panel II: Unlocking Taliban Conundrum: Engagement, Accountability, Resistance

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| 11:00-12:30 | Moderator | Munazza Ebtikar, PhD Candidate at Oxford University |
| | Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr Hans-Jacob Schindler, Senior Director, Counter Extremism Project (CEP) ➤ Dr Mujib Rahimi, Author/ University Lecturer ➤ Cllr Peymana Assad, Founder & Co-Chair of the Labour Foreign Policy Group and Councillor in the London Borough of Harrow |

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| 12:30-13:00 | Lunch | |
| Book launch | | |
| 13:00-13:30 | Book Launch & Signing by Author: The Pashtun Tribes in Afghanistan by Ben Acheson | |
| | Moderator | Ms Fahima Zaheen, Chief Executive Officer, Afghan Association Paiwand |
| Panel III: External Orchestra: Tuning the Choir | | |
| | Moderator | Lynne O'Donnell, Author/Journalist |
| 13:30-15:00 | Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr Ayesha Siddiqa, Fellow King's College London ➤ COL (Ret) John F. Agoglia, Deputy Director of Global Friends of Afghanistan ➤ Mr Akram Umarov, Deputy Director, Institute for Advanced International Studies, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent |
| 15:00-15:30 | Tea Break | |
| Panel IV: Summing the parts: Transitioning to Afghanistan-Centric Format | | |
| | Moderator | Maryam Safi, Executive Director, Organization for Policy Research & Development Studies |
| 15:30-17:00 | Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr Nasir Ahmad Andisha, Ambassador and PR of Afghanistan, UN Geneva ➤ Dr Homaira Rezai, Chair of Hazara Committee, UK ➤ Ms. Fawzia Koofi, Former Member of Afghan Parliament |