

ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>Independent Researcher</b> Completed multiple research projects, including publishing an article in the Third World Quarterly (see section on Publications), Strasbourg, France	2025 - Present
	<b>Durham University</b> , Teaching Fellow in Comparative Politics of Development School of Government and International Affairs, Durham, UK	2023 – 2024
	<b>SOAS University of London</b> , Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Development Studies, London, UK	2022 – 2023
	<b>University College London</b> , Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant Bartlett Development Planning Unit, London, UK	2020 – 2021
	<b>University College London</b> , Postgraduate Teaching Assistant Bartlett Development Planning Unit, London, UK	2017 – 2018

EDUCATION	<b>University College London</b> , Ph.D. Development Policy Bartlett Development Planning Unit, London, UK Dissertation: Habitus and Embodied Institutions; A Study of Manufacturing Enterprises in Kabul’s Conflict-Affected Market Economy and Adaptive Strategies for Enterprise Continuation Supervisor: Michael Walls   Examiners: Magnus Marsden and Alexandra Panman	2016 – 2021
	<b>King’s College London</b> , MA International Political Economy Department of European and International Studies, London, UK With Merit	2012 – 2013
	<b>University of Pune</b> , BA Economics (Special), Politics & Psychology Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce, Pune, India With Distinction	2007 – 2010

FIELDS	Industrial Development, Formal and Informal Institutions, Digital Economy, International Financial Institutions, Postwar Economy
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	1. Rafi, K. (2025). Ograyi and Bourdieusian social capital in Afghanistan’s manufacturing sector. <i>Third World Quarterly</i> , 1-22, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2025.2547089">https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2025.2547089</a>
	2. 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
	3. Rafi, K. (2022). <i>Patriarchal Hierarchy; Market Capitalism and Production in Afghanistan</i> . Cham: <b>Palgrave Macmillan</b>
	4. Rafi, K. (2018). Information and communication technology in development: a contextual approach. <i>Indian Journal of Human Development</i> , 12(3): 453-461
	5. 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., Technology-in-practice: ICT use in Afghanistan’s manufacturing sector. Accepted by <i>The European Journal of Development Research</i> under the journal’s Early Career Researcher Initiative
	2. Rafi, K., Uncertainty mitigation in an emerging private manufacturing sector. Submitted to the <i>Oxford Journal of Development Studies</i>

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>Review of International Political Economy</i> )

<b>DATASET</b>	Rafi, K (2025). Fieldwork 2018-2019.docx. figshare. Dataset <a href="https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.28558436.v1">https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.28558436.v1</a>					
<b>RESEARCH SKILLS</b>	Quantitative Data Analysis and Visualisation, Structured Topic Modelling, Qualitative Interviews, Thematic Analysis					
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	<b>English</b> <b>Persian</b>	Proficient Native	<b>French</b> <b>Urdu</b>	Proficient Intermediate	<b>Hindi</b> <b>Arabic</b>	Intermediate Beginner
<b>TEACHING CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>The United Kingdom Higher Education Academy</b> , Associate Fellow					
<b>SELECTED FUNDING</b>	<b>Mobility Fund</b> , European International Studies Association, €600					2025
	<b>Research Grant</b> , Canadian International Development Centre and the Aga Khan Foundation (administered by the Central Asian University), \$8,000.00					2023 – 2024
	<b>Postdoctoral Research Fellowship</b> , Economic and Social Research Council, UK Research and Innovation, The Government of the United Kingdom, £110,000.00					2022 – 2023
	<b>PhD Bursary</b> (small grant), University College London, £500					2019
	<b>John F. Richards Travel Fellowship</b> , The American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, \$2,000.00					2017 – 2018
	<b>Conference Fund</b> , University College London, £1000					2017
	<b>Fully Paid Undergraduate Scholarship</b> (merit-based), The Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India, ₹304,000.00					2007 – 2010
<b>TEACHING</b>	<b>Seminar Lecturer</b> , Political Economy of Development, Durham University Student number: 54					2023 – 2024
	<b>Assistant Lab Leader</b> , Quantitative Methods and Analysis (RStudio Labs), Durham University, Student number: 44					2023 – 2024
	<b>Lecturer</b> , Quantitative Methods Workshops, Durham University Student number: 76					2023
	<b>Lecturer</b> , Research Project on Democracy, Good Governance and Development, Durham University, student number: 25					2023 – 2024
	<b>Co-leader</b> , Quantitative Labs for Researching Politics and International Relations, Durham University, student number: 138					2024
	<b>Lecturer and convenor</b> , Democratic Political Systems, Durham University Student number: 83					2023 – 2024
	<b>Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant</b> , MSc Development Administration and Planning, University College London, student number: 86					2020 – 2021
	<b>Postgraduate Teaching Assistant</b> , MSc Urban Economic Development, University College London, student number: 75					2017 – 2018
<b>DISSERTATION SUPERVISION</b>	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					
<b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b>	R Studio, NVivo, Text Analysis, MS Office Tools, Virtual Learning Technologies					

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	1. Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics 2. UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab 3. European International Studies Association	
<b>COURSE PROPOSALS</b>	1. International Development and Postwar Reconstruction 2. States, Markets and Civil Society in Development 3. Introduction to International Political Economy	
<b>FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE</b>	Afghanistan – Kabul and the northern region	
<b>SELECTED PRESENTATIONS</b>	The 18 <sup>th</sup> European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference on International Relations, <i>University of Bologna</i>	2025
	The 17 <sup>th</sup> European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference on International Relations, <i>Université Catholique de Lille</i>	2024
	International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE), <i>Universidad Rey Juan Carlos</i>	2023
	US Institute of Peace, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Centre for Governance and Markets at the <i>University of Pittsburgh &amp; Hollings Centre for International Dialogue</i>	2023
	UNU-WIDER and EU Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation	2022
	Alternative Scenarios for Afghanistan Conference, Center for Global Affairs, <i>New York University</i>	2022
	Sussex Afghanistan Forum Conference, <i>University of Sussex</i>	2019
	Afghanistan Inside Out – Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University, <i>Kabul University</i>	2018
	International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy, <i>Berlin School of Economics and Law</i>	2017
<b>INVITED FELLOWSHIPS</b>	<b>Durham University</b> , Honorary Visiting Fellow School of Government and International Affairs, Durham, UK	2024
	<b>Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit</b> , Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Kabul, Afghanistan	2018
<b>CONSULTANCY</b>	<b>UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization</b> , International Consultant, Paris, France Programme: pilot studies on access to education for girls and women in Afghanistan	2025
	<b>UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization</b> , International Consultant, Paris, France Programme: pilot studies on access to education for girls and women in Afghanistan	2024
	<b>SOAS University Enterprise Office</b> , Consultant, London, UK Consultation round with the head of UNICEF for Afghanistan	2022
	<b>Government of the Republic of Afghanistan</b> , Economic Advisor on UN SDGs Ministry of Economy, The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan Project: Researching and writing the Afghan SDGs’ implementation strategy for 2021-2030	2018 – 2020
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER WORK</b>	<b>Durham University</b> , Member of ‘Widening Participation Group’ (EDI initiative) School of Government and International Affairs, Durham, UK	2023 – 2024
	<b>University College London</b> , Coordinator The Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment, Global Change Initiative, London, UK	2017
	<b>EastWest Institute</b> , Research Assistant Economic Security Initiative, Washington, D.C., US	2014
	<b>The United Nations Headquarters</b> , Assistant Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations, New York, US Focus Areas: UN Security Council and ECOSOC	2014
<b>VOLUNTEER SERVICES</b>	<b>Durham University</b> , College Mentor and Member of the Senior Common Room College of St Hild and St Bede, Durham, UK	2023-2024
	<b>University College London</b> , Organiser for Windsor Policy Simulation Workshop Bartlett Development Planning Unit, London, UK	2017

TECHNICAL TRAINING	<b>UKRI Economic and Social Research Council</b> , Postdoctoral Fellows Professional Development Programme Content: 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
	<b>The British Academy</b> , Academic Writing Workshop Rethinking Liberal Peace Through Southern Eyes	2021
	<b>University College London</b> , Doctoral Skills Development Programme Content: 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	2017 – 2018
POLICY BRIEFS	Rafi, K. (Ed.). (2025). <i>Project to improve the quality and reach of the accelerated non-formal education programme (ANEP)</i> [Unpublished manuscript]. Endline Evaluation, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.	
	Rafi, K. (Ed.). (2025). <i>Project to improve the quality and reach of the accelerated non-formal education programme (ANEP)</i> [Unpublished manuscript]. Endline Evaluation, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.	
	Rafi, K. (Ed.). (2024). <i>Adult literacy assessment survey</i> [Unpublished manuscript]. Pilot Study Report, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.	
	Rafi, K. (Ed.). (2024). <i>Assessment of the youth and adult literacy and basic education model</i> [Unpublished manuscript]. Report, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.	
	Rafi, K. (2019). <i>Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals Vision 2021–2030</i> [Unpublished manuscript]. Policy Brief, Ministry of Economy, Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.	
INTERESTS	1. Philosophy, contemporary history, Persian poetry, films and fiction	
	2. Painting and drawing, football (i.e., soccer), travel, cuisine, museums and pubs	