



## Barnett Rubin Analyzed the Challenges and Perspectives of Afghanistan

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Barnett R. Rubin, director of studies of the Center on International Cooperation, University of New York, reviewed the current situation in Afghanistan and analyzed future challenges and perspectives during a conference in Madrid organized in April 2005 by the Peace Research Center (Centro de Investigación para la Paz, CIP-FUHEM), along with the Foundation for the International Relations and the External Dialogue (Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior, FRIDE) and the International Center of Toledo for Peace (Centro Internacional de Toledo para la Paz), and the support of the Embassy of the United States in Spain.

[Key contents of the conference](#) (Español)

[Interview with Barnett Rubin](#), by Nuria del Viso (CIP-FUHEM) (Español)

More information on Afghanistan in the webpage of the Center on International Cooperation.

[http://www.cic.nyu.edu/conflict/conflict\\_project4.html](http://www.cic.nyu.edu/conflict/conflict_project4.html).

### Barnett R. Rubin

Among his many books are: *The Fragmentation of Afghanistan: State Formation and Collapse in the International System* (2002; 1<sup>a</sup> ed. 1995), *Calming the Ferghana Valley: Development and Dialogue in the Heart of Central Asia* (1999) y *The Search for Peace in Afghanistan: From Buffer State to Failed State* (1995). Dr. Rubin is autor of numerous articles and books on conflict prevention, state formation and human rights. Some are: *Blood on the Doorstep: the Politics of Preventing Violent Conflict* (2002); *Cases and Strategies for Preventive Action* (1998); *Toward Comprehensive Peace in Southeast Europe: Conflict Prevention in the South Balkans* (1996).

Dr. Rubin has studied in depth the fragmentation of Afghanistan, the construction of fragile status and the development of democracy in difficult environments where with multidimensional threats, such as humanitarian crisis, warlords, narcotraffic and international terrorist groups. Rubin analyzed also the role of the international community in the light of the present and future situation.

[Biography and bibliography of Barnett Rubin](#)