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cordially invites you to the

Public Lecture on
**The Place of India in the
Trump Administration's South Asia Policy:
Prospects for Afghanistan**

and

Signing Ceremony of
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

The American University of Afghanistan in Kabul

&

O.P. Jindal Global University

Date: Thursday, 22 February 2018 | **Time:** 11:45 am – 1:30 pm

Venue: T2 Global Conference Room (Class Room No.30), 3rd Floor (4th Floor via Elevators on the Main Parking side)
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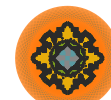
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SESSION I

Public Lecture on 'The Place of India in the Trump Administration's South Asia Policy: Prospects for Afghanistan'

Chair: Ambassador Vivek Katju

- 11:45 am – 11:55 am **Opening Remarks** by Ambassador Vivek Katju
- 11:55 am – 12:25 pm **Dr. Kenneth Holland**, President, The American University of Afghanistan
- 12:25 pm – 1:00 pm **Q&A Session**

SESSION II

Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding

- 1:00 pm – 1:05 pm **Welcome Address**
Professor Kalyani Unkule, Director, Office of International Affairs and Global Initiatives (IAGI), O.P. Jindal Global University
- 1:05 pm – 1:10 pm **Special Remarks**
Professor (Dr.) Sreeram Chaulia, Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs
- 1:10 pm – 1:15 pm **Key Note Address**
Professor (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy, Registrar, O.P. Jindal Global University
- 1:15 pm – 1:20 pm **Chief Guest's Address**
Dr. Kenneth Holland, President, The American University of Afghanistan
- 1:20 pm – 1:25 pm **Signing of MoU**
- 1:25 pm – 1:30 pm **Vote of Thanks**
Professor (Dr.) Raghav Sharma, Director, Centre for Afghanistan Studies



About the Speaker

Dr. Kenneth Holland

President, The American University of Afghanistan

Dr. Kenneth Holland is President of the American University of Afghanistan. A citizen of the United States, he earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago, M.A. in Government and International Relations from the University of Virginia and B.A. in Political Science (summa cum laude) from Furman University. He has held previous academic positions at

Luther College, the University of Wisconsin—Madison, the University of Vermont, the University of Memphis, Kansas State University, and Ball State University. He has been a Visiting Professor at Tohoku University in Japan and the University of Calgary in Canada, a Research Fellow at the Australian National University and a Fulbright Specialist in Burma. He is the winner of three research awards and has published 8 books and more than 60 refereed articles and edited five special issues of internationally known journals. Dr. Holland is the Immediate Past President of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. Dr. Holland has extensive experience implementing grants in a number of developing countries to strengthen higher education and the rule of law, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Iraq, and Mongolia, funded by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Department of State, and the United States Agency for International Development. Until June 1, he was the Project Director of Ball State University's partnership with Kabul University's Faculty of Economics, funded by USAID's University Support and Workforce Development Program (USWDP). Dr. Holland led a successful effort to launch the first degree programs at Kabul University in Business Administration, both at the undergraduate (BBA) and graduate (MBA) levels. Since 2006 Dr. Holland has collaborated with a number of Afghan governmental ministries and agencies to build the country's development and stability, including the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Justice, the Attorney General's Office, the Supreme Court, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, and the Independent Directorate for Local Governance.

Abstract of the Lecture: On August 21, 2017, President Donald Trump outlined his administration's policy toward the conflict in Afghanistan. It is noteworthy that he referred to the strategy as a "South Asia Policy." There were three main elements: (1) The United States was committed to help Afghanistan battle the terrorists attempting to destroy the constitutional regime until victory was achieved; (2) Pakistan would no longer receive unconditional civilian and military assistance from the United States but the aid would be contingent upon Pakistan no longer offering safe haven to insurgents attempting to overthrow the Afghan government; and (3) the United States would ask India to play a larger role in the development of Afghanistan. This talk explores the various dimensions of the South Asia Policy as it affects Indo-U.S. relations and India's potential expanded role in Afghanistan's quest for stability, peace, democracy and prosperity. What exactly does America expect of the Modi government? What are the implications of hardline treatment of Pakistan for Indo-Pakistani relations? What are the broad implications for the region of a stronger alliance between the United States and India



About the Chair

Ambassador Vivek Katju

Ambassador Vivek Katju joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1975. He served as India's ambassador to Afghanistan, Myanmar and Thailand and served in Indian Missions in Cairo, Abu Dhabi, Washington DC, Suva, and Kuala Lumpur. During his long career, he served in various positions in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, as Joint Secretary (Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan), Additional Secretary and Special Secretary (Political and International Organisations). His last assignment in Government was in the crucial position of Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External

Affairs. Mr Katju was one of India's chief negotiators during the Kandahar hijack when he headed the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran desk at the Ministry of External Affairs. He retired from service in August 2011.