

AFGHANISTAN UNDER THE TALIBAN: THE NEW GEOGRAPHY AND GEOPOLITICS OF THE REGION AND BEYOND

Third
"International and Diplomatic Studies
Conference on Afghanistan"

Hybrid Conference in Italian and English

Friday, 29th of November 2024

Alma Mater Studiorum
University of Bologna
Forlì Campus
Aula 12, Teaching Hub,
viale Filippo Corridoni

Saturday, 30th of November 2024

Embassy and Mission of the Islamic Republic
of Afghanistan in Rome

NOVEMBER 29-30, 2024

ONLINE ON TEAMS



FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2024

UNIBO, Forlì Campus

h. 10:30

Institutional Opening

Francesco Niccolò Moro, Director of the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

Arrigo Pallotti, UOS delegate, Forlì Campus

h. 11:00-13:30

Session I – The new Geography and Geopolitics of the Region and Beyond

Chair: **Michela Ceccorulli, University of Bologna**

Tomas Niklasson,

EU Special Envoy for Afghanistan

The European External Action Service (EEAS)

EU's Role in, and Relations with, Afghanistan

Lorenzo Zambenardi, University of Bologna

The International Community and the Future

of Afghanistan: Power as 'the ability to afford not to learn'

Michele Brunelli, University of Bergamo

The Taliban's Foreign Policy

H.E. Ambassador Khaled A. Zekriya

The Geography of Talibanization

Lunch break

h. 14:30-16:00

Session I – (Continuation)

Session II – The legal approach:

What is left of the 2004 Afghan Constitution?

Chair: **Silvia Bagni, University of Bologna**

Bashir Mobasher, American University of Afghanistan, American University (DC), and New York University (online)

Constitutional Law and the Politics of Ethnic Accommodation

Ghizal Haress, Visiting Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada (online),

From Past to the Future: Lessons from the 2004

Afghan Constitution for Shaping Future Constitutional Frameworks

Lutfurahman Saeed, former Vice President of the Independent Commission for

Overseeing the Implementation of 2004

Afghan Constitution, Visiting Scholar and Assistant Professor of Islamic Law at BYU Law School in Provo, Utah (online)

Gender Justice in Islamic Sharia and in the 2004 Afghan Constitution

Coffee break

h. 16:30-18:30

Session II - International Cooperation and Human Rights

Chair: **Michela Ceccorulli, University of Bologna**

Huma Saeed, Senior Researcher, KU Leuven

Gender Justice and the Struggle of Afghan Women and

Alice Tusarelli, IOM

The Role of the IOM to Support Afghans in Afghanistan and in Neighboring Countries

Fatima Alrachid, refugee from Syria

Humanitarian Corridors: a testimony

SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Embassy and Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Rome, Italy

h. 10:30-13:00

Session IV – Women Rights: how to combat gender apartheid at international level?

Chair: **Massimo Papa**

University of Roma Tor Vergata

Paolo Bargiacchi, University Enna Kore

Bringing Gender Persecution to the ICJ under the CEDAW: Australia et al. vs Afghanistan

Deborah Scolart, University Orientale di Napoli

Vice and virtue as paradigms for limiting individual rights in Afghanistan

Senator Cinzia Pellegrino,

Senator of the Italian Republic

Gender Apartheid under the Taliban in Afghanistan

Mathew Robinson, Director of Euro-Gulf

Information Centre (EGIC) in Rome

How to Assist Afghan Women under the Taliban Regime in Afghanistan

Coffee break

h. 13.30-14.00 Conclusion

Conclusion for the first day of the conference presented by **Silvia Bagni** and for the second day by **Ambassador Khaled A. Zekriya**

h. 14.00-15.30

Afghan Lunch Buffet served at the Embassy and Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan