

# Kambaiz Rafi, PhD

## Teaching Fellow in Comparative Politics of Development

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## Research Interest

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

## Teaching

1	<b>Course Convenor</b> – Democratic Political Systems, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) ( <i>student number: 83</i> )	2023-2024
2	<b>Lecturer</b> – British Political System, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) ( <i>student number: 83</i> )	2024
3	<b>Seminar Lead</b> – Political Economy of Development, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) ( <i>student number: 54</i> )	2023 – 2024
4	<b>Lecturer</b> – Research Project on Democracy, Good Governance and Development (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) ( <i>student number: 25</i> )	2023 – 2024
5	<b>Lecturer</b> – Quantitative Methods (no of workshops: 4), Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) ( <i>student number: 76</i> )	2023-2024
6	<b>Assistant Lab Leader</b> – Quantitative Methods and Analysis and RStudio, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Postgraduate) ( <i>student number: 44</i> )	2023
7	<b>Lab Leader</b> – Researching Politics and International Relations and RStudio, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) ( <i>student number: 138</i> )	2024
8	<b>Dissertation Supervisor</b> – number of dissertations: 8 (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate)	2023-2024
9	<b>Marking duties</b> – 495 marking and second marking duties for six different modules, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)	
10	<b>Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant</b> , 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
10	<b>Postgraduate Teaching Assistant</b> , 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 English articles at: <https://kambaiz-rafi.medium.com/> FOR Persian: <https://wordpress.com/view/kambaizrafi.wordpress.com>)

## 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<br>Bartlett Development Planning Unit | 2017        |
| 2 | Facilitator, UCL Global Citizenship Programme, University College London<br>Bartlett Development Planning Unit       | 2017        |
| 3 | Non-stipendiary Teacher<br>London Ferdowsi Supplementary School  | 2012 - 2013 |
| 4 | Public Relations Coordinator, Symbiosis International University (IND)<br>Symbiosis International Students Council   | 2009 - 2010 |

## Fieldwork

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