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Afghanistan: A Stocktake

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3 - 5.30 pm

Al-Falasi Lecture Theatre, Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies,
Building 127, Ellery Crescent
Australian National University

Speakers:

His Excellency Mr Amanullah Jayhoon
Australia – Afghanistan Relations: An update

Professor William Maley
Afghanistan's Reconstruction: An update

Mr Daoud Yaqub
Afghanistan's Security: An update

Dr Kirill Nourzhanov
Afghanistan & Russia: An update

Dr Rizwan Hussain
Afghanistan-Pakistan Relations: An update

Chair: Prof Amin Saikal

Ambassador Amanullah Jayhoon has a BA (Hons) in Islamic Studies from the Islamic University of Islamabad, Pakistan and a MA (Ed) in Education Administration from the University of Nebraska. After serving as chief of staff of Afghanistan's Presidential office, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan in 1993. Prior to his appointment as Afghanistan's Ambassador to Australia, he had postings in Turkey, Austria, Germany and Malaysia.

Professor William Maley is Director of the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at the Australian National University. He is the author of *Rescuing Afghanistan* (Sydney: UNSW Press, 2006), and *The Afghanistan Wars* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002).

Mr Daoud Yaqub holds a Juris Doctorate (J.D) from the University of Pittsburgh and a BA in Political Science and International Relations from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He was the Security Sector Reform Coordinator for the National Security Council in Afghanistan and was the Deputy Spokesperson & Foreign Policy Aide to President Hamid Karzai. He is currently a full-time PhD scholar at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at the ANU.

Dr Kirill Nourzhanov holds a PhD from the Australian National University and a Master of Arts from the Moscow State University. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies (the Middle East & Central Asia). Dr Nourzhanov's areas of expertise include Russian and Eurasian politics, the strategic and security environment in Central Asia and the Caucasus, and Islamic radicalism.

Dr Rizwan Hussain is a former Research Scholar of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at the ANU. He is the author of *Pakistan and the Emergence of Islamic Militancy in Afghanistan* (London: Ashgate, 2005).

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