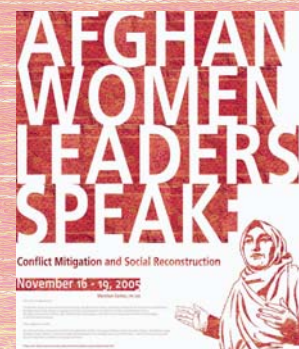


Afghan Women Leaders Speak

Margaret Mills & Sally Kitch



Malalai Joya

Women's Rights, Warlords and the U.S. Occupation of Afghanistan

March 10, 2006

Mershon Center

12:00pm

Malalai Joya was an elected representative to the December 2003 Loya Jirga (Grand Council) convention in Kabul to create Afghanistan's new constitution. At that meeting she stood up to denounce the prominent presence of warlords in the constitutional process. Despite death threats, she went on to be elected from her native Farah province to the Wolusi Jirga, the House of Representatives of the new Afghan parliament. She has continued her vocal public opposition to the participation of armed factions in Afghanistan's political institutions. Since 1998, Malalai Joya has worked in Afghanistan as a social worker establishing orphanages & health clinics.

This lecture is open to the public. RSVP to Ann Powers powers.108@osu.edu since seating is limited. Lunch will be served to those who RSVP to Ann Powers powers.108@osu.edu, no later than Tuesday March 7

Other Public Engagement:

March 10, 2006; 11:00am-11:30am & 6:00pm-6:30pm *Open Line* with Fred Andrie on *WOSU 820AM* interviewing Malalai Joya or listen at <http://www.wosu.org/am/openline.php>

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