Fariba Nawa to talk on investigative reporting in Afghanistan

Freelance journalist and author Fariba Nawa will talk about her work and experiences in Afghanistan at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Ernie Pyle Hall auditorium. Her lecture is part of IU’s observation of Human Trafficking Awareness Week, and is free and open to the public.

The Afghan-American journalist will present “Digging Deep in the Drug Trade: Investigative Reporting Abroad,” drawing on her years living in and reporting from Afghanistan, and her coverage of Iraq, Pakistan and Egypt.

Nawa’s work has appeared in the Sunday Times of London, Foreign Affairs, Daily Beast and Newsday, and she has reported for several radio outlets. She is author of the 2011 book, Opium Nation: Child Brides, Drug Lords and One Woman’s Journey Through Afghanistan, and several essays in other works.

While on campus, Nawa will talk to several journalism classes and with small groups of students. She also is scheduled for these sessions:

- Nawa talks on "Drugs and Sex Trafficking: How the Two Intersect in Afghanistan," at noon Oct. 22 at the International Programs Building, 201 N. Indiana Ave.
- She will discuss "Afghanistan, Heroin and Women" at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Asian Culture Center, 807 E. 10th St.

Her lecture at Ernie Pyle Hall is supported by IU’s Horizons of Knowledge Lecture Series. Human Trafficking Awareness Week is organized by the IU Center for the Study of Global Change, and co-sponsored by the Department of International Studies, the Asian Culture Center and the School of Journalism.