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LARGE-SCALE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN: WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT NEW ATROCITIES?





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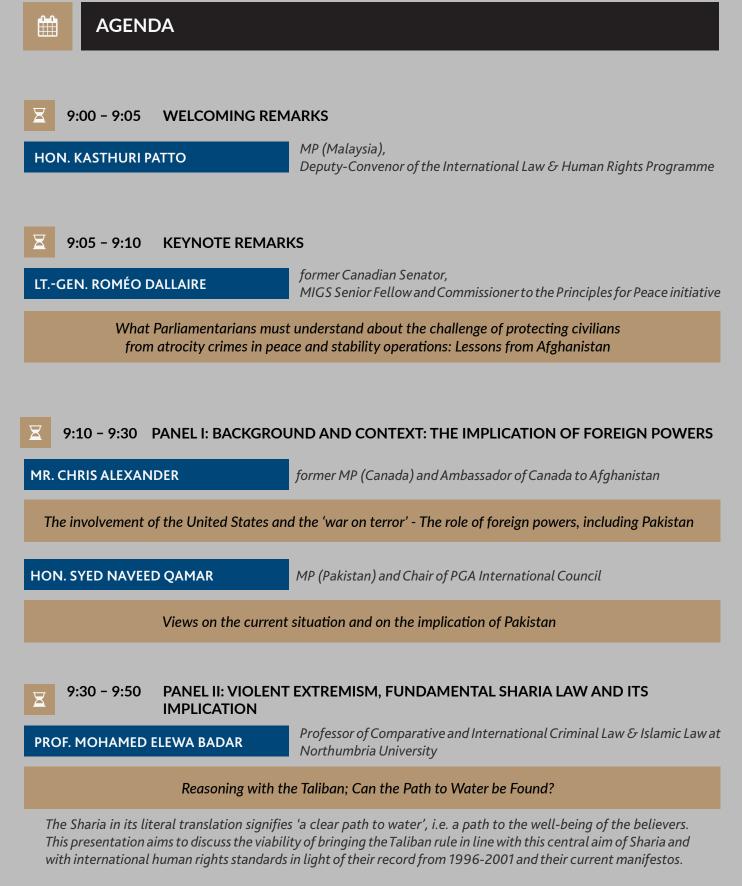
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THE ROUNDTABLE WILL BE HELD ONLINE (VIA ZOOM), PLEASE REGISTER **>>** On May 1st 2021, the United States began the withdrawal of their troops from Afghanistan after 20 years of presence in the country. Instantaneously, the Taliban – whose ruling between 1996 and 2001 was marked by violent extremism and fundamentalist application of the Islamic law – took control of the country, allegedly committing atrocities and serious human rights violations against Afghan civilians, including women and girls, children, journalists, human rights defenders, members of Parliament, and any individuals who worked or supported Western powers. Now that Afghanistan is under a de facto government ruled by the Taliban and that the last foreign troops have recently left the country ahead of the symbolic date of September 11, this roundtable aims at fostering a discussion on the current situation and what can be done to prevent the commission of new atrocities in Afghanistan.

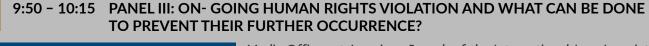
An open and fruitful exchange is necessary to explore ways how the international community, including Parliamentarians, can act to try to have an impact towards the prevention of atrocity-crimes and to improve, to the extent possible, the safety and security of the Afghan civilians. From the willingness already expressed by several countries to welcome Afghan refugees to public condemnations of the atrocities committed by the de facto government, various efforts to address the situation have already been put forward. Taking stock of the <u>Milan Forum in Preventing Violent Extremism</u> and <u>Mass Atrocities</u> held in 2017, the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies and Parliamentarians for Global Action organise this roundtable to offer an opportunity to raise awareness on the tools available and to find concrete actions that can be undertaken by legislators to protect fundamental rights and prevent further perpetration of crimes targeting the most vulnerable.

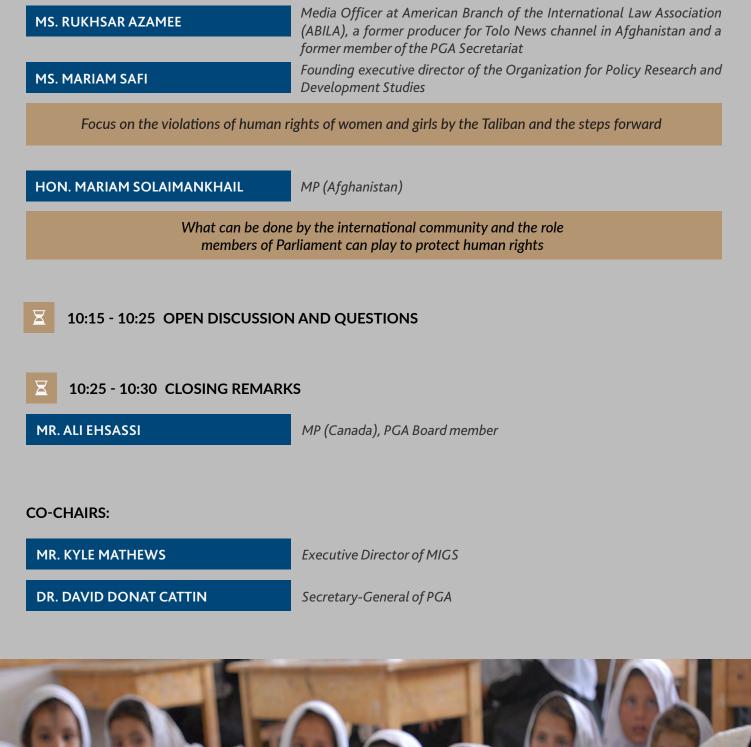


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How the application of fundamental Sharia Law will affect the human rights of the Afghan population, including women, children, minorities, journalists, and human rights defenders







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