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Teaching Fellow in Comparative Politics of Development

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Research Interest

Development studies, institutionalist political economy, economic resource allocation, statebuilding

Professional Experience

- 1 **Teaching Fellow in Comparative Politics of Development**, Durham University (UK) 2023 - Present
School of Government and International Affairs
- 2 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, UK Economic and Research Council, SOAS University of London (UK) 2022 - 2023
Department of Development Studies
Research project: examining international organization policy responsiveness; IMF policy reforms amid conflict
- 3 **Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant**, University College London (UK) 2020 - 2021
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit
Masters in development administration and planning
- 4 **Policy Consultant for UN Sustainable Development Goals**, Ministry of Economy of Afghanistan (AFGH) 2018 - 2019
Directorate of Sustainable Development Goals
Devised a policy blueprint for Afghanistan SDGs implementation for 2021-2030
- 6 **Postgraduate Teaching Assistant**, University College London (UK) 2017 - 2018
Bartlett Development Planning Unit
Masters in urban economic development
- 7 **Junior Coordinator**, University College London (UK) 2017
Global Change Initiative, The Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction
- 8 **Research Assistant**, EastWest Institute (USA) 2014
Project: Economic Security Initiative
- 9 **Assistant**, The United Nations Headquarters (USA) 2014
Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations
Attended UN deliberations and reported on security council and ECOSOC meetings
- 10 **Linguist, The United States Government Contractor**, Mission Essential Personnel (USA) 2011 - 2012
Linguist (Persian to English and vice versa) and advise on rural post-conflict rehabilitation projects

Academic Qualifications

- 1 **PhD, Economic Development Policy**, University College London (UK) 2016 - 2021
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit
Viva voce: 28/04/2021 (pass with minor corrections)
Dissertation Title: Habitus and Embodied Institutions; A Study of Manufacturing Activities in the Conflict Market Economy of Afghanistan (2001-2018)
- 2 **Master of International Political Economy**, King's College London (UK) 2012 - 2013
School of Politics and Economics (pass with merit)
- 3 **Bachelor of Economics (Special), Politics & Psychology (General)**, Savitribai Phule Pune University (IND) 2007 - 2010
Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce (first class with distinction)
- 4 **Higher Education Diploma, National Security & International Relations**, Deccan Education Society (IND) 2009 - 2010
Jagannath Rathi Vocational Guidance and Training Institute (distinction)

Funding and Awards

1	Research Grant, Afghanistan Research Initiative (amount: 8,000.00 USD) Canadian International Development Centre and the Aga Khan Foundation – Canada, Central Asian University	2023 - 2024
2	Economic and Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship (amount: 110,000.00 GBP) UK Research and Innovation, The Government of the United Kingdom	2022 - 2023
3	PhD Bursary Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London	2019
4	Development Planning Unit Conference Fund Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London	2019
5	Visiting Doctoral Fellow , Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AFGH)	2018
5	John F Richards Travel Fellowship American Institute of Afghanistan Studies	2017 - 2018
6	Development Planning Unit Conference Fund Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London	2017
7	Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of The Republic of India	2007 - 2010

Teaching

1	Course Convenor – Democratic Political Systems, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (<i>student number: 83</i>)	2023-2024
2	Lecturer – British Political System, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (<i>student number: 83</i>)	2024
3	Seminar Lead – Political Economy of Development, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (<i>student number: 54</i>)	2023 – 2024
4	Lecturer – Research Project on Democracy, Good Governance and Development (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (<i>student number: 25</i>)	2023 – 2024
5	Lecturer – Quantitative Methods (no of workshops: 4), Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (<i>student number: 76</i>)	2023-2024
6	Assistant Lab Leader – Quantitative Methods and Analysis and RStudio, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Postgraduate) (<i>student number: 44</i>)	2023
7	Lab Leader – Researching Politics and International Relations and RStudio, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (<i>student number: 138</i>)	2024
8	Dissertation Supervisor – number of dissertations: 8 (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate)	2023-2024
9	Marking duties – 495 marking and second marking duties for six different modules, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)	
10	Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant , Development Administration and Planning, UCL (UK) The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (Postgraduate) (<i>student number: 86</i>) (<i>no. of hours per annum: 400</i>)	2020-2021
11	Postgraduate Teaching Assistant , Urban Economic Development, UCL (UK) The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (Postgraduate) (<i>student number: 46</i>) (<i>no. of hours per annum: 75</i>)	2017-2018

Teaching Certificate(s)

Associate Fellow of the United Kingdom Higher Education Academy
Durham Excellence in Learning and Teaching Awards (DELTA)

Publications

Book(s)

- (2022) Patriarchal Hierarchy; Market Capitalism and Production in Afghanistan. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan

Peer Reviewed Papers

- (2018) Information and Communication Technology in development; a contextual approach, Indian Journal of Human Development, 12(3): 453-461
- (2015) The Afghan insurgency and the uncertainty of peace negotiations, Journal of Perspectives on Terrorism, Centre for Security Studies, University of Massachusetts (Lowell) and ETH Zürich, 9(5): 69-72

Submitted Papers

- Minimalist Economic Management and Maximalist Administration: Explaining Contradictory Post-Conflict Statebuilding Aims (**Journal: New Political Economy**)

Drafted Papers

- IMF Policy Template Amid Ongoing Conflict; Explaining Extreme Disjuncture Between Approaches to Economy and Security (**Target Journal: World Development**)

