



Kabul, Afghanistan (Olgamielnikiewicz)

Afghanistan's crisis: the dangers of genocide and politicide

Monday 23 August 4–6pm (AEST)

With the Taliban back in power, a 20-year US-led military intervention and ostensible democratic project has witnessed a most unceremonious demise. Many Afghans (in Afghanistan and elsewhere) feel a profound sense of betrayal, and fears abound. The breakneck speed of the Taliban onslaught following US troop withdrawals sent shivers down Afghan spines. Reports of atrocities and reprisals against civilians are on the rise. The danger of genocide and politicide is real. What can the international community including Australia do to preserve some of the precious gains made over the last 20 years? What can they do to ensure protection of civilians – many of whom have been stalwart allies in the democratic statebuilding project – as the Taliban manoeuvre to take the reins of power?

This seminar brings together a group of internationally-recognised Afghan scholars, practitioners, and scholars of Afghanistan. It is intended both to inform the audience and help mobilise urgent collective action in support of securing the most vulnerable and at risk in Afghanistan.

This webinar is free and open to the public. Presentations will be recorded and available after the event on the Development Policy Centre website.

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