

# ***Afghanistan: Past, Present, & Future Roundtable***

Monday 4 October 2021

Streatham Court Lecture Theatre A

18:30-20:30

*Open to all but limited to 200 attendees (first come first served)*

20 years after their defeat in the first act of the US “War on Terror”, the Taliban are now back in power in Afghanistan following the rapid US withdrawal. What lies ahead for this conflict-torn country? Was the withdrawal a strategic error or a belated necessity? How is the Afghan security predicament shaped by broader international tensions? Organized by the Centre for Advanced International Studies (CAIS), this roundtable will offer different perspectives on these questions and other related debates.

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*Former Canadian Ambassador to Afghanistan*

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*Peace Negotiator and former chairman of the  
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**Ms Lynne O'DONNELL**

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