



MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT IN AND FROM AFGHANISTAN

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Displacement within and from Afghanistan is complex, having various causes and forms. People are forced into displacement because of poverty, drought, armed conflict, or a combination of these factors. For many Afghans, displacement has become protracted. Three decades of foreign occupation, civil war, and disastrous environmental degradation have resulted in the destruction of infrastructure, the educational system, agriculture, and industry. Due to

increasing insecurity and armed conflict along with drought in much of the country, expecting durable solutions to forced displacement in the foreseeable future is unlikely. Forced displacement is usually the pivotal issue for peace processes and political stability. The invited scholars have been researching on this issue for several years. The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers with an interest in Afghanistan and its diaspora for exchanging ideas and networking.

Friday 20 September

13.15-13.30

Welcome

Shahram Khosravi, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University
Henrik Berglund, Forum for Asian Studies, Stockholm University

13.30-14.30

Session I

Afghanistan 2014: Displacement Scenarios

Khalid Koser, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Why Do They Move? Motivations for Departure of Unaccompanied Afghan Children

Chona R Echavez, Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Kabul

Chair: Shahram Khosravi

14.30-15.00

Coffee / Tea

15.00-16.00

Session II

The City as a Space of Refuge. Afghans' Mobility between Urbanization and Forced Migration

Christoph Wenzel, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

The UNHCR, Afghan Migration and the Enforcement of the National Order

Giulia Scalettari, EHESS, Paris

Chair: Johan Lindquist, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

16.00-16.30

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Aref Farman

Department of Social Anthropology
The Forum for Asian Studies



Saturday 21 September

10.00-10.30

Coffee / Tea

10.30-12.00

Session III

Permanent Temporariness: Livelihood, Insecurity and Other Consequences for Afghans in Iran

Wenona Giles, York University

Halfway Home? Split Households and Refugee Return to Afghanistan

Kristian Berg Harpviken, PRIO, Oslo

Externalising Hostipitality: Reflections on the Creation of a “Welcome Centre” in Kabul

Sofi Jansson and Mahmoud Keshavarz, Asylgruppen i Malmö

Chair: Shahram Khosravi

12.00-13.30

Lunch

13.30-15.00

Session IV

Afghan Migration into Europe: The Greek Stage

Azita Bathaie, LESC, UPO, Paris

The Resilient, the Restless and the Resigned: Risk Perceptions among Afghan Migrants in Turkey

Esra Kaytaz, University of Oxford

Shuffling the Cards: To be an Afghan Man in New York

Alessandro Monsutti, Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

15.00-15.30

Coffee / Tea

15.30-16.00

Closing discussion