

ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Durham University, Honorary Visiting Fellow School of Government and International Affairs	09/24 – 12/24
	Durham University, Teaching Fellow in Comparative Politics of Development School of Government and International Affairs	09/23 – 08/24
	SOAS University of London, Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Development Studies	09/22 – 09/23
	University College London, Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant Bartlett Development Planning Unit	10/20 – 06/21
	University College London, Postgraduate Teaching Assistant Bartlett Development Planning Unit	10/17 – 05/18
EDUCATION	University College London, Ph.D. Development Policy Dissertation: A Study of Manufacturing Enterprises in Kabul’s Conflict-Affected Market Economy and Adaptive Strategies for Enterprise Continuation Examiners: Magnus Marsden and Alexandra Panman	09/16 – 07/21
	King’s College London, MA International Political Economy With Merit	09/12 – 09/13
	University of Pune, BA Economics, Politics & Psychology With Distinction	05/07 – 05/10
FIELDS	Development Policy, International Development, Institutions, Digital Development, Postwar Governance	
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	1. Rafi, K. (2024). Minimalist economic management, deferred revenue regime and aid dependency: explaining contradictory post-war statebuilding aims, <i>Global Policy Journal</i> , 15(5): 869-885	
	2. Rafi, K. (2022). <i>Patriarchal Hierarchy; Market Capitalism and Production in Afghanistan</i> . Cham: Palgrave Macmillan	
	3. Rafi, K. (2018). Information and communication technology in development; a contextual approach, <i>Indian Journal of Human Development</i> , 12(3): 453-461	
	4. Rafi, K. (2015). The Afghan insurgency and the uncertainty of peace negotiations, <i>Journal of Perspectives on Terrorism</i> , Centre for Security Studies, University of Massachusetts (Lowell) and ETH Zürich, 9(5): 69-72	
SUBMITTED PAPERS	1. Rafi, K. (TBD). Ograyi and Bourdieusian social capital in Afghanistan’s manufacturing sector. Submitted to <i>The Third World Quarterly</i> (revised manuscript sent for 2 nd review on 05 June 2025)	
	2. Rafi, K. (TBD). Technology-in-practice: ICT use in Afghanistan’s manufacturing sector. Accepted by <i>The European Journal of Development Research</i> for publication under the Early Career Researcher Initiative	
	3. Rafi, K. (TBD) Informal institutions and uncertainty mitigation in an emerging private manufacturing sector. Submitted to <i>Development and Change</i> on 05 June 2025 (under internal review)	
WORKING PAPERS AND ONGOING PROJECTS	1. (Non)adaptation of IMF policy advocacy to wartime conditions (target journal: <i>The Journal of Development Studies</i>)	
	2. Formal institutions and administrative state in post-war state-building (target journal: <i>Human Geography</i>)	
	3. Enabling environment; tracing the concept in World Bank documents (target journal: <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>)	
DATASET	Rafi, K (2025). Fieldwork 2018-2019.docx. figshare. Dataset. https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.28558436.v1	

LANGUAGES	English Persian	Proficient Native	French Arabic	Proficient Beginner	Hindi/Urdu	Intermediate
TEACHING CERTIFICATE	The United Kingdom Higher Education Academy , Associate Fellow					
GRANTS	Mobility Fund, European and International Studies Association, €600.00					08/25
	Research Grant, Canadian International Development Centre and the Aga Khan Foundation (administered by the Central Asian University), \$8,000.00					09/23 – 06/24
	Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Economic and Social Research Council, UK Research and Innovation, The Government of the United Kingdom, £110,000.00					09/22 – 09/23
	PhD Bursary, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London £500.00					10/19
	Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (Unpaid)					04/18 – 07/18
	John F. Richards Travel Fellowship, The American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, \$2,000.00					10/17 – 09/18
	Development Planning Unit Conference Fund, Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London, £800.00					08/17
	Fully Paid Undergraduate Scholarship (merit-based), The Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India, ₹304,000.00					05/07 – 05/10
TEACHING	Seminar Lecturer, Political Economy of Development , Durham University Student number: 54					09/23 – 08/24
	Lecturer and convenor, Democratic Political Systems , Durham University Student number: 83					09/23 – 08/24
	Seminar Lecturer, Democracy, Good Governance and Development , Durham University Student number: 25					09/23 – 08/24
	Co-leader, Researching Politics and International Relations (RStudio Labs) , Durham University, Student number: 138					01/24 – 08/24
	Lecturer, Quantitative Methods Workshops , Durham University Student number: 76					09/23 – 12/23
	Assistant Lab Leader, Quantitative Methods and Analysis (RStudio Labs) , Durham University, Student number: 44					09/23 – 01/24
	Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, MSc Development Administration and Planning , University College London, Student number: 86					10/20 – 06/21
	Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, MSc Urban Economic Development , University College London, Student number: 75					10/17 – 05/18
DISSERTATION SUPERVISION	1. Oliver Bell, BSc thesis, polarisation in US politics, 2024 2. Charlotte Dean, BSc thesis, tendency for executive aggrandisement in UK government, 2024 3. Hamis Hunter, BSc thesis, perceptions of mega-sporting events in the news, 2024 4. Maeloc Rivero, BSc thesis, the size of the lower house in US state legislatures and female descriptive representation, 2024 5. Eve Sibley, BSc thesis, an investigation into how the United States justifies its continued relationship with Israel in the context of the Israel-Palestine conflict using critical discourse analysis, 2024 6. Alice Weldon, BSc thesis, the relationship between the United Nations Security Council and the United States government’s decision to go to war in the post-Cold War period, 2024 7. Korina Messicot, BSc thesis, 2024					
COMPUTER SKILLS	R and R Studio, NVivo, MS Office, Virtual Learning Technologies					
MEMBERSHIP	Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab European International Studies Association					

COURSE PROPOSALS	1. States, Markets and Civil Society in Development 2. Introduction to International Political Economy	
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE	Afghanistan – Kabul and the northern region	
SELECTED PRESENTATIONS	<p>The 18th European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference on International Relations, <i>University of Bologna</i> <i>upcoming</i></p> <p>The 17th European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference on International Relations, <i>Université Catholique de Lille</i> <i>08/24</i></p> <p>International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE), <i>Universidad Rey Juan Carlos</i> <i>06/23</i></p> <p>US Institute of Peace, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Centre for Governance and Markets at the <i>University of Pittsburgh</i> & Hollings Centre for International Dialogue <i>03/23</i></p> <p>UNU-WIDER and EU Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation <i>04/22</i></p> <p>Alternative Scenarios for Afghanistan Conference, Center for Global Affairs, <i>New York University</i> <i>07/22</i></p> <p>Sussex Afghanistan Forum Conference, <i>University of Sussex</i> <i>09/19</i></p> <p>Afghanistan Inside Out – Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University, <i>Kabul University</i> <i>02/18</i></p> <p>International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy, <i>Berlin School of Economics and Law</i> <i>08/17</i></p>	
CONSULTANCY	<p>UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, International Consultant Programme: pilot studies on access to education for girls and women in Afghanistan <i>01/25 – 02/25</i></p> <p>UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, International Consultant Programme: pilot studies on access to education for girls and women in Afghanistan <i>09/24 – 10/24</i></p> <p>SOAS University Enterprise Office, Consultant Consultation round with the head of UNICEF for Afghanistan <i>02/22</i></p> <p>Government of the Republic of Afghanistan, Economic Advisor on Sustainable Development Goals, Ministry of Economy, The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Project: Formulating an SDGs implementation country strategy for 2021-2030 <i>10/18 – 03/19</i></p>	
POLICY CONTRIBUTION	1. Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals 2021-2030, Ministry of Economy of Afghanistan, The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (unpublished policy document – copy available upon request)	
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER WORK	<p>University College London, Coordinator The Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment, Global Change Initiative (Think Tank) <i>02/17 – 08/17</i></p> <p>EastWest Institute (Washington D.C. Headquarters), Research Assistant Economic Security Initiative <i>09/14 – 12/14</i></p> <p>The United Nations Headquarters, Assistant Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations Areas: UN Security Council and ECOSOC <i>04/14 – 07/14</i></p> <p>Mission Essential Personnel, Interpreter United States Department of Defence, The United States Government <i>01/11 – 04/12</i></p>	
VOLUNTEER SERVICES	<p>University College London, Organiser for Windsor Policy Simulation Workshop Bartlett Development Planning Unit <i>08/17</i></p> <p>University College London, Organiser for UCL Global Citizenship Programme Bartlett Development Planning Unit <i>10/17</i></p> <p>Symbiosis International University, Public Relations Coordinator Symbiosis International Students Council <i>06/09 – 08/10</i></p>	
EQUALITY AND INCLUSION	Durham University Widening Participation Group , Member <i>09/23 – 08/24</i>	

TECHNICAL SKILLS	UKRI Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellows Professional Development Programme Modules taken: 1) Strategic career development, 2) Funders and funding, 3) Policy engagement, 4) Policy challenge workshop, 5) Publications and communication, 6) Networks, teams and collaboration, 7) Parliamentary engagement	11/22 – 08/23
	The British Academy - Academic Writing Workshop Rethinking Liberal Peace Through Southern Eyes	05/21
	University College London Doctoral Skills Development Programme Modules taken: 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	10/17 – 09/18
SELECTED MEDIA ARTICLES	1. (2024) The Taliban’s harsh new ‘vice and virtue’ laws are a throwback to the oppression of the 1990s – especially for the women of Afghanistan, <i>The Conversation</i> , August 2. (2023) World Bank reports on Afghanistan, <i>BBC Persian</i> , June 3. (2023) The Taliban is not playing straight with the West over easing of sanctions, <i>The Conversation</i> , April 4. (2021) What’s next for Afghanistan? Two experts make predictions, <i>The Conversation</i> , Nov (with Scott Lucas) 5. (2021) Will China replace the US in Afghanistan? <i>Royal United Services Institute</i> , October 6. (2019) Production during times of instability, <i>Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit</i> , June 7. (2018) Why was a strategic port in Iran exempted from sanctions? <i>Asia Times</i> , Nov	

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