

AFGHANISTAN 2011: CONNECTIONS COMMUNITIES CRISES



The theme semester in Winter 2011 will look at Afghanistan in context—regional, cultural, and historical. This will highlight the connections to neighboring states and among local social communities (including diasporas and refugees, ecological ties around waterways and mountain systems, and trade flows—both licit and illicit). The cross-cutting character of these connections throw into relief the cleavages that impede military and political stability in Afghanistan today.

Afghanistan 2011: Connections, Communities, Crises

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Winter 2011

COURSE

ANTHRCUL 458.002/CICS 401.003 (3 credits)
The Anthropology of International Intervention: International Policy and Culture in Post-Taliban Afghanistan. Instructor: **Noah Coburn**, Central Asian Studies Post-Doctoral Fellow and lecturer in anthropology, U-M; and researcher, United States Institute of Peace.

EVENTS

All events are in 1636 International Institute/SSWB, 1080 S. University, unless otherwise noted. Open to the public.

Fri, Jan 28, 4-6 pm

CSAS Lecture. "Afghanistan: Twenty Years after the Soviet Withdrawal." **Alam Payind**, director, Middle East Studies Center, Ohio State University.

Wed, Feb 2, 12-1:30 pm

CREES Noon Lecture. "Potters and Warlords in an Afghan Bazaar: Violence and Political Mobilization in Afghanistan Today." **Noah Coburn**.

Tue, Feb 15, 4-5:30 pm

WCED Lecture. "The Longest War: A Frontline View of the U.S. Mission in Afghanistan." **Rajiv Chandrasekaran**, senior correspondent and associate editor, *Washington Post*.

Fri, Feb 18, 4-6 pm

CMENAS/CSAS Lecture. "Afghanistan's 2014: A Photojournalist Capturing a War without End." **Iason Athanasiadis**, writer, photographer, and television documentary producer.

Tue, Feb 22, 7-8:30 pm

Film. *Afghan Star.* **Havana Marking**, director. In English, Pashto, and Dari with English subtitles (87 min., 2009). Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty.

Tue, Mar 8, 7-8:30 pm

Film. *Kabul Transit.* **David Edwards, Maliha Zulfacar, and Gregory Whitmore**, directors. In English, Dari, Pashto, Russian, and French with English subtitles (84 min., 2006).

Fri, Mar 11, 4-6 pm

Panel. "Intervention and the Dilemmas of Security in Afghanistan." Presenters: **Gilles Dorronso-ro**, visiting scholar, South Asia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; **LTC Patrick Kelley** (MA South Asian Studies '03), South Asia Foreign Area Officer and Lead Operations Planner for Pakistan, U.S. Central Command; and **Amin Tarzi**, director, Middle East Studies, Marine Corps University. Moderator: **Juan Cole**, CSAS director. Rackham Amphitheatre.

Wed, Mar 16, 12-1:30 pm

CREES Noon Lecture. "Muslims for an Atheist Superpower: The Central Asian Muftiate and Pro-Soviet Public Diplomacy in Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, 1970s-1980s." **Eren Murat Tasar**, lecturer in history and post-doctoral fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University.

Tue, Apr 5, 7-8:30 pm

Film. *Out of the Ashes.* **Tim Albone, Lucy Martens, and Leslie Knott**, directors. In Pashto with English subtitles (86 min., 2010).

WORKSHOP

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Tue, Mar 29, 4:30-7:30 pm

CREES Teachers' Professional Development Workshop on Afghanistan. Presenters: **Noah Coburn** and **Douglas Northrop**, CREES director. Registration required. For more information, contact crees.outreach@umich.edu.

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