

## Bio

Dr. Mitra Raheb is a consultant and a professor at University of Miami and FIU Olli program, with more than 20 years of experience in the academic and foreign policy arena. She holds a Bachelor of Science in history and politics, Masters of Arts with concentration in Europe and Middle East, and a PhD. with emphasis in the Moslem world in particular, Central and west Asia. Experience, education, and knowledge of the regions and issues which have defined those areas for more than 2 millennia, has allowed Dr. Raheb to provide a more clear, objective and pertinent picture of the world ranging from middle east to Russia to Asia. That attention and concentration allowed her to become one of the first individuals to ever publish a work on the condition of Moslem women in the entire former Soviet Islamic republics during the Soviet era.

Her expertise on Islam and cultural issues have been even more pertinent after the September 11, 2001. Her field of expertise and knowledge allowed her to be the voice of those who not only questioned the argument about the invasion of Iraq, evident by her speeches and writings, but also the concept of Arab spring. Dr. Raheb is a compassionate, articulate, knowledgeable individual whose views and recommendations has brought a clearer understanding of the Moslem world. Lecturing and advising to various local and national universities and organizations, Dr. Raheb's warning about the rise of Islamist extremism and the growing power of Asiatic nations have repeatedly been proven accurate and thus, been implemented in studies and policies.

Viewing Islamist extremism as the Greek mythological figure, the Hydra, Dr. Raheb educates various industries on the manner in defeating this creature. Her knowledge of Asia along with her own personal background and heritage, in particular west and central, has also allowed her a unique perspective into issues that have dominated this region. She has been invited by various universities, non governmental organizations, and business industries as an expert on the field of Islamic culture, Islamist terrorism, international relations in Asia, Europe and Middle East.