



Seminar:

The Norwegian Police Engagement in Afghanistan: Perspectives on security and development for local women and men

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Kjelleren at Litteraturhuset, Oslo

9.00-12.30

The international community has for the past 10 years been assisting the Afghan government in security reform. Most of this assistance has been directed toward strengthening the Afghan Army, and both international and national debates have focused on the relative weighting of military and humanitarian/development aid, and the challenges of civil-military relations. Rather surprisingly, the role of the civil police in Afghanistan has until the last few years been conspicuously absent from these debates. This is despite the fact that, in the end, it is the Afghan civil police who will be expected to ensure the security of ordinary women, men and children on the part of the government. This is a daunting task, considering the immense challenges the government faces in developing such a force.

Norway has contributed to building the competence of the Afghan police through the Norwegian Police Project (NORAF) since 2003. Around 100 Norwegian police have served in Afghanistan, but there has been very little discussion of either their role or their experiences. What have they learned from their engagement with the Afghan police, and how can we use these experiences in thinking about the future role of the civil police in Afghanistan? This seminar will create a space to discuss these and other issues both from the perspectives of the Norwegian police, as well as from policymakers, development actors and researchers. It is hoped that these discussions will spark more interest in exploring the role of the civil police outside of the military framework in which it has been ensnared...



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Program

9:00-9:15 *'Introducing the Issues: Human Security, Development and the Civil Police in Afghanistan'.*

- Ingrid Nyborg, Associate Professor, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)
- Jai Ganapathy, Associate Professor, Norwegian Police University College (PHS)

9:15-10:30 *Panel: Police Perspectives*

Chair: Stig Jarle Hansen, Associate Professor, Noragric, UMB

- Henning Høgseth, Assistant Chief of Police, National Police Directorate
- Jane Kristine Bakken, Police Superintendent, Women's Project, Kabul
- Ann-Kristin Kvilekval, Police Superintendent, Norwegian Police University College
- Discussion

10:30- 11:00 Break, refreshments

11:00-12:15 *Panel: Policy Perspectives*

Chair: Maren Eline Kleiven, Police Superintendent, Norwegian Police University College

- Karim Merchant, Senior Development Advisor
- Else Mette Næss, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Justice
- Annlaug Rønneberg, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Discussion

12:15-12:30 *Closing remarks*, Tor Tanke Holm, Assistant Chief of Police, Head of Post-Graduate Studies, Norwegian Police University College

