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ASIL HOSTS AFGHANISTAN RULE OF LAW EVENT

WASHINGTON, DC –The American Society of International Law (ASIL) will host **Robert Lochary**, recently returned from serving as a U.S. State Department-funded adviser to Afghanistan’s Attorney General’s Office, on Tuesday, **June 23, 12:30-2:00pm**, for a talk entitled *The Struggle for Rule of Law in Afghanistan: Lessons from the Field*. The program, preceded by a light lunch at noon, will take place at ASIL headquarters, **2223 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC** (Dupont Circle). Members of the press and public are invited to attend the lunch and presentation by registering with ASIL Director of Communications and Member Relations Sheila Ward at sward@asil.org.

This event will explore the challenges faced by the Obama administration as it increases efforts to stabilize Afghanistan and build a rule of law culture in the country. Lochary will provide an overview of the Afghan legal system, the progress being made in efforts to build the rule of law in post-Taliban Afghanistan, and the challenges that remain. A former prosecutor, Lochary is an experienced legal reform specialist with extensive experience promoting reform in the Balkans, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia.

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Andrew Solomon, Foreign Policy Fellow and Deputy Director of the Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement at The Brookings Institution, will act as the discussant. The program will end with a brief question and answer session.

ASIL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization. It was founded in 1906, chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1950, and has held Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 1993. ASIL's mission is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. The Society's 4,000 members (from nearly 100 countries) comprise attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students, and others interested in international law. ASIL events, such as *The Struggle for Rule of Law in Afghanistan: Lessons from the Field*, generally deal with one of the Society's seven thematic focal areas: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Institutions, International Law and Development, International Security, Science and Technology, Trade and Investment, and Transnational Litigation and Arbitration. For more information, visit www.asil.org.