



Virtual Sessions
Herat Security Dialogue-IX
“Afghanistan Peace Processes”
12-14 November 2020

Thursday November 12

Opening Session

8:00-8:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recitation of Hymns of Khaja Abdullah Ansari • Welcoming remarks by Dr Rangin Spanta, Chairman of AISS Advisory Board
Panel I: Afghanistan's Political Structure		
8:30-9:30	Moderator	Dr. Omar Sadr, Researcher and University lecturer
	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. M. Nazif Shahrani, prof. Indiana University 2. Dr. Orzala Nemat, Director of Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU). 3. Dr. Nematullah Bizhan, Lecturer, National University of Australia 4. Kawun Kakar, Founder of Kakar Advocates Law Firm (LLC)
Panel II: Ethnic Discourse in Afghanistan		
9:30-10:30	Moderator	Ferdaws Kawish, Journalist
	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mohammad Faqiri, University Lecturer in Herat 2. Hadi Miran, University Lecturere 3. Dr. Shinkai Karokhail, Member Afghanistan Parliament
Panel III: Islamic Political System		
10:30-11:30	Moderator	Mohammad Hadi Ebrahimi, Journalist
	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ali Ameri, University Lecturer 2. Mohammad Moheq, Ambassador of Afghanistan in Egypt 3. Sayeda Mujgan Mustafawi, Deputy Minister of publication MoIC
Panel IV: What the Taliban Want?		
11:30-12:30	Moderator	Farahnaz Forotan, Journalist
	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Abdul Qayyum Sajjadi, Member Afghanistan Parliament 2. Nazar Mohammad Mutmaeen, political analyst 3. Nasrullah Stanekzai, University Lecturer & political analyst
Panel V: Afghanistan and Pakistan Relationship		
	Moderator	Dr. Maryam Safi, Director of Policy Research and Development Studies
12:30- 13:30	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Omar Daudzai, Special envoy of Afghanistan for Pakistan 2. Gen. Asad Durrani, Former head of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) 3. Dr. Ayesha Siddiqa, Lecturer, SOAS University of London 4. Dr. Mustafa Mastoor, Former Minister of Economy of Afghanistan
Panel VI: Art and Criteria of a Successful Peace Negotiation		
	Moderator	Dr. Nilofar Sakhi, professorial lecturer in International Affairs, George Washington University
13:30- 14:30	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sultan Barakat, Director of the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies 2. Laurel Miller, Director of International Crisis Group's Asia Program 3. Dr. Christine Fair, Prof. Georgetown University 4. Amb. Staffan de Mistura, Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan 5. Scott M. Weber, President of Interpeace (Geneva)

	Panel VII: US-Afghanistan Relationship	
	Moderator	Dr. Arian Sharifi, Former Director of National Threat Assessment
14:30-15:30	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ioannis Koskinas, Senior Fellow with the International Security Program at New America Nargis Azaryun, Civil Society Activist Prof. Michael Barry, Lecturer, American University of Afghanistan Dr. Mohammad Vaezi, University Lecturer Pamela Constable, Reporter, Washington Post
	Panel VIII: Feasibility of Afghanistan- China- Iran Cooperation	
	Moderator	Razia Danish, University Lecturer
15:30-16:30	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nazari Pariani, Journalist and Editor in chief of the Daily Mandegar Newspaper Dr. Gholamali Chaganizadeh, Prof. at Allameh Tabataba'i University-Tehran Bismillah Alizada, Deputy Director at Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (DROPS) Dr. Mohsen Shariatnia, Shahid Beheshti University faculty member and an expert on China
	Panel IX: Prospects for Afghanistan-India-US Trilateral Cooperation	
	Moderator	Jyoti Malhotra, National & Strategic Affairs Editor, The Print, India
16:30-17:30	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ahmad Shuja Jamal, Head of International Affairs and Regional Cooperation at the Office of the (NSC) Amar Sinha, Former India's Ambassador to Afghanistan Robin L. Raphel, Former Deputy secretary of state for South Asia Marvin G. Weinbaum, Director for Afghanistan and Pakistan Studies at The Middle East Institute
	Panel X: The International Community's Perspective and Role in Afghan Peace	
	Moderator	Omar Samad, Former Afghan Ambassador to Canada and France
17:30-18:30	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Bahadur Aminian, Iran's Ambassador to Afghanistan Alison Blake CMG, British Ambassador to Afghanistan Hussain avni botsali, Permanent Representative of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation
18:30-19:00	Radio Nowruz Special Program: What People Want?	
	Special Speech:	
19:00-20:00 (Live)	Moderators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General of the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses Aparna Pande, Director, Initiative on the Future of India and South Asia
		H.E. Amrullah Saleh, Vice President of I.R Afghanistan

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