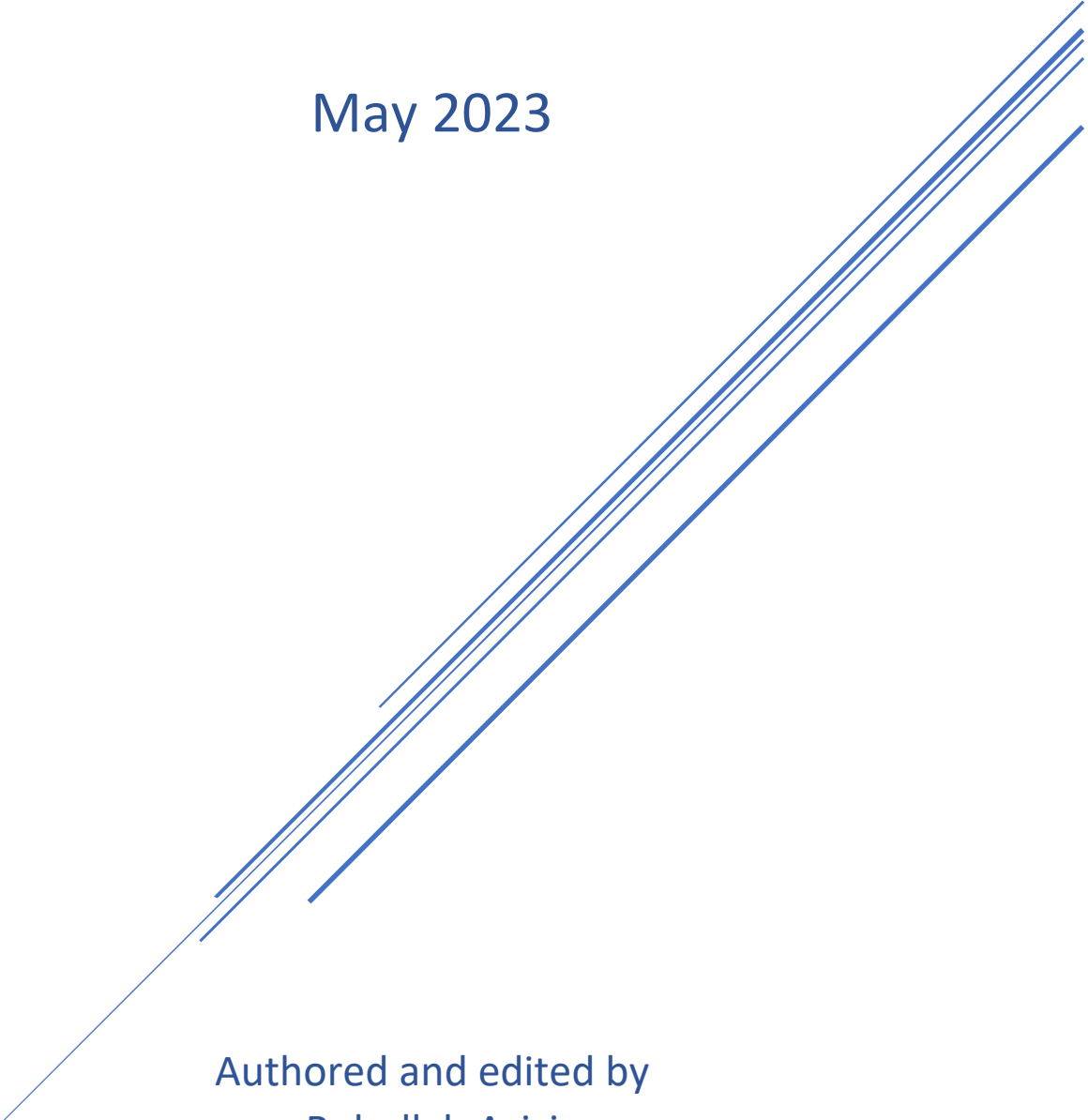


RULE OF LAW IN AFGHANISTAN: A POST-2021 BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Preface

The aim of this bibliography is to provide a current and thorough reference for scholarly investigation and research concerning Afghanistan's rule of law, legal system, justice, human rights, and related topics, with a focus on the era subsequent to the Taliban's ascension to power in August 2021. The collection encompasses academic journals, books, and comparable resources, facilitating a multifaceted and diverse assortment of viewpoints and assessments. This bibliography strives to offer over a hundred secondary resource materials for scholars, researchers, and individuals interested in examining the legal and justice system landscape in Afghanistan following the US withdrawal. This work remains strictly apolitical, dedicated solely to research and academic purposes, and refrains from evaluating the scope or quality of legal work undertaken under the Taliban.

Need and Motivation

One of the motivations for creating this bibliography has been the precedent set by a previous work, "The Afghanistan Analyst Law Bibliography, 4th Edition – January 2013," compiled by Timothy Mathews, a Juris Doctor graduate from the University of Maine School of Law. We have built upon the foundation laid by Mathews' compilation, updating and expanding the scope of our bibliography to reflect the evolving legal landscape in Afghanistan.

Since the Taliban's takeover in August 2021, the legal and political environment in Afghanistan has undergone significant changes. Numerous older publications have become outdated, while a plethora of new research has emerged to address current issues. This bibliography aims to fill the gap by providing an up-to-date resource that captures the complexity and nuance of Afghanistan's legal landscape in this transformative period.

Accessibility

A portion of the sources in this bibliography may be accessible through Google Scholar or academic databases like JSTOR. Whenever possible, hyperlinks have been provided to direct readers to freely accessible materials. For the majority of books, links to Google Books have been included, which typically offer a free preview and multiple purchasing options. These links do not constitute endorsements of any retailers listed by Google.

Efforts have been made to ensure that all hyperlinks direct users to legitimate, non-malicious websites that comply with copyright laws. However, as websites may change ownership, alter file names, or be targeted by hackers, users are advised to exercise caution when clicking on links to third-party sites and assume all risks associated with doing so.

Updates and Changes

As websites and links evolve, some documents may no longer be available online. For such freely accessible documents, we have uploaded backups to a dedicated website and updated the hyperlinks accordingly. Furthermore, we have rectified outdated hyperlinks and resolved any conversion issues from MS Word to Adobe PDF format.

Acknowledging the subjectivity of categorization, we have endeavored to classify articles based on their primary focus area. To accommodate potential overlap, cross-reference recommendations and notes have been provided in most sections.

Feedback and Recommendations

We encourage readers to share their suggestions for improving the organization and content of this bibliography, including any errors, omissions, or non-functioning hyperlinks. Your feedback is invaluable in our pursuit to create a reliable and up-to-date resource for those interested in understanding the complexities of Afghanistan's legal landscape in this new era.

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