



Ford Foundation records, Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ), Human Rights and International Cooperation (HRIC), Office Files of Mahnaz Ispahani

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Mahnaz Ispahani Bartos is a foreign policy expert, jewelry dealer, former foundation executive, and author who worked for ten years at the Ford Foundation. She joined the Foundation as a Program Officer in the International Affairs Program in 1992 and later became Deputy Director of the Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ) Human Rights and International Cooperation unit (HRIC).

In addition to her work at the Ford Foundation, Ispahani worked as a senior fellow for South Asia at the Council on Foreign Relations where she directed the Roundtable on South Asia and U.S. Policy. She had other fellowships at the Harvard University Belfer Center and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars at the Smithsonian Institution. She has also been an advisor to the Carnegie Corporation and the Open Society Institute. In 2013, she started her business, the Mahnaz Collection which is a jewelry gallery in New York City.

Ispahani was born in East Pakistan (present day Bangladesh). Her family owns and manages the Ispahani Group, a Bangladeshi conglomerate. Her grandfather Mirza Abul Hassan Isaphani served as Pakistan's first ambassador to the United States. Mahnaz Ispahani is married to photographer Adam Bartos.

Ispahani earned a B.A. in English literature and political science from Wellesley College and a Ph.D. and Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

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Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence, liason grants, board of trustees materials, consultants files, ICT Scholar-In-Residence materials, meeting records, organization files, regional files and subject files.

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Arrangement

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