THE FUTURE OF AFGHANISTAN: EDUCATION, GOVERNANCE, AND DEVELOPMENT

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Program
Welcome: Tauhidur Rahman
Opening Remarks and Introduction of the speaker: Liesl Folks
The Future of Afghanistan: Orzala Nemat
Q&A

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Dr. Orzala Nemat, an internationally known Afghan activist and scholar, an expert in political ethnography, is Director of Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU). Prior to this, she served briefly as Afghanistan’s president Ashraf Ghani’s Advisor on Sub-national Governance. Dr Nemat has an extensive research, practitioner and activist first-hand experience which shapes and influences her perspective and approach to policy and research today.

Dr Nemat holds a PhD in Development Studies from SOAS University of London, a MSc from University College London (UCL) and has been a Yale World Fellow class of 2008. As an expert in political ethnography her research interest includes development and conflict, gender, governance and borderlands studies. Her PhD thesis in Development Studies focused on local governance relations that results from external interventions. Dr Nemat was born in 1977 in Afghanistan and lived as a refugee in Pakistan for 14 years. Following completion of her Doctorate Studies and two years of teaching at SOAS, Dr Nemat moved back to her home country, serving briefly as the Afghan president’s advisor on local governance. As an Afghan scholar with over 16 years of experience in development practice, activism and women’s rights, Dr Nemat brings an enriching experience into her new career path, leading the Afghanistan Research & Evaluation Unit (AREU), one of the top research think-tanks in Central Asia region & Afghanistan. Dr Nemat provides regular analysis through her writings, talks, media appearance and scholarly work on conflict, development, gender and the way local power relations affected by global interventions.