

EINLADUNG
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PODIUMSDISKUSSION
mit

Frau Mina Wali und Herrn Dr. Wadir Safi

"Afghanistan Beyond the Headlines: Telling the story about local communities"

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Die Veranstaltung findet in englischer Sprache statt.

Zu den Gästen:

Mina Wali, daughter of Afghanistan's first Commanding Jet Fighter and Advisor to King Zahir Shah (killed during the Soviet invasion), she is the Founder and President of *Hope of Mother*, an Afghan-based organization dedicated to the improvement of the lives of people in need. Having lived in the U.S.A. for 28 years, she returned to Afghanistan in 2005 to take an active part in the development of the country. In 2006, she opened the first *Hope of Mother* school, which now teaches 400 students, and the organization's first clinic that provides basic healthcare services to the local population. Her approach to "development" is through empowerment programs for the disadvantaged, which cover a wide range of areas including basic education, health, sports, craftsmanship, and leadership.

Dr. Wadir Safi, a legal expert and former Civil Aviation minister, is the Executive Director of the Independent National Legal Training Center of Afghanistan, a body that provides additional legal training to young law graduates. He is also Senior Legal Advisor to the International Development Law Organization in Kabul. Dr. Safi, with a MA in International Relations and PhD in Public International Law teaches law at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences at the University of Kabul. Author of more than 30 published academic works, Dr. Safi is dedicated to working closely with the Afghan youth in an effort to strengthen the rule of law, as a fundamental requisite to foster sustainable development in the country.

Discussants:

PD Dr. Dietrich Reetz (political scientist specialized in reform movements emerging from South Asia, Center for Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin) and PD Dr. Lutz Rzehak (specialist in the languages and cultures of Afghanistan, Zentralasien-Seminar), members of the Competence Network "Crossroads Asia".