Research in Progress

- Labour recruitment in a nascent manufacturing sector; evidence from Kabul (**Target Journal: Labor Economics**)
- Use of ICT amid low economies of scale; evidence from Kabul (**Target Journal: Information Economics and Policy**)
- Enabling environment; a new economic policy paradigm? (**Target Journal: Institutional Economics**)

Policy Paper(s)

- (2018) Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals Vision 2021-2030, Ministry of Economy of Afghanistan, Government of Afghanistan

Computer Skills

RStudio, SPSS, NVivo, MS Office, Virtual Learning Technologies

Selected Conference Presentations

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| 1 | International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) - Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (ESP) | 2023 |
| | The Chronicles of Multiple Crises Foretold | |
| | US Institute of Peace, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Centre for Governance and Markets at the | 2023 |
| 2 | University of Pittsburgh & Hollings Centre for International Dialogue (USA) | |
| | Negotiating Differences and Pluralism in the Way Ahead in Afghanistan | |
| | UNU-WIDER and EU Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (CHE) | 2022 |
| 3 | International Research Conference on the Effectiveness of Development Aid | |
| | National Center for Dialogue & Progress (TR) | 2022 |
| 4 | Conference on National Dialogue, Role of Civil Society and the Future of Democratic Forces in Afghanistan | |
| | Center for Global Affairs at New York University | 2022 |
| 5 | Alternative Scenarios for Afghanistan's Future | |
| | Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University (AFGH) | 2019 |
| 6 | Second Afghanistan Studies Conference | |
| | Sussex University Conference (UK) | 2019 |
| 7 | Sussex Afghanistan Forum | |
| | Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University (AFGH) | 2018 |
| 8 | Afghanistan Inside Out: History, Culture and Politics in Afghanistan Studies | |
| | International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) at Berlin School of Economics and Law (GER) | 2017 |
| 9 | The Political Economy of Inequalities and Instabilities in the 21st Century | |

Languages

Persian (proficient - native), **English** (proficient – 115 TOEFL iBT), **French** (B2 – C1), **Pashtu** (advanced), **Urdu** (intermediate), **Hindi** (oral comprehension), **Arabic** (beginner)

Think Tank and Selected Media Articles

- (2023) World Bank reports on Afghanistan, BBC Persian, June
 - (2023) The Taliban is not playing straight with the west over easing of sanctions, The Conversation, April
 - (2023) Politicization of Women's Rights in Afghanistan, BBC Persian, April
 - (2022) A Domestic Alternative to the Taliban, The Conversation, Oct
 - (2021) What's next for Afghanistan? Two experts make predictions, The Conversation, Nov
 - (2021) Will China replace the US in Afghanistan? Royal United Services Institute, London, UK, October
 - (2021) Afghanistan: Taliban face many obstacles to governing, The Conversation, Sept
 - (2020) Afghanistan in need of systemic reforms to avoid election stand-offs, Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University, Kabul, Afghanistan, March
 - (2019) Production during times of instability, Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Kabul, Afghanistan, June
 - (2019) Trust, naivety, and negotiating with the Afghan Taliban, The Diplomat Magazine, May
 - (2018) Why a strategic port in Iran was exempted from sanctions? Asia Times, Nov
 - (2015) The Taliban's enemies, foreign and domestic, Foreign Policy, Jul
- (All publications available on kambaizrafi.net)

Interviews

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| 1 | Afghanistan International TV Special Guest | 2023 |
| 2 | BBC Women's Day Debate on Women's Rights in Afghanistan | 2023 |
| 3 | Danish Ræson Newspaper Women's Rights, anti-Taliban insurgency and Afghanistan's economy | 2022 |
| 4 | UK Royal Geographic Society Girl's education under the Taliban-run Afghanistan | 2022 |
| 5 | BBC Radio Economic consequences of state collapse in Afghanistan | 2021 |
| 6 | BBC Radio Banking system in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime | 2021 |

Technical Trainings

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| 1 | ESRC Postdoctoral Fellows Professional Development Programme, UK Research and Innovation | 2022 - 2023 |
| 2 | Rethinking Liberal Peace Through Southern Eyes, British Academy Writing Workshop | 2021 |
| 3 | The Writing Series, Effective Academic Writing & Editing for Publication, University College London | 2021 |
| | Doctoral Methods Trainings, University College London | 2016 - 2018 |
| 4 | Modules: 1) Statistical Concepts in Research, 2) Research Methods for Quantitative Data, 3) SPSS, 4) Responsible Research & Innovation, 5) Introduction to Qualitative Thematic Analysis, 6) Working with Archives, 7) Nvivo | |

Professional Membership

- UNESCO Public Policy Lab
- Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics

Volunteer and Academic Events Management

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| 1 | Facilitator, Windsor Workshop for Policy Simulation, University College London
Bartlett Development Planning Unit | 2017 |
| 2 | Facilitator, UCL Global Citizenship Programme, University College London
Bartlett Development Planning Unit | 2017 |
| 3 | Non-stipendiary Teacher
London Ferdowsi Supplementary School | 2012 - 2013 |
| 4 | Public Relations Coordinator, Symbiosis International University (IND)
Symbiosis International Students Council | 2009 - 2010 |

Fieldwork

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| | Afghanistan – Kabul and the northern region | 2018 – 2019 |
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