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**Professor of Anthropology at Boston University and President of the
American Institute for Afghanistan Studies**

**“Afghanistan on the Brink: Elections and
Legitimacy.”**



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Location: Higgins 300 Auditorium

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