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Afghan Ambassador to the United States

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Room 120

This lecture is open to the public. Lunch will be served to invited students and faculty who RSVP to [Viki Jones](#) no later than Friday, November 11, 2005.

His Excellency Said Tayeb Jawad, appointed as Afghanistan's Ambassador to the United States of America by President Hamid Karzai, presented his credentials to President George W. Bush on December 4, 2003.

In March 2002, Ambassador Jawad returned to Afghanistan from the United States to assist in the rebuilding effort of his country. Under his leadership, the Embassy of Afghanistan is emerging as one of the most successful missions in Washington DC. He also serves as Afghanistan's non resident Ambassador to Mexico, Brazil and Argentina and accompanies President Karzai on most foreign trips.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador, he served as the President's Press Secretary, Chief of Staff as well as the Director of the Office of International Relations at the Presidential Palace. Ambassador Jawad has worked closely with President Karzai in formulating strategies, implementing policies, building national institutions and prioritizing reforms in Afghanistan. He also worked with the U.S. and Afghan military experts to help reform the Ministry of Defense and rebuild the Afghan National Army. Among his many accomplishments, he was instrumental in drafting Afghanistan's foreign investment laws and also served as President Karzai's principal liaison with the constitutional commission during the process of the drafting of Afghanistan's new constitution.

Ambassador Jawad was educated at the Afghan French Lycée Istiklal and School of Law and Political Sciences at Kabul University. Shortly after the Soviet invasion in 1980, he left Afghanistan and went into exile in Germany, where he studied law at Westfaelische Wilhelms University in Muenster. In 1986 he migrated to USA, where he received his MBA from the Golden Gate University, in San Francisco and worked for a number of prominent law firms.

Ambassador Jawad is also a writer and commentator. He has published hundreds of articles and conducted numerous interviews with international media throughout the world. He is fluent in English, German and French. He is married to Shamim Jawad, a financial consultant, and they have a son, Iman, 14.