



## First British Afghan Academics' and Professionals' Forum

Venue: Gallery One, Level 3, Bramber House

University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton

### Programme

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

09:30-10:00	Registration & Coffee	
<b>Opening Session</b>		
10:00-10.30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Welcome speech from the Sussex Centre for Migration Research - Dr Ceri Oeppen.</li> <li>➤ Introductory remarks by Conference Coordinator, Rabia Khan.</li> <li>➤ Keynote speech by Dr. Liza Schuster, City, University of London</li> </ul>
<b>Panel I: Contemporary research by Afghan scholars</b>		
10:30-11:45	<b>Moderator</b>	Professor Magnus Marsden, Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Sussex
	<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Naimat Zafary, University of Sussex</li> <li>➤ Atefa Tayeb, Imperial College London</li> <li>➤ Dr. Sarajuddin Isar, Radboud University</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>Panel II: Insights into the professional careers of UK-based Afghans</b>		
11:45-13.00	<b>Moderator</b>	Nazifa Haqpal, SOAS University of London
	<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Shamim Sarabi, Refugee Legal</li> <li>➤ Hamid Haidari, Afghanistan International</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
13:00-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	

<b>Book session</b>		
13:30-14.30	<b>Moderator</b>	Fahima Zaheen, CEO of Afghan Association Paiwand
	<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr Shakardokht Jafari, Author of <i>Shakar: An Afghanistani Woman's Journey from Refugee to Cancer Pioneer.</i></li> <li>➤ Gulwali Passarlay, Author of <i>The Lightless Sky: My Journey to Safety as a Child Refugee</i></li> </ul>
<b>Panel III: British Policy Initiatives</b>		
14.30-15.30	<b>Moderator</b>	Mitra Qutb, Human Rights Activist
	<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mais Montazar, British Council</li> <li>➤ Chris Blackburn, B Strategic Partners</li> </ul> <p>TBC</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
15.30-15.45	<b>Tea Break</b>	
<b>Panel IV: Research on Afghans in the UK</b>		
13:45-17.00	<b>Moderator</b>	Dr. Ceri Oeppen, University of Sussex
	<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr. Avesta Panahi, National Health Service</li> <li>➤ Assiya Amini, Goldsmiths, University of London</li> <li>➤ Anis Rezaei, University of Oxford</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>Ways Forward</b>		
17:00-17:30	<b>Moderator</b>	Benafsha Yacoobi, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
	<b>Speaker</b>	Khandan Danish, Program Coordinator & Public Relation, AISS
17:30 onwards	<b>Talk &amp; Music Performance (by John Baily &amp; Veronica Doubleday) followed by a Reception</b>	