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 Scalettaris, EHESS, Paris
Chair: Johan Lindquist, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

16.00-16.30  Afghani
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| 10.30-12.00| **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 Hospitality: 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                                                          |