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## Imagine Afghanistan: Women Filmmakers and Their Vision

Internationales Frauen\*  
Film Fest Dortmund+Köln,  
29.03.-03.04.2022

**10th discussion organised by the IFFF  
Dortmund+Köln on gender equity and the status of  
women\* in the film industry during Berlinale**

**14 February, 4 p.m. (CET) online, Associated Event  
of the European Film Market**

A new generation of young Afghan film directors has celebrated international success in recent years. The terrorist takeover by the Taliban in August 2021 introduced a radical turning point. How can Afghanistan be represented on film after these catastrophic events? What images can still emerge?

These questions are the focus of this year's network meeting Imagine Afghanistan: Women Filmmakers and Their Vision, with the internationally celebrated directors and DoPs **Shahrbanoo Sadat** (»Kabul Children's Home«), **Rokhsareh Ghaem Maghami** (Sundance-winning documentary filmmaker of »Sonita«) and **Zamarin Wahdat** (»Learning to Skateboard in a Warzone (If You're a Girl)«), »Bambirak«).

So, what are the conditions like for female filmmakers now? How can women directors draw from their experiences and put them to use now that the country is undergoing a critical time. This panel discussion focuses on outstanding women directors' films from and about Afghanistan. The panelists – internationally successful directors and DoPs, who have different ties to the country – will discuss the way in which they tell empowering stories beyond the grand narratives of turmoil and taboo.

The panel will be moderated by the director of the Nuremberg International Human Rights Film Festival, **Andrea Kuhn**.

Please join the panelists and the festival team at our digital get-together on Spatial.Chat after the discussion.

This is an Associated Event of the European Film Market. EFM accredited participants are cordially invited to partake in this event. The event is supported by Film- und Medienstiftung NRW, in cooperation with LaDoc and the Nuremberg International Human Rights Film Festival.

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**14 February 2022, , 4 p.m. (CET) in English**

Participation is free, Registration required via  
[www.discussion.frauenfilmfest.com](http://www.discussion.frauenfilmfest.com)

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