Educator Shabana Basij-Rasikh was born and raised in Kabul, Afghanistan. Under the Taliban, she dressed as a boy to escort her older sister to a secret school. She received higher education in the United States through where she co-founded School of Leadership, Afghanistan (SOLA), a non-profit to give young Afghans access to quality education abroad and jobs back home. After graduating, she returned to Kabul to turn SOLA into the nation's first boarding school for girls. She is the president of the non-profit school that provides college preparatory courses and helps graduates enter universities worldwide and return to substantive careers in Afghanistan, where students often become the first women to enter certain fields.

Date & Time: 15:00-17:00, November 10 (Monday), 2014
Venue: Meeting Room #1 (GSID8F)
Language: English
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**Brief description of the seminar**

This will be a closed discussion session between Ms. Basij-Rasikh, invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a panelist for the side event of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, and students of GSID, Nagoya University, following her 30-minute lecture.

People talk about the importance of education for the sustainable development. But “HOW” is the question. Ms. Basij-Rasikh’s story will serve as an example of a person who made a step forward facing a difficulty of her country and recognizing a power of education from her own experience. And this is a story of a woman who’s just graduated from college a several years ago.