

# RELIGION EDUCATION AND SOCIETY IN AFGHANISTAN

DEC 10<sup>TH</sup> 2022

FREIBURG & ONLINE



Many images and opinions about religion, education, and society in Afghanistan circulate unquestioned around the world and produce and reproduce stereotypes. However, only rarely is an attempt made to analyze the role of religion and education in Afghanistan more deeply, to understand it better, and to be able to classify developments more adequately. Afghan society is far too complex to be described briefly.

In this conference, we will look at the role of religion, education, and society and their mutual influences.

- What is the role of religion in Afghanistan?
- What is the significance of gender in Islam?
- What are the current developments in the education sector in Afghanistan?
- What role does religion play in the education sector?
- What is the significance of Afghan-German cooperation in this context?
- How can we support newly arrived Afghans in Germany better?
- And many others...

We will explore these and further questions in keynotes, workshops, and panel discussions.

Will you join us and participate in the conference?



# Program

9:00	Welcome coffee and registration	KG 5/104
9:30	Welcoming Remarks Introduction: Religion, Education, and Society in Afghanistan	
10:00	Gender and Islam <i>Prof. Dr. Fatima Tofghi, University of Religious Pardisan, Qom, Iran</i>	
10:45	Coffee Break	
11:00	Islam and Democracy in Afghanistan <i>Prof. Dr. Mohammad Jawad Salehi, University of Education Freiburg, Germany</i>	
11:30	The Current Situation of the Education Sector in Afghanistan <i>Mohammad Husain Vahidi, Project officer, UNESCO Office in Afghanistan, Education Unit</i>	
11:50	Recent Developments in Higher Education in Afghanistan <i>Naqeebullah Jafari, Gawharshad University, Afghanistan</i>	
12:20	Penal discussion with Keynote Speakers	
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Education and Religious Radicalization in Afghanistan <i>Dr. Mohammad Baqer Zaki, University of Education Freiburg, Germany</i>	
14:45	Workshops (several, concurrently, in house and online) (t.b.c) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- E.g., on peace education</li><li>- On digital learning in Afghanistan</li><li>- Liberal Peace and Effects of the Intervention in Afghanistan</li></ul>	
16:15	Coffee Break	
16:30	The role of the international community in sustaining the education system in Afghanistan <i>Mohammad Aref Arefee, Project officer, UNESCO Office in Afghanistan, Education Unit</i>	
16:45	Panel Discussion: Future Perspectives and the Role of German-Afghan cooperation <i>Panel participants: UNESCO Afghanistan, Working Group Afghanistan, and invited guests</i>	



## Further Information

<b>Target group</b>	Afghans and researchers, lecturers, activists, researchers, politicians interested in Afghanistan ...
<b>Fees</b>	Free of charge
<b>Location</b>	University of Education Freiburg Kunzenweg 21, 79117 Freiburg KG 5 / 104 and <b>online</b>
<b>Registration</b>	Please register for online and in-house participation <a href="#">Here</a>
<b>Organizers</b>	Working Group Afghanistan initiated by Prof. Dr. Uwe H. Bittlingmayer
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:Afghanistan-forschung@ph-freiburg.de">Afghanistan-forschung@ph-freiburg.de</a>

You can find further information on speakers, workshops, directions on the website of the [Working Group Afghanistan](#).

