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Research Interest

Institutions, industrial development, post-war state-building, qualitative and quantitative methods

Academic Employment

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| 1 | Visiting Fellow , Durham University (Durham, UK)
School of Government and International Affairs | 2024 - Present |
| 1 | Teaching Fellow in Comparative Politics of Development , Durham University (Durham, UK)
School of Government and International Affairs | 2023 - 2024 |
| 2 | ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow , SOAS University of London (London, UK)
Department of Development Studies | 2022 - 2023 |
| 3 | Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant , University College London (London, UK)
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit | 2020 - 2021 |
| 6 | Postgraduate Teaching Assistant , University College London (London, UK)
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit | 2017 - 2018 |

Education and Qualifications

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| 1 | PhD, Economic Development Policy , University College London (London, UK)
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit Viva voce: 28/04/2021 (pass with minor corrections)
Thesis: Habitus and Embodied Institutions; A Study of Manufacturing Enterprises in Kabul's Conflict-Affected Market Economy and Adaptive Strategies for Enterprise Continuation during 2002-2018 | 2016 - 2021 |
| 2 | MA, International Political Economy , King's College London (London, UK)
Department of European and International Studies, School of Politics and Economics (pass with merit) | 2012 - 2013 |
| 3 | BA, Economics , Savitribai Phule Pune University (Pune, IND)
Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce (first class with distinction) | 2007 - 2010 |
| 4 | Diploma, National Security & International Relations , Deccan Education Society (Pune, IND)
Jagannath Rathi Vocational Guidance and Training Institute (distinction) | 2009 - 2010 |

Languages

Persian	(Native)	French	(Proficient)	Urdu	(Intermediate)
English	(Proficient)	Pashtu	(Advanced)	Hindi	(Intermediate)

Consultancy Work

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| 1 | International Consultant , The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (remote)
UNESCO Afghanistan Country Office
Work Mandate: quality assurance of studies on alternative education in Afghanistan | 2024 - Present |
| 2 | Consultant , SOAS University of London (London, UK)
The SOAS Enterprise Office
Work Mandate: advising the new head of UNICEF on political dynamics in Afghanistan | 2022 |
| 3 | Policy Advisor , Ministry of Economy, The Republic of Afghanistan (Kabul, AFGH)
Directorate of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
Work Mandate: Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals Implementation Strategy During 2020-2030 | 2018 - 2019 |

Teaching Certificate

Associate Fellow of the United Kingdom Higher Education Academy
Durham Excellence in Learning and Teaching Awards (DELTA) – statement submitted for examination

Funding

1	Research Grant (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	Visiting Doctoral Fellow , Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (Kabul, 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

Research and Publications

Book(s)	Rafi, K. (2022) Patriarchal Hierarchy; Market Capitalism and Production in Afghanistan. Palgrave Macmillan
Journal Papers	Rafi, K. (2024) Minimalist Economic Management, Deferred Revenue Regime and Aid Dependency: Explaining Contradictory Post-War Statebuilding Aims, <i>Global Policy</i> , 00:1-17 Rafi, K. (2018). Information and Communication Technology in Development; a Contextual Approach, <i>Indian Journal of Human Development</i> , 12(3): 453-461 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 Rafi, K. (TBD) Epistemic Community Anachronism in Post-War Statebuilding (Target Journal: Global Policy)
Draft Papers	Rafi, K. (TBD) Technology-in-Practice; ICT use in a nascent manufacturing sector (Target Journal: Information Economics and Policy) Rafi, K. (TBD) Enabling environment; Articulation of an Emerging Policy Concept (Target Journal: Institutional Economics)
Policy Paper(s)	Rafi, K. (2018) Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals Vision 2021-2030, Ministry of Economy of Afghanistan, Government of Afghanistan

Other Employment

1	Junior Coordinator , University College London (London, UK) The Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction	2017
2	Research Intern , EastWest Institute (Washington, D.C., USA) Economic Security Initiative	2014
3	Intern , The United Nations Headquarters (New York, USA) Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations	2014
4	Persian-English Interpreter , Mission Essential (Ohio, USA)	2011 - 2012
5	Public Relations Coordinator , Symbiosis International University (Pune, IND) Symbiosis International Students Council	2009 - 2010

Computer Skills

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

Fieldwork Experience

Afghanistan – Kabul and the northern region	2018 -2019
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Teaching Experience

1	Seminar Lecturer , Political Economy of Development, Durham University (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (student no.: 54)	2023-2024
2	Course Convenor , Democratic Political Systems, Durham University (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (student no.: 83)	2023-2024
3	Lab Leader , Researching Politics and International Relations and RStudio, Durham University (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (student no.: 138)	2024
4	Lecturer , Research Project on Democracy, Good Governance and Development (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (student no.: 25)	2023 – 2024
5	Lecturer , British Political System, Durham University (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (student no.: 83)	2023 – 2024
6	Lecturer , Quantitative Methods (no. of workshops: 4), Durham University (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) (student no.: 76)	2023-2024
7	Assistant Lab Leader , Quantitative Methods and Analysis (RStudio Labs), Durham University (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Postgraduate) (student no.: 44)	2023
8	Dissertation Supervisor – number of dissertations: 7 (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate)	2023-2024
9	Marking duties – 480 first marking scripts, Durham University (UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)	
10	Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant , Development Administration and Planning, UCL (London, UK) The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (Postgraduate) (student no.: 86) (no. of hours per annum: 400)	2020-2021
11	Postgraduate Teaching Assistant , Urban Economic Development, UCL (London, UK) The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (Postgraduate) (student no.: 46) (no. of hours per annum: 75)	2017-2018

Selected Conference Presentations

1	The 17 th European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference on International Relations Université Catholique de Lille (Lille, FR)	2024
2	Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference – University of Limerick (Limerick, IR)	2024
3	International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) - Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Madrid, ESP)	2023
4	US Institute of Peace, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Centre for Governance and Markets at the University of Pittsburgh & Hollings Centre for International Dialogue (Pittsburgh, USA)	2023
5	UNU-WIDER and EU Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (Geneva, CHE)	2022
6	Alternative Scenarios for Afghanistan Conference, Center for Global Affairs at New York University (Online)	2022
7	Sussex Afghanistan Forum Conference – University of Sussex (Brighton, UK)	2019
8	Afghanistan Inside Out – Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University (Kabul, AFGH)	2018
9	International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy – Berlin School of Economics and Law (Berlin, GER)	2017

Professional Membership

Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics
UNESCO Public Policy Lab

Volunteer Work

1	Organiser , Windsor Workshop for Policy Simulation, University College London (London, UK) Bartlett Development Planning Unit	2017
2	Organiser , UCL Global Citizenship Programme, University College London (London, UK) Bartlett Development Planning Unit	2017

Technical Trainings

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| 1 | ESRC Postdoctoral Fellows Professional Development Programme , UK Research and Innovation (remote)
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 | 2022 - 2023 |
| 2 | Rethinking Liberal Peace Through Southern Eyes , British Academy Writing Workshop (remote) | 2021 |
| 3 | The Writing Series , Effective Academic Writing & Editing for Publication, UCL (London, UK) | 2021 |
| 4 | Doctoral Skills Development Programme , UCL (London, UK)
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 | 2016 - 2018 |

Selected Think Tank and Media Articles

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