

**Afghanistan Studies Centre
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Cordially Invite you to the Screening of

SEARCH FOR FREEDOM



Directed by Munizae Jahangir the documentary traces the dramatic social and political history of Afghanistan from the 1920s to the present through the stories of four remarkable women: Princess Shafiqā Saroj, sister of the progressive King Amanullah (1919-1929); Mairman Parveen, the first woman to sing on Afghan radio; Moshina, a war widow and survivor of a Taliban massacre; and Sohaila, an exiled medical student who ran underground schools for RAWA (Revolutionary Association of Afghan Women) during the Taliban regime. Through their personal stories, a portrait of Afghanistan's history emerges. Archival footage from the early 20th century captures a time of remarkable progress and freedom for women that belies most Western perceptions. Defying and clarifying the image of Afghan women as mere victims, SEARCH FOR FREEDOM offers a nuanced portrait of women who find choices where none are offered, who continue to find hope in the face of exile and isolation.

Date: 24 March 2014 (Monday), Time: 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Venue: Tagore Hall, Dayar-i-Mir Taqi Mir

The Screening will be followed by a Discussion