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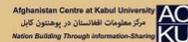
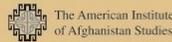
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The Afghanistan Center at Kabul University (ACKU) and the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS) invite scholars and senior graduate students working on research themes on Afghanistan, both in humanities and social sciences, to present their works at an interdisciplinary conference, ‘[Afghanistan Studies: Independence, More Independence, and Beyond Independence](#),’ which will take place on the campus of Kabul University, on **August 17-18, 2019**.

ACKU and AIAS invite both panels and individual paper proposals that would examine differently specific questions, processes, concepts, individuals, groups, and other natural and analytical categories as they relate to the study of Afghanistan in general, and to theme of this year conference, which coincides with Afghanistan’s centennial anniversary on August 19, 2019. Submissions are also welcomed from both global and local, Central and South Asian as well as Iranian scholars working beyond disciplinary or country-specific studies, particularly inviting papers that offer comparative perspectives.

This year conference is built upon the previous interdisciplinary symposium on Afghanistan studies, which Afghanistan Center at Kabul University held for two days on August 11-12, 2018. Last year, twenty-four younger scholars of Afghanistan, representing several fields, came together to Kabul for a critical review of academic trends in Afghanistan studies. The scholars based in Afghanistan and abroad represented an emerging cohort of Afghans, Afghan-Europeans, and Afghan-Americans studying at various local and global research institutions. They presented their original research works both in local languages and English in front of an emerging scholarly audience at Kabul University, the country’s premier center of higher education. The proceedings and other thematic and informational details are available at www.acku.edu.af/conference

This year, in addition to several disciplinary and interdisciplinary panels and roundtables, a keynote address from a senior scholar of the country and three more special events are organized. One is a special *GLOBAL CONVERSATION BOOK PANEL* in which three global scholars will discuss their recently scholarly monographs on Afghanistan with an Afghanistan-based specialist audience. Another is the 'LOCAL CONVERSATION BOOK PANEL' in which four local scholars from 'Provincial Afghanistan' will highlight their scholarly contributions to studies of their localities in particular, and the world in general. Additionally, several well-respected Afghanistan based publishers will display their publications in Dari and Pashto languages on Afghanistan's history, culture, and society, at *AFGHANISTAN BOOKS EXHIBITION*. They will also make them available at a discounted rate for the conference participants.

ACKU and AIAS cannot cover your expenses for travels to and from Kabul, and or for your lodging during your stay for the conference. Beside exempting the conference registration fees, ACKU and AIAS will pay for all your local food, logistics, and transportation costs during the two days of the conference. Should it be required, direct assistance would be also provided for both local and global participants towards securing safe and sound accommodation in Kabul, and other traveling logistics including official visa invitation letters.

Although we encourage graduate students to secure funding for their travels from their home and other external institutions, ACKU and AIAS will provide partial funds for both local and global graduate students to help offset their traveling and accommodation expenses. Please submit a short half page (single-spaced) paragraph about your eligibility for the support.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit your all materials including individual and panel abstracts, and funding support paragraph by **11:59pm Kabul time, till June 24th, 2019**.

Please direct all your submission materials, and communications via email at: afghanistanstudies@acku.edu.af or afghanistanstudieskabul@gmail.com.

All abstracts, both individual and panel submissions, should be between **200-300-word limit**. Paper and panel titles, presenters' institutional affiliations, and email addresses should be included, accordingly.

You can submit your abstracts in Afghanistan's local languages or English. The language of the conference is English, Farsi, and Pashto.