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EDUCATION

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| LL.M. (Master of Laws)
<i>School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London</i> | 2008–2009 |
| LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws)
<i>Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Kabul University</i> | 2003–2006 |

ACADEMIC & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|-------------------|
| Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law
<i>University of Toronto</i>
Course: Gender Equality in Transnational Legal Perspectives. | Sep. 2025–present |
| Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science
<i>University of Toronto</i>
Courses: Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Governance; Comparative Constitutionalism in the Global South. | Jan. 2024–present |
| Faculty Advisor (pro bono), Faculty of Law
<i>University of Toronto</i>
Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan Working Group, International Human Rights Program (IHRP). | 2023–present |
| Visiting Scholar
<i>Faculty of Law and the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto</i> | 2022–2024 |
| Program Director, Afghan Women's Fellowship Program
<i>Massey College, University of Toronto</i> | 2023–present |
| Adjunct Professor
<i>Osgoode Hall Law School, York University</i>
Courses: Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Societies; Comparative Constitutionalism. | Aug. 2024–present |
| Adjunct Professor, Department of Law
<i>American University of Afghanistan</i> | 2019–present |
| Assistant Professor, Department of Law
<i>American University of Afghanistan</i>
Department Chair, 2016–2019. Courses: Introduction to the Laws of Afghanistan; Constitutional Law; Comparative Constitutional Law; Human Rights; Transitional Justice; Election Law; Comparative Legal Systems; Legislative Drafting. | 2012–2019 |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Judge
<i>Permanent Peoples' Tribunal: People's Tribunal for the Women of Afghanistan, Madrid and The Hague</i> | Aug.–Dec. 2025 |
| Legal Consultant
<i>Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Heidelberg (remote)</i> | Jan. 2023–Jun. 2024 |

Senior Advisor / Acting Country Director <i>Open Society Afghanistan, Kabul</i>	Jun.–Dec. 2021
Ombudsperson <i>Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</i> Afghanistan’s first Ombudsperson; led anti-corruption efforts and investigated abuses of power at the highest levels of government.	2019–2021
Commissioner (Parliament-confirmed) <i>Independent Commission for Overseeing the Implementation of the Constitution, Kabul</i>	2016–2019
Executive Director <i>Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Program, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development</i> Deputy Executive Director, 2009–2010.	2010–2013
National Democratic Institute, Afghanistan Senior Program Manager, Legislative Program (Jan. 2007–Sep. 2008); Program Manager, Parliamentary Women’s Program (Apr.–Dec. 2006); Program Coordinator, Domestic Election Monitoring (Feb. 2005–Mar. 2006).	2005–2008
Program Coordinator <i>Womankind Worldwide, Afghanistan</i>	Sep. 2004–Dec. 2006
Executive Director <i>Free and Fair Elections Foundation of Afghanistan (FEFA)</i>	Jun.–Dec. 2004
Afghanistan Program Manager; Senior Program Officer <i>Global Rights, Afghanistan</i>	Jul. 2001–Jun. 2004

PUBLICATIONS — ACADEMIC

- Razai, M. S., Nejadghaderi, S. A., Khaliqi, S., Haress, G., & Cook, R. J. (2026). “Preventable maternal mortality in Afghanistan: Trends, lessons, and recommendations.” *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*.
- Haress, Ghizal. 2026. “A Tribunal of Conscience in an Age of Impunity: Epistemic Justice and the Peoples’ Tribunal for Women of Afghanistan.” *International Review of Contemporary Law*.
- Haress, Ghizal. 2017. *Judicial Review in Afghanistan: A Flawed Practice*. Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU).
- Haress, Ghizal. 2014. *Adjudicating Election Complaints: Afghanistan and the Perils of Un-constitutionalism — A Case Study of the Special Election Tribunal of 2010*. Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU).

ONGOING RESEARCH

- Plural Normative Orders, Singular Autocratic Authority: Gendered Harm under Taliban Rule in Afghanistan.
- Credibility at the Cost of Dignity: Virginity Testing of Women in Afghanistan.
- A Contextual Analysis of the Constitution of the Taliban.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Haress, Ghizal. 2022. “Taliban’s Pursuit of Recognition and Legitimacy: Is a Monarchical Constitution the Solution?” *Afghan Insight Reports*.
- Haress, Ghizal. 2022. “Taliban’s Negation of Legal Pluralism: Implications for Justice and Rights.” *Afghan Insight Reports*.

Haress, Ghizal. 2019. Constitutional Assessment of Women's Equality under Afghanistan's Constitution (2004). International IDEA.

Haress, Ghizal. 2019. "Why the Taliban Should Read the Afghan Constitution?" Afghanistan Analysts Network (Dari version published in 8am Daily).

Haress, Ghizal. 2014. "Did Politics Compromise Afghanistan's Constitution?" Foreign Policy.