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Organization

The Symposium is organized by the section “Human Geography” at the Department of Geography at Justus-Liebig-University Giessen and will take place at the Department of Geography of the University of Giessen, “Neues Schloss”, Senckenbergstr. 1, 35390 Gießen. During the symposium the participants will discuss experiences of the first decade of academic cooperation in Geography between Afghanistan and Germany (2002-2014) and negotiate challenges of the implementation of the new cooperation including colleagues and expertise from Geographers in Iran, Germany and Afghanistan.

Goals

The goal of the symposium is to develop guidelines for the further strategies of joint cooperation. Therefore the fundamentals and the composition of common fields of competence will be compiled and set on a future time schedule.

It is intended to

- develop joint research projects,
- evaluate the teaching process by giving a chance for the guests to present sample lectures,
- analyze the implementation of each subject one by one,
- learn about the availability of the required teaching materials (books, maps, technical requirements for the laboratories etc.),
- enlist the guests in lectures and seminars in Giessen,
- discuss possibilities of fieldwork training for Afghan students together with lecturers from Iran and Germany,
- discuss the possibility of integrating fieldwork as part of Bachelor and Master thesis programmes,
- gain ideas of the implementation of a Centre of Competence for Applied Geography in Kabul,
- review the results and propose further working steps.

Monday, 1st December 2014

- 18:35 **Arrival at Frankfurt International Airport**
Transfer to Hotel Koehler, Giessen
- 21:00 **Welcome Address and Introduction to the**
Symposium Programme
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann

Tuesday, 2nd December 2014

- 10:00-12:00 **Universities and Capacity Building in Afghanistan**
Prof. Dr. Sardar Kohistani, Kabul University
Universities and Capacity Building in Iran
Prof. Dr. Taghi Rahnemai, University of Tehran
(Lecture Hall Zeughaus, Senckenbergstr. 3)
- 12:30-14:00 **Welcome Lunch at Restaurant Schlosskeller**
- 14:30-15:30 **Cooperation in Geography between Afghanistan,**
Germany and Iran between 2015 and 2025. Hopes
and Perspectives
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann, University of Giessen
Prof. Dr. Sardar Kohistani, Kabul University
Prof. Dr. Taghi Rahnemai, University of Tehran
- 15:30-16:30 **Geography in Iran - Past and present Conditions**
Prof. Dr. Taghi Rahnemai, University of Tehran
- 16:30-17:15 **Human Capital and Institutional Capacity at Afghan**
Universities - future Perspectives
Prof. Dr. Sardar Kohistani, Kabul University
- 17:15-18:00 **Joint Discussion**

Wednesday, 3rd December 2014

- 09:00-11:00 **Challenges in Compiling a National Atlas of Afghanistan**
Eng. Abdul Rauf Yari, Afghan Geodesy and Cartography Head Office (AGCHO)
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann, University of Giessen
Dipl. Geogr. André Staarmann, University of Giessen
("Großer Seminarraum" at "Neues Schloss")
- 11:15-13:00 **Presentation Ceremony: The new "National Atlas of Afghanistan"**
Prof. Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee, President University of Giessen, Vice President DAAD
("Großer Seminarraum" at "Neues Schloss")
- Realizing an Atlas Project - Challenges of Confidence**
Dr. Alexander Kupfer, DAAD
("Großer Seminarraum" at "Neues Schloss")
- 13:00-14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00-16:00 **Culture and Risk Based Spatial Planning in Karst Areas of Gunungsewu in Java, Indonesia.**
Arry Retnowati
Gadja Mahda University, Yogyakarta
- 16:00-18:00 **Climate Change and Water Scarcity Adaption Strategies in the Area of Pacitan, Indonesia.**
Wiwin Widiyanti Aliloedin
Gadja Mahda University, Yogyakarta
- 18:00 **Joint Discussion**

Thursday, 4th December 2014

- 09:00-10:15 **Iran and Afghanistan: cultural commonalities.**
Prof. Dr. Roozbeh Mirzaei and Bizhan Mirzaei, M.Sc.,
University of Mazandaran
- 10:15-10:30 **Tea break**
- 10:30-12:00 **German Geographical Research in Iran and its influences on Geography at Universities in Iran**
Prof. Dr. Hassan Zia Tavana, Shaid Beheshti
University, Tehran
- 12:00-15:00 **Lunch break**
- 15:00-16:00 **Tourism, local Community Empowerment and Capacity Building in Iran**
Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ziaee, Allameh Tabatabai
University, Tehran
- 16:00-16:30 **Tea break**
- 16:30-18:00 **Women and Tourism: positive and negative Aspects**
Prof. Dr. Roozbeh Mirzaei and Farideh
Pirmohammadi, University of Mazandaran

Friday, 5th December 2014

- 10:00-12:00 **Necessity of Adaptions to Climate Change by enhancing Learning in Regional Planning in Countries of the Middle East (Iran and Afghanistan)**
Prof. Dr. Mostafa Ghadami, University of
Mazandaran
- 12:00-15:00 **Lunch break**

- 15:00-15:45 **Perceptions of “Pashtunistan”**
Prof. Dr. Walid Noori, Kabul University
- 15:45-16:30 **New Kabul - Plans and Perspectives**
Sayed Maqbool, Kabul University
- 16:30-17:00 **Tea break**
- 17:00-18:00 **Afghanistan - linking Geographies in Central Asia**
Prof. Ghulam Jailani Arez, Kabul University

Saturday, 6th December 2014

- 10:00 **Meeting at Hotel Koehler**
- 11:20-14:00 **Excursion to Periodic Markets in the Giessen Area**

Monday, 8th December 2014

- 10:00-12:00 **Conceptions in Teaching Regional Geography at Kabul University.**
Prof. Amin Karimi and
Mrs. Prof. Sima Noori, Dept. of Geography, Kabul University
- 12:00-15:00 **Lunch break**
- 15:00-17:00 **Comparing Geography Master Curricula in Afghanistan and abroad**
Mrs. Forozan Rasekh and
Mr. Eisa Sediqi, Dept. of Geography, Kabul University
- 17:00-18:00 **Tea break**

18:00-20:00 **Klimaflüchtlinge? Anmerkungen zum Verhältnis Mensch, Natur und Migration.**
Dr. Patrick Sakdapolrak, University of Bonn
Presentation at Giessen Geographical Society (GGG)
Lecture Hall Zeughaus, Senckenbergstrasse 3
(presentation in German language)

Tuesday, 9th December 2014

10:00-12:00 **Afghanistan, Iran and Tajikistan - Cultural Links in Central Asia.**
Prof. Dr. Taghi Rahnemai, University of Tehran
Lecture Hall Zeughaus, Senckenbergstrasse 3

12:00-15:00 **Lunch break**

15:00-16:30 **Technical Challenges and Lessons learnt in Compiling a National Atlas for the Preparation of the 2nd edition**
Eng. Abdul Rauf Yari,
Eng. Hasibullah Samadi,
Eng. Obaid Obaidullah (all AGCHO) and
Dipl.-Geogr. Dipl.-Ing. Bernd Goecke, University of Giessen

16:30-17:15 **Tea break**

17:15-18:00 **Paving the Path: Joint Afghan-Iranian Activities in Teaching Geography**
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann, University of Giessen
Prof. Dr. Sardar Kohistani, Kabul University

Wednesday, 10th December 2014

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| 09:00-11:00 | Final Discussion |
| 11:00-12:00 | Compiling Results and structuring Timetables for future Activities |
| 12:00 | Farewell Lunch |
| 16:30 | Gathering at Hotel Koehler (Lobby) |
| 17:00 | Transfer to Frankfurt International Airport |
| 20:15 | Departure from Frankfurt |

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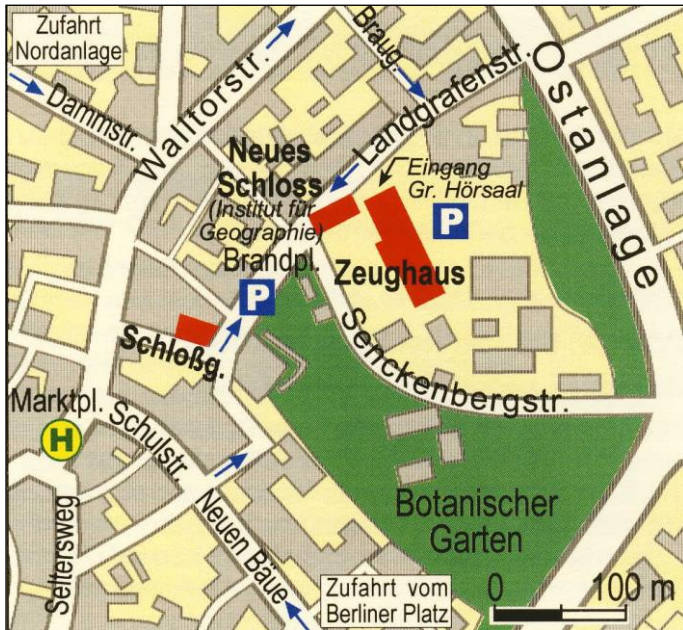
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