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Education

Ph.D. *Summa Cum Laude*: Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen, Nurnberg, Germany, (2020)

Dissertation: 'The Role of Sharia in the Afghan Courts' Decisions: A Study of Criminal Cases after the 2004 Constitution. (December 2019).

- Received STAEDTLER Foundation's: Award for Outstanding Dissertation 3500 Euro (Oct 2020)

LLM in Comparative Law (Specialization in Human Rights): Univ. of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington (2010)

B.A. in Islamic Studies: Kabul University Sharia Faculty, Kabul, Afghanistan (1991)

Diploma in Islamic Studies: Abu Hanifa Madrassa. Kabul, Afghanistan

Faculty Positions

Brigham Young University: Visiting Research Scholar at Int'l Center for Law and Religion Studies and Visiting Lecturer at J Reuben Clark Law School, (2022 - Present)

- *Courses Taught*: Islamic Law, Law and Religions (co-taught with Prof. Brett Scharffs (2022 -Present)
- *Researcher*: Research Project on Human Dignity from Islamic Perspective (2023 -Present)

Kabul University, Kabul Afghanistan: Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies, Adjunct Professor of Law and Political Science; Adjunct Professor of Social Sciences (1994-2021)

- *Courses Taught*:
- Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh) (Required for the Students at 2nd and 3rd semester of the Law and Islamic Jurisprudence Master Degree Program at Kabul University Islamic Law (Sharia) Faculty
- Islamic Theology (Required for 1st and 2nd year students in Faculty of (Islamic Studies & 'Shari'a'); Islamic Philosophy (Required for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students in Faculty of Islamic Studies & 'Shari'a'); Comparative Religion (Required for the second and third year students of Islamic Law & Sharia); History of Sects in Islam (Required for 2nd year students in Faculty of Islamic Studies & 'Shari'a'); Islamic Culture (Required for 1st and 2nd year students in faculty of social sciences), Islamic Criminal Law (visiting course taught at Tabish and Kandan Private Universities, Kabul, Afghanistan).
- *Founder and Director* of Kabul University Legal Clinic (Providing free legal services for women who were victims of domestic violence)

Other Work Experience:

- Appointed by the President of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, and with the approval of the Parliament of Afghanistan to serve as Vice President and Member on the constitutionally established Independent Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of the Constitution (ICOIC) (Sept. 2013–Sept. 2017).
- Afghanistan Constitutional Studies Institute (ACSI), Founding Member & Chairman, March 2017 – May 2021.
- Afghanistan Legal Research and Development Organization (ALRDO), Founder and Director (Aug 2019 – August 2021)
- Geneva Center for Dialogue and Progress--Geneva (CDP-G): Member of the Constitutional Law Team of Experts: (2022 -Present)
- Member of the advisory board of American University of Afghanistan (2023 - present).
- Consultant with CMI (Chr Michelsen institute, Bergen, Norway) on Project to study Islam, gender and women's rights in Afghanistan (2023 to present)
- Consultant on Islam and Human Rights with Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and Rule of Law, Heidelberg, Germany (Sep 2021-June 2024)

Languages

Pashto (Native) Dari/Persian (Native), English (Fluent) Reading & Understanding Classical Arabic/Academic (Fluent) Urdu/Hindi Reading & Understanding (Fair)

Publications

A. Books

- *Islam, Custom, and Human Rights: A Legal and Empirical Study of Criminal Cases in Afghanistan after the 2004 Constitution* (Springer: December 2021)
- *Commentary on Afghan Penal Code*_(Coauthor), Published in Dari Language with support of Asia Foundation in December 2019,
- *Women's Civil and Political Rights in the Light of Sharia and Laws*, Coauthor (in Dari) (Published by GIZ German Organization in Afghanistan, 2021),
- *Theological Principles of the Mu'tazila Sect*, a book (in Dari) (In progress)

B. ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS & BOOK CHAPTERS IN REFEREED BOOKS

- *The Role of Sharia in the Judicial System of Afghanistan*, Journal of International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia, June 2020,
[file:///C:/Users/lutfo/OneDrive/Documents/Downloads/admin-ar-1%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/lutfo/OneDrive/Documents/Downloads/admin-ar-1%20(1).pdf)
- *Judgement of Women in the Light of Afghan Law and Hanafi School of Thought* (in Dari) Journal of Afghan Legal Studies

- *The Criminalization of Wife Beating in the Light of Sharia and Criminal Code of Afghanistan*, (in Dari) Journal of Sharia Faculty, Kabul University 2018,
- *Constitutional Court Position Paper: Does Afghanistan Needs a Constitutional Court?* Co-author (2018)
- *Introduction to the Legal System of Afghanistan*, Journal of Sharia Faculty, Kabul University 2014,
- *Islamic Education in Afghanistan the Path from Māwarā' al-Nahr to India*, (in Dari) Journal of Sharia Faculty, Kabul University, 2012,
- *Nationalism and Islam*, (In Dari) Kabul University Journal of Social Science 2009,
- *Religious Affairs Strategy for Afghanistan*, (Afghan National Development Strategy) 2008

C. BLOG POSTS AND OP-EDS

Practicing Islam in the US, Interview with BYU Radio in Good Faith Podcast, July 30, 2024.

Can Women Become Member of the Supreme Court? An article published in the BBC Persian news <https://www.bbc.com/persian/blog-viewpoints-49099652>

- *Human Rights and Islam*, an article published on the handbook of MPFPR and ALRDO in 2020
- *Towards a Constitutional Court in Afghanistan: A Proposal*, Co-author (A strategy paper in English and local languages published by Afghanistan Constitutional Studies Institute, (Nov 2019)
- *International Rule of Law Assistance: Learning from Failures in Afghanistan* <https://peacelab.blog/2019/05/international-rule-of-law-assistance-learning-from-failures-in-afghanistan>

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (Arranged by Subject and Date)

Muslim Women Rights Under the God's Law: The Taliban Perspective Toward Women, Conference on Law, Power and Gender in Taliban- ruled Afghanistan, August 26-27, 2024, CMI, Bergen Norway

The Relationship between Faith and Practice in Different Islamic Sects, Internation Center for Law and Religion Studies BYU Law School, July 24, 2024

Religious Freedom Situation in Afghanistan Under the Taliban) The 2024 Religious Freedom Annual Review, Provo, June 19-21, 2024,

Constitutionalism In Islam, Building Bridges in a Divided World: Diplomacy of the Heart Through Dialogue and Understanding Tbilisi, Gorgia, May 5-6, 2024,

Dignity in Diversity: Why Religions Freedom and Human Dignity Matters, University of Las Vagas, March 18, 2024,

Human Dignity in Islam: with focus on Right to Life, Conference on Human Dignity from an Islamic Perspective, Doha, Qatar, December 13-14, 2023.

Humen Dignity Initiatives: Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the UDHR, June 30, 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkdF3bfwSL4>

Lecture on the Role of Islam in the Afghan Constitution, University of Milan Law School, Italy. March 11, 2022.

Constitutionalism and the Taliban's Vision of Sharia: is there a middle ground?, 2nd Conference on National Dialogue; Role of Civil Society, Women and Future of Afghanistan (March 16 and 17, 2022, Antalya, Türkiye)

Freedom of Religion in Light of Islamic Law: Theory and Practice, Lecture at the Center for Islam and Law in Europe (EZIRE) FAU <https://www.ezire.fau.eu/2021/11/24/lecture-invitation-freedom-of-religion-in-light-of-islamic-law-theory-and-practice/>

Women's Right to Freedom of Movement in Islam, Online Conference on Islam vs Rights? The Taliban's Negotiation Agenda for Law and Justice, November 17, 2020, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbO0uAfnZt0>

Human Rights and Islam, Afghan Supreme Court Women Judges Association Workshops Conference (August 2020)

Constitutional Law of Afghanistan in the Afghan Supreme Court Women Judges Association Workshops, Kabul October 2020,

Judicial Review in Afghanistan at Sharif Hedayatullah University, Jakarta, Indonesia October 2018

Interpretation of the Constitution in Afghanistan at Sunan Kalijaga University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia October 2018,

Legal Clinical Education in Afghanistan, the 9th Worldwide Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) conference in Puebla & Tlaxcala, Mexico, December 5-12, 2017,

Islam in the 2004 Constitution of Afghanistan, Presentation for the Afghan Ministry of Justice Prosecution and Law Enforcement Departments (April 2015).

Islamic Hudud and Criminal Law of Afghanistan, the U.S and Islamic World Conference, Qatar, Doha, June 2013,

Customary Law System in Afghanistan, the World Justice Forum IV, Netherlands, July 2013,

Introduction to Afghan Legal System; Role of Customary Law in Afghanistan, the Rule of Law in Transitional and Post-Conflict Zones Conference at University of South Carolina, May 2010: