

# Kambaiz Rafi, PhD

## Teaching Fellow in Comparative Politics of Development

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## Research Interest

Economic development, microeconomics, institutionalist political economy, quantitative and qualitative research

## Professional Experience

- 1 **Teaching Fellow in Comparative Politics of Development**, Durham University (Durham, UK) 2023 - Present  
School of Government and International Affairs
- 2 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, UK Economic and Research Council, SOAS University of London (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 (London, UK) 2020 - 2021  
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit  
*Masters in development administration and planning*
- 4 **Policy Consultant on UN Sustainable Development Goals**, Ministry of Economy of Afghanistan (Kabul, 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 (London, UK) 2017 - 2018  
Bartlett Development Planning Unit  
*Masters in urban economic development*
- 7 **Junior Coordinator**, University College London (London, UK) 2017  
Global Change Initiative, The Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction
- 8 **Research Intern**, EastWest Institute (Washington, D.C., USA) 2014  
*Project: Economic Security Initiative*
- 9 **Intern**, The United Nations Headquarters (New York, 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 (Ohio, 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 (London, UK) 2016 - 2021  
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit  
Viva voce: 28/04/2021 (pass with minor corrections)  
*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*
- 2 **MA International Political Economy**, King's College London (London, UK) 2012 - 2013  
School of Politics and Economics (pass with merit)
- 3 **BA Economics (General)**, Savitribai Phule Pune University (Pune, IND) 2007 - 2010  
Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce (first class with distinction)
- 4 **Diploma, National Security & International Relations**, Deccan Education Society (Pune, 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 (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) ( <i>student number: 83</i> )	2023-2024
2	<b>Lecturer</b> – British Political System, Durham University (Durham, 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 (Durham, 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 (Durham, 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 (Durham, 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 (Durham, 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 (Durham, UK) School of Government and International Affairs (Undergraduate) ( <i>student number: 138</i> )	2024
8	<b>Dissertation Supervisor</b> – number of dissertations: 8 (Durham, 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 (London, UK) The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (Postgraduate) ( <i>student number: 86</i> ) ( <i>no. of hours per annum: 400</i> )	2020-2021
11	<b>Postgraduate Teaching Assistant</b> , Urban Economic Development, UCL (London, 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

- (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

### Submission Under Review

- Minimalist Economic Management and Maximalist Administration: Explaining Contradictory Post-Conflict Statebuilding Aims (**Journal: Global Policy**)

### Drafted Papers

- International Organization Responsiveness to Conflict; International Monetary Fund in Afghanistan During 2001-2021 (**Target Journal: International Organization**)

### Research in Progress

- Labour Recruitment in a Nascent Manufacturing Sector; Evidence from Kabul (**Target Journal: Labor Economics**)
- Use of Information and Communication Technology in Development; Evidence From Manufacturing Industry in Kabul (**Target Journal: Information Economics and Policy**)
- Enabling environment; Explaining the Articulation of a Policy Concept in the 1990s (**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 (Madrid, 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 (Pittsburgh, USA)                       |      |
|   | Negotiating Differences and Pluralism in the Way Ahead in Afghanistan   |      |
| 3 | UNU-WIDER and EU Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (Geneva, CHE)                       | 2022 |
|   | International Research Conference on the Effectiveness of Development Aid                                     |      |
| 4 | National Center for Dialogue & Progress (Antalya, TR)   | 2022 |
|   | Conference on National Dialogue, Role of Civil Society and the Future of Democratic Forces in Afghanistan     |      |
| 5 | Center for Global Affairs at New York University (Online)   | 2022 |
|   | Alternative Scenarios for Afghanistan's Future  |      |
| 6 | Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University (Kabul, AFGH)  | 2019 |
|   | Second Afghanistan Studies Conference   |      |
| 7 | Sussex University Conference (Brighton, UK)   | 2019 |
|   | Sussex Afghanistan Forum  |      |
| 8 | Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University (Kabul, AFGH)  | 2018 |
|   | Afghanistan Inside Out: History, Culture and Politics in Afghanistan Studies                                  |      |
| 9 | International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy, at Berlin School of Economics and Law (Berlin, GER) | 2017 |
|   | 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](http://kambaizrafi.net))

## Interviews

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

1	<b>ESRC Postdoctoral Fellows Professional Development Programme</b> , UK Research and Innovation	2022 - 2023
2	<b>Rethinking Liberal Peace Through Southern Eyes</b> , British Academy Writing Workshop	2021
3	<b>The Writing Series</b> , Effective Academic Writing & Editing for Publication, University College London	2021
4	<b>Doctoral Methods Trainings, University College London</b> 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	2016 - 2018

## Professional Membership

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

## Volunteer and Academic Events Management

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

Afghanistan – Kabul and the northern region	2018 – 2019
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