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A POETRY READING WITH AFGHAN SCHOLAR MUJIB MEHRDAD

Moderated by Becka McKay,
Director of the MFA Program
in Creative Writing, FAU



4 pm, Wednesday, September 14

Culture & Society Building (CU), Rm 301 | FAU BOCA RATON

Award-winning Afghan poet, writer, translator, journalist, and academic Mujib Mehrdad specializes in English literature and cultural studies. His books of poetry include *Gladiators Are Still Dying*, which won the 2007 Afghan Civil Society's literature contest, *The Fish Have Fled Our Veins and Audience*, and *The Rain Passed*, a collection of essays. Mehrdad served on the board of the literary organization Kashane Nawesendagan (House of Authors), taught Persian literature at Al-Beroni University in Afghanistan, and edited Afghanistan's largest daily newspaper, *Hasht-e Subh* (8 am). He also has held international residencies, including in the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa. In 2021, Mehrdad's most recent collection of poetry, *Dolphin's Alley* (*Kucha-e Dolphinha*), won the prestigious Ahmad Shamlou Poetry Award for best collection of the year in Tehran, Iran. FAU is currently hosting Mehrdad as a research scholar in the Department of English through the Scholars at Risk Network, an NGO that arranges for universities in North America and Europe to host threatened scholars from around the globe. Reception to follow with light refreshments.

This event is free and open to the public.

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