

## Building an