



## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**International Conference**

**April 22-23, 2019.**

**Islamabad**

### **Changing Dynamics of Afghanistan: Challenges and Opportunities**

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Afghan history is replete with fighting, foreign interventions and perpetual instability. Its geo- strategic location coupled with its economic dependence on others made it susceptible to foreign influences and interventions during various periods of history. The present situation is fragile and uncertain. This may sound clichéd but that is unfortunately the only possible way to begin a narrative on the politico-military and economic situation in Afghanistan. There remains significant barriers to secure long-term stability and prosperity in the country: The political system is marked with deep cleavages; governance is handicapped by corruption and an inability to deliver law, order, and justice across the entire territory; the Afghan army as well as US/NATO forces, as a whole, are still not effective against a resilient Taliban force; the economy remains dependent on large infusions of foreign aid rather than indigenous sources of growth. These internal challenges, coupled with external pressures - U.S. choices about its future involvement in the country remain arguably the most crucial external factor in the evolution of both the conflict and the Afghan state - could lead to the unraveling of the security, political/ strategic and economic gains that have been either secured or not ,since 2015. U.S. professed aims in Afghanistan have been, and remain, riddled with contradictions and illusions, such that three U.S. Presidents have offered convoluted, incomplete, or unconvincing answers to essential questions. Nevertheless, the Trump Administration may be negotiating an exit from Afghanistan, alongside, it is pertinent to mention that President Trump will withdraw U.S. forces from Afghanistan; however, he did not reject a scenario in which U.S. would keep “effective intelligence/ troops” in the country. In such circumstance, where clarity is not maintained, it is important to explore the regional and global challenges and opportunities for Afghanistan, its neighbor's- particularly, Pakistan. The in-depth analysis and its dissemination through this conference, is to inculcate rationalization about U.S. exit strategy. This very platform aims to provide an academic opportunity for scholars for the elucidation of a very contemporary phenomena of the transitioning world order.

We invite scholars to send in their abstracts and CV's, no late then **February 25, 2019 on [numlcda2019@numl.edu.pk](mailto:numlcda2019@numl.edu.pk)**

**Please follow the abstract and paper guidelines**

## **CONFERENCE THEMES**

1. Exploring the Myth of U.S. Exit from Afghanistan
2. U.S. Exit from Afghanistan: Challenges and Opportunities
3. Building Consensus Among Major Stakeholder and Intra-Afghan Dialogue
4. Achieving Peace in Post-Exit Afghanistan: The Way Forward

## **OBJECTIVES OF CONFRENECE**

1. To understand the emerging complexity of the Afghanistan issue.
2. Scrutinize the attempts made to bring Afghanistan issue to its resolution.
3. To explore the Political Settlement and exit strategy of US/NATO forces.
4. To gauge the impact of US/NATO withdrawal or US/NATO continued limited presence in Afghanistan for the South Asian countries: particularly on Pakistan.

## **DEADLINES**

1. Abstract submission: **February 25, 2019**
2. Notification regarding Acceptance: **March4, 2019**
3. Full paper submission: **April 10, 2019**
4. Conference: **April 22 & 23, 2019**

## **ABSTRACT AND PAPER GUIDELINES**

1. The standard word range for the abstract is 250 – 300 words with Chicago manual of writing style.
2. We encourage you to send informative abstracts on any one of the theme, related to your expertise.
3. Please send in a brief biography / CV together with the abstract.
4. Word limit for the complete paper is 5000-8000 words.

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