



Sustainability Perspectives

Revitalizing the Environment in Afghanistan

Mariam Raqib '97 is founder and director of *Afghanistan Samsortya*, a Pashtu word meaning "revitalization of the environment." Over forty years of conflict, traditional farms and vast forests have been destroyed in Afghanistan. This environmental devastation has left women and children especially to suffer from severe malnutrition. *Samsortya* established nurseries that annually propagate and disperse thousands of trees, and employs local women who coordinate family gardens, raise livestock and poultry, cultivate fruit trees and manage ongoing nursery operations. By helping local communities re-establish local food sovereignty, *Samsortya* empowers those in need to determine their own futures.



Monday, September 18, 2017 from 12:20 – 1:20PM
deWitt Lecture Hall, Zabriskie Hall Room 106

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The series explores the concept of 'sustainability' from a variety of viewpoints.

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