ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the majority of the global Pashtun population lives, have some of the youngest and fastest growing populations globally. A youth bulge can either be an asset or a liability; depending on how public and private sector policies engaging the youth in productive political, educational, economic and socio-cultural activities. This conference seeks to draw out the activities, practices, struggles, opportunities, hopes and dreams for the future of the Pashtun youth in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

By now, the majority of the Pashtun millennials, born between the mid 1980s and the late 1990s have already lived through various multi-faceted challenges: socio-economic and political instabilities, civil strife, the global War on Terror, religious extremism, gender inequalities and ethnic marginalization and climate change are only some of them. Decades of national and international geo-political struggle for the control over Pashtun regions have affected the millennials’ ideas, life style and work choices. As a consequence of these volatilities, Pashtun society is in constant flux and Pashtun culture has to accommodate these changes in order to nourishing its future generations to ensure livelihood. The youth has taken active part in practices and activities related to political activism, civic engagement or religious harmony to fill vacuums in political leadership, governance and provisions of basic facilities for their communities.

The conference engages primarily young researchers and focuses on the following questions: What are the contributions and struggles of Pashtun millennials for their society/community? How do Pashtun millennials participate in various socio-economic, political, religious and educational activities? How does the Pashtun youth engage with contemporary issues in academia, media, civil society and politics?

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PAPER PRESENTATIONS

09:00 - 09:30
INTRODUCTION

09:30 - 10:30
STRUCTURAL BOTTLENECKS EXPERIENCED BY AFGHAN YOUTH LIVING IN PAKISTAN
AYESHA QAISRANI
ICMPD, VIENNA

10:45 - 11:45
BEING PASHTUN IN THE WORLD: PRACTICES BETWEEN BELONGING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AMONG PASHTUN MILLENNIALS IN BERLIN
DAVID AMIRI
IAAW, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT, BERLIN

12:00 - 13:00
YOUTH POLITICAL PARTICIPATION THROUGH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE RURAL PASHTUN BELT OF BALOCHISTAN, PAKISTAN
MATEEULLAH TAREEN
IAAW, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT, BERLIN

13:00 - 14:00
LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:00
BEING A MALE PARTNER IN A FEMALE BREADWINNING COUPLE: HOW PASHTUN MEN EXPERIENCE THEIR GENDER-A-TYPICAL WORK-FAMILY ARRANGEMENTS AND NEGOTIATE THEIR IDENTITY
RAHAT SHAH
IFS, GOETHE-UNIVERSITÄT, FRANKFURT

15:15 - 16:15
THE IMPACT OF MEN’S MIGRATION ON EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY LEFT-BEHIND HOUSEHOLDS ON CHILDREN’S EDUCATION
DR. SUNDUS SALEEMI
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16:30 - 17:30
JIRGA AND HUJRA AS A LIVING HERITAGE AND ITS SURVIVAL DURING AND AFTER THE TALIBAN INSURGENCY IN SWAT VALLEY, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PAKISTAN
MOHSIN ULLAH
SOCIOLOGY, QUAD-II-AZAM UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD

16:00 TO 18:00 CET
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