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The National Atlas of Afghanistan -
Challenges in Compiling National Identity

Giessen, 11th to 21th December 2011



An interdisciplinary Afghan-German Project



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Department of Geography

University of Giessen

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Organization

The conference will take place at the Department of Geography of the Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen. During the conference the participants will take part in workshops, discussions and lectures. Maps and related instruments will be used throughout the sessions. Relevant software and data will be provided.

Goals

The goal of the conference is to support the Afghan Geodesy and Cartography Head Office (AGCHO) in scientific methods to create the new “National Atlas of Afghanistan”. The capacity building will be provided by the Department of Geography Giessen.

It is intended to

- review already compiled maps and drafts,
- review existing data and its structure,
- solve data redundancy problems,
- assist in metadata generation and management,
- give practical tips, hints and workarounds in ArcGIS,
- integrate freely available data to enhance topographic information,
- set basic rules for future data management,
- review findings and propose final working steps in preparation of the printing process of the National Atlas.

Only skilled scientists and trainers with a profound cartographic and geographical education will guide the participants and discuss with them. All these colleagues have specific knowledge and long lasting teaching experience.

Sunday, 11th December 2011

22:00 Arrival at Frankfurt International Airport
Transfer to Hotel Koehler, Giessen

Monday, 12th December 2011

12:00-14:00 Welcome Lunch at Restaurant "Alt Gießen", Giessen

14:00-14:30 Welcome Address
Prof. Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee
President of Justus-Liebig-University Giessen
Vice President of DAAD

14:30-15:00 Introduction to the programme
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann,
Prof. Dr. Sardar Kohistani

15:00-16:00 Report on the progress of the National Atlas
Eng. Abdul Raouf Yari, Head of Afghan Geodesy and Cartography Head Office (AGCHO)

16:00-17:00 Status of preparation of the National Atlas
Dr. Christine Issa, Prof. Dr. Sardar Kohistani

17:00-18:00 DAAD Funding policy: Chances and Constraints
Dr. Alexander Kupfer (DAAD)

18:00-20:00 Giessen Geographic Society (GGG)
Student Report about an excursion to Iceland and Southern Greenland
Lecture by Dr. Gerlis Fugmann and participating students (Presentation is held in German language)
Lecture Hall at Zeughaus, Senckenbergstr. 3

Tuesday, 13th December 2011

- 09:00-12:00 Reviewing maps prepared by AGCHO
 Prof. Dr. Sardar M. Kohistani
- 12:00-15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00-18:00 Challenges of the implementation of cartographic standards for the National Atlas
 Prof. Dr. Sardar M. Kohistani,
 Dipl.-Ing. Dipl.-Geogr. Bernd Goecke

Wednesday, 14th December 2011

- 10:00-12:00 Posterior analysis of a development project that aims to improve the agricultural sector of
 soil irrigation in Paktia Province, Afghanistan
 Dipl.-Geogr. Akida Azizi, Hannover
- 12:00-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-16:00 Introduction to the curriculum the Master's Degree Programme "Transition Management"
 of the Center for International Development and Environmental Research (ZEU)
 Tetyana Demydas, M.Sc.,
 Dr. Matthias Höher, Giessen
 ZEU, Room 104, Senckenbergstr. 3
- 16:00-18:00 Challenges in compiling and printing a National Atlas
 Dipl.-Geogr. Alfredo Pinto Escoval, Bonn
 ZEU, Room 104, Senckenbergstr. 3

Thursday, 15th December 2011

- 09:00-12:00 Classification of maps prepared by AGCHO (Part I)
 Eng. Abdul Raouf Yari, Eng. Mohammad Karim Karimi,
 Eng. Hassibullah Samadi, Eng. Obaidullah Obaid,
 Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann, Prof. Dr. Sardar M. Kohistani,
 Dr. Christine Issa
- 12:00-15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00-17:00 Experiences gained from publishing the "Field Guide Afghanistan - Flora and Vegetation"
 (Breckle, Rafiqpoor 2010)
 Dr. Daud Rafiqpoor, Bonn

Friday, 16th December 2011

- 09:00-12:00 Classification of maps prepared by AGCHO (Part II)
Eng. Abdul Raouf Yari, Eng. Mohammad Karim Karimi,
Eng. Hassibullah Samadi, Eng. Obaidullah Obaid,
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann, Prof. Dr. Sardar M. Kohistani,
Dr. Christine Issa
- 12:00-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-18:00 Christmas celebration ceremony together with the staff of the Department of Geography
Lecture Hall at the New Castle
- 18:00-20:00 Giessen Geographic Society (GGG)
“From Kairo to Cape Town - Travels in Africa during the years 1964 and 1965”
Lecture by Prof. Dr. U. Scholz
Lecture Hall at the Department of Physics
Heinrich-Buff-Ring 16

Saturday, 17th December 2011

- 10:00-15:00 Mapping periodic markets in Giessen urban and rural areas.
Practice in urban fieldwork methods.

Sunday, 18th December 2011

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Monday, 19th December 2011

- 09:00-12:00 Provision of a new list of required map information for the National Atlas
Prof. Dr. Sardar M. Kohistani,
Eng. Mohammad Karim Karimi
- 12:00-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-16:00 The role of squatter settlements in the urban development of Kabul.
Experiences and findings of an interdisciplinary research-project funded by
VolkswagenStiftung (VW)
Dipl.-Geogr. André Staarmann
- 16:00-18:00 Material for the new list of required maps for the National Atlas
Prof. Dr. Sardar M. Kohistani

Tuesday, 20th December 2011

- 10:00 Departure from Hotel Köhler
Transfer to Frankfurt by Deutsche Bahn
- 12:00-17:00 Excursion to Frankfurt
Visiting North-Western Frankfurt
Exhibition Hall, Mainzer Landstr. 124, Frankfurt
- 18:00 Departure from Frankfurt
Transfer to Giessen by Deutsche Bahn

Wednesday, 21th December 2011

- 10:00-12:00 Concluding session at Department of Geography
- 12:00-14:00 Farewell Lunch at Restaurant "Schloß Keller", Giessen
- 14:30 Departure from Hotel Koehler
Transfer to Frankfurt International Airport

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