

Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce
Fall Conference Agenda
Afghanistan

Thursday, October 21, 2021 – UK Campus

5:00-6:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS – STEVE COLL, DEAN OF COLUMBIA JOURNALISM SCHOOL

“THE FALL OF KABUL: WHY WE FAILED IN AFGHANISTAN”

WT Young Library Auditorium, University of Kentucky – Listening Session

Virtual: <https://www.uky.edu/pattersonschool/FallConfKeynote>

Friday, October 22, 2021 – Hyatt Regency Hotel

8:00 am Continental Breakfast – Regency Foyer

8:30 am Welcome – Regency 1 & 2A
Kathleen Montgomery, Patterson School

8:45 AM PANEL 1- Afghan Perspectives
Facilitator: Dr. Robert Farley, Patterson School

- Mansoor Akbar, Martin School of Public Policy – Fulbright Scholar, Lexington, KY
- Sadiq Amini, Political Military Advisor – US Embassy Kabul (virtual)
- Khesraw Omid Farooq, Patterson Alum and Fulbright Scholar, Kabul, Afghanistan (virtual)

10:15 am Break – Regency Foyer

10:45 am PANEL 2- The Past and Future of Afghanistan’s Economy
Facilitator: Dr. Gregg Hall, Patterson School

- Juan Estrada-Valle, Chief of Party for USAID funded Afghanistan Value Chain – High Value Crops (AVC-HVC), DAI (virtual)
- Noor Hakimyar, Chief Operating Officer, Roshan Telecom (virtual)
- Khalid Payenda, Former Acting Minister of Finance- Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

12:00 pm Luncheon Buffet – Regency 2B & 3

1:00-2:00 Open

2:00 pm PANEL 3 – Governance and Regional Relations

Facilitator: Lt. Col. Amy McGrath, USMC (ret.), Patterson School

- Sarah Chayes, Author “*Thieves of State*” and “*The Punishment of Virtue*”
- Dr. Christine Fair, Professor Security Studies Program at Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (virtual)
- Dr. Doug Janoff, Senior Advisor, Asia-Pacific Branch, Global Affairs Canada

3:30 pm Break – Regency Foyer

3:45 pm PANEL 4 – Current and Future Prospects for Afghanistan

Facilitator: Amb. Carey Cavanaugh, Patterson School

- Dr. Spogmai Akseer, Educational Research (virtual)
- Dr. Deborah Alexander, US Department of State (ret.)
- Dr. Scott Guggenheim, Adjunct Professor, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

5:15 pm Conclusion

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5:30 pm Reception – Regency Foyer