

# **Haroon Ullah**

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## **Description**

Haroon K. Ullah is a scholar, diplomat, and field researcher specializing in South Asia and the Middle East. Haroon grew up in a farming community in Washington State and was trained at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he served as a senior Belfer fellow and completed his MPA.

Haroon has a PhD in Political Science and Public Policy from the University of Michigan and was a William J. Fulbright fellow, a Harvard University presidential scholar, a National Security Education Program fellow, and a Woodrow Wilson Public Service fellow. He is also the author of *Vying for Allah's Vote* (Georgetown University Press, 2013).

His recent book, *The Bargain From the Bazaar: A Family's Day of Reckoning*, published in March 2014 by PublicAffairs, has received widespread praise and acclaim, including from the New York Review of Books, the Wall Street Journal, Mother Jones, Seattle Times, NPR and Publisher's Weekly. Haroon currently serves on Secretary Kerry's Policy Planning Staff at the US State Department, focusing on public diplomacy, strategic policy and countering violent extremism.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Government Relations, Media - Online, Media - Broadcast, Internet, Public Policy, International Trade and Development, Philanthropy, International Affairs, Motion Pictures and Film

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## **Topics**

Public Policy, Pakistan, Diplomacy, International Relations, Foreign Policy, International Rights, Politics, Human Rights, National Security, Political Science

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## **Affiliations**

U.S. Department of State, Harvard University, Council of Foreign Relations

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## **Sample Talks**

**Divine Endorsement? Islamists, Voting Behavior and Political Violence**

A look at the five myths about countering violent extremism and examining new trends in democratization.

## **A Journey from Small-Town America to the Middle East and South Asia**

Exploring the global trends that influence America and its future.

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### **Past Talks**

**Member to Member Lunch with Dr. Haroon Ullah: Rising Political Islam, Causes and Consequences for American Foreign Policy**

World Affairs Council of Seattle

### **Instant Issues**

World Affairs Council of Western Mass. and Critical Connections

**Haroon Ullah: Political Violence and Extremism in Pakistan**

International Relations Council of Kansas City, Saint Andrew Christian Church

### **Book talk/Signing**

The Elliot Bay Book Company & Town Hall Seattle

### **Book Talk**

Politics and Prose Book Store

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### **Education**

**University of Michigan**

PhD Comparative Politics and Public Policy

**Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government**

Master's Degree Public Administration in International Development

**Whitman College**

B.A. Politics

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### **Accomplishments**

**U.S. William J. Fullbright Award for International Affairs**

Prestigious congressionally mandated award to explore civil society and governance reforms in North Africa and Morocco.

**Harvard University President Scholarship**

Awarded by Harvard University

## **Term Member of Council on Foreign Relations**

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