



## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - GISW Guest Lecture Series on Afghanistan *Schedule of Speakers*

### ***On Demand (view at any time):***

Speaker(s): **Thomas Langpaul**  
Foreign Correspondent for the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF) Washington D.C.  
Current GISW Parent

Topic: *"The Experience of Afghan Refugees Living in the Greater Washington D.C. Area"*

Format: Television broadcast (in German) of interviews conducted by GISW parent Thomas Langpaul with refugees from Afghanistan living in our region.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/9OZETCQrLnw>  
Source: ORF, Thomas Langpaul, Washington, D.C.

### ***February 28<sup>th</sup> (Monday):***

Speaker(s): **Merritt Groeschel**  
Executive Director and Founder, [Solutions in Hometown Connections](#)  
Parent of Former GLC & GISW Students

Topic: *"Varied Approaches to Refugee Resettlement in Germany and the U.S."*

Target Audience: GISW 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders; all teachers, staff and parents

Time: 11:30am – 12:15pm (5<sup>th</sup> Period)

Format: Virtual (zoom)

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### ***March 2nd (Wednesday):***

Speaker(s): **Robina Mohibzada**  
Teacher, Undergraduate Student & Recent Refugee from Afghanistan

Topic: *"An Introduction to the Geography, Cultural and Contemporary History of Afghanistan"*  
*"My Personal Story"*

Target Audience: Lecture #1: GISW 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders; all teachers, staff and parents

Time: 8:55-9:40am (2<sup>nd</sup> Period)

Format: Virtual (zoom)

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***March 2nd (Wednesday):***

Speaker(s): ***Robina Mohibzada***  
**Teacher, Undergraduate Student & Recent Refugee from Afghanistan**

Topic: *"An Introduction to the Geography, Cultural and Contemporary History of Afghanistan"*  
*"Reactions to the Sudden Collapse of the Afghanistan Republic Government and Afghan Refugees" & "My Personal Story"*

Target Audience: Lecture #2: GISW 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders; all teachers, staff and parents

Time: 10:40-11:25 am (4<sup>th</sup> Period)

Format: Virtual (zoom)

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***March 8th (Tuesday):***

Speaker(s): ***Ambassador Ali Ahmad Jalali***  
**Distinguished Professor at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) at the National Defense University in Washington D.C.**  
**Interior Minister of Afghanistan (Jan 2003-Sept. 2005)**  
**Afghanistan Ambassador to Germany (Dec. 2016-Sept. 2018)**

Topic: *"Afghanistan Under Taliban v. 3.0"*

Target Audience: GISW 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders; all teachers, staff and parents

Time: 12:15 – 1:00 pm (Period 6A)

Format: Virtual (zoom)

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***March 11th (Friday):***

Speaker(s): ***Can Merrey***  
**Foreign Correspondent for Deutsche Presse-Agentur GmbH (DPA)**  
**Bureau Chief for North America**  
**Current GISW Parent**

Topic: *"What Led to Western Military Intervention in Afghanistan?"*  
*"What Did I (as a Journalist) Do in Afghanistan?"*  
*"Why Did the West Fail in Afghanistan?"*  
*"How Does Life Under the Taliban Look?"*

Target Audience: GISW 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders; all teachers and staff only

Time: 8:10 – 9:40 am (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Periods)

Format: In-Person  
Location: School Auditorium

**March 14th (Monday):**

Speaker(s): **Torialei Safi**  
**German Instructor, International Center for Language Studies**  
**German Instructor, GLC**

Topic: *"My Life Story - From Growing Up in Afghanistan to Teaching German in the U.S."*  
*"Introduction to the Culture and Customs of Afghanistan"*  
*"A Brief Look at Situation and Living Conditions of Afghans Under the Current Regime"*

Target Audience: GISW 9-12th graders; all teachers, staff and parents  
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Format: Virtual (zoom)  
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**March 15th (Tuesday):**

Speaker(s): **Noah Klose**  
**Community Outreach Manager, [Homes Not Borders](#)**

Topic(s): *"Overview of Local Non-Profit Organization "Homes Not Borders" – What Does It Do?"*  
*"Volunteer Opportunities for Students – Ways to Get Involved"*  
*"My Personal History of Involvement in Refugee Resettlement Work as a Career Path"*

Target Audience: GISW 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders; all teachers, staff and parents  
Time: 8:55-9:40 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Period)  
Format: Virtual (zoom)  
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