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A Woman's Place Women's Rights Advocate Roya Rahmani On Post-Taliban Afghanistan

WINNIPEG—**On Tuesday, May 9, 2006**, Afghan-Canadian women's rights advocate Roya Rahmani will speak on the role of women in present-day Afghanistan—both the progress and the failures of the post-Taliban nation.

Under the Taliban, the rights and freedoms of women in Afghanistan were strictly curtailed. Those who defied Taliban rule were met with harsh punishments, including stoning, mutilation, and death. Several years have now passed since the 2001 collapse of the Taliban regime and democracy is slowly emerging in the troubled nation. But has anything changed for the women of Afghanistan? Are the promises of equal rights and equal opportunities being met?

As a special presentation of The University of Winnipeg's Global College and Students' Association, along with the World University Services, Roya Rahmani will explore the current role of women Afghanistan at a free public lecture:

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall
University of Winnipeg**

Rahmani is an Afghan-Canadian born in Kabul, Afghanistan. As a former teacher and counselor in the refugee camps in Peshawar, Rahmani saw firsthand the challenges facing women refugees forced to flee the war raging in Afghanistan. She has continued her work with refugees in Canada through the World University Service of Canada's resettlement initiatives. Rahmani is now the Project Coordinator in the Kabul Office for the CIDA-funded Women's Rights in Afghanistan Fund (WRAF.ca), Rights & Democracy.

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