

# Polycrises in Afghanistan

## Education and Diaspora Responses

Saturday, 13 July 2024

On-site in Friburg & Online



### 5<sup>th</sup> Conference on Afghanistan

#### Polycrisis in Afghanistan - Education and Diaspora Responses

Freiburg, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
in Freiburg and online

#### – Call for Contributions – Posters & workshops

In 2024, the people of Afghanistan will face a multitude of challenges, including natural disasters resulting from climate change, internal displacement, a brain drain, increasing poverty, and challenges related to economic stability, healthcare, and especially education. In order to mitigate some of the effects and improve the lives of the people of Afghanistan, various responses are necessary. The education sector, as well as the diaspora, can contribute to this. However, there is a paucity of information regarding this. It is the responsibility of the international community, civil society organizations, and academic institutions to assess these challenges, propose solutions, and work with the Afghan people to support their development aspirations.

To do so, the Working Group Afghanistan at the University of Education Freiburg extends an invitation to all participants to attend the conference on "Polycrises in Afghanistan. Responses by the educational sector and the diaspora."

This conference offers a valuable opportunity for experts, scholars, practitioners, and policy makers to engage in discourse, share insights, and propose solutions to the current situation in Afghanistan. The conference will explore the status quo of education in Afghanistan and the potential responses of the diaspora through a series of keynotes, workshops, panel discussions, and poster presentations. It will provide analytical lenses, potential strategies, and concrete examples to address the current challenges.

We would like to invite colleagues (researchers, educators, and teachers) to contribute to this conference by attending and presenting a poster or organizing a workshop. In order to facilitate a more comprehensive understanding of the content of your poster, we kindly request that you align your poster with one or more of the following questions, or similar questions that align with the conference topic.

### **Education in Afghanistan**

- What challenges currently exist in the educational sector in Afghanistan in 2024?
- What solutions does the government provide to address these challenges?
- What alternative learning opportunities exist?
- What is the impact of the exclusion of female students from educational institutions have on the country and society?
- What is the current role of higher education in Afghanistan?
- What are good practice examples of (higher) education in Afghanistan?

### **Afghan Diaspora & their influence**

- What characterizes the current situation of the Afghan diaspora globally?
- How can the relationship between the Afghan diaspora and the population in people in Afghanistan be described?
- How do members of the Afghan diaspora attempt to mitigate the effects of the polycrisis?
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### **A) POSTERS**

#### **Purpose**

The overarching objective of this conference is to showcase the diverse array of research, policy, and practice initiatives related to education in Afghanistan and the role of the diaspora in Afghanistan. It should be noted that not all activities can be presented in the form of keynotes or workshops. Consequently, we invite you to submit a poster for the online display and in-person poster walk. The poster may include a description of your previous work,

current projects, and future plans that relate to the theme of the conference. All posters will be showcased on the conference website.

### **Important dates**

- Please indicate your interest in displaying a poster by submit a short abstract in English (250-400 words) until July 5th – via email.
- If you want your poster to be displayed on the conference website, please send your poster until July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **General guidelines for poster presentations**

- Please present your activities - research, practice, or policy - on a poster.
- Please use the Din A0 format in portrait mode.
- The final poster can be presented in English, German, Dari, or Pashtu, but we highly recommend that the poster contains an English abstract.
- Please, indicate the presenter of the poster and the names and affiliations of all co-organizers. Enter the full first name before the last name, and indicate affiliation, country, and email address.

### **B) WORKSHOP (already completed)**

#### **Purpose**

Overall, the workshops aim to increase participants' capacity and knowledge of the latest scientific research, relevant policies or innovative programs to implement and advocate for reducing inequalities, addressing some of the challenges and improving well-being. The focus is on the discussion and transfer of knowledge and practical experience through intensive interaction with the audience, collaborative learning and, where possible, the development of new ideas. The duration of the workshops is 60 minutes.

#### **General guidelines for workshops**

All workshop proposals should be sent to the following email: [afghanistan@ph-freiburg.de](mailto:afghanistan@ph-freiburg.de) .

**Please note:** We cannot guarantee that proposals received afterward will be accepted.

Please submit a concise abstract of your workshop of up to 500 words.

When preparing your abstract, please consider the evaluation criteria:

- Is the subject matter relevant for the Conference?
- Are the workshop objectives clearly stated?
- Can the objectives be achieved in the 60 minutes allotted for this workshop?
- Is the information relevant, new, and innovative?
- Is the overall quality of the proposal sufficient?
- Is there an interactive audience element in the workshop?

Indicate the organizer of the workshop and the chairperson(s) for the workshop and the names and affiliations of all co-organizers. Enter the full first name before the last name, and indicate affiliation, country, and email address.

All submitted workshops will be reviewed by two reviewers of the Working Group Afghanistan and evaluated based on the aforementioned criteria:

All workshop proposals, if accepted, must be presented in English.

### **Guidelines for workshop submitters**

The organizer of each workshop proposal agrees that if the proposal is accepted, the abstract will be published in the conference program.

The organizer confirms that if the workshop proposal is accepted, the organizer, co-organizers, and presenters will attend the Afghanistan Conference 2024. Please register for the conference by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to confirm your attendance.

**You will find more information about the conference on the following website:**

<https://www.ph-freiburg.de/soziologie/arbeitsstelle-afghanistan/conferences/conference-on-afghanistan-2024.html>

We will be looking forward to your proposals.

With warm greetings from Freiburg

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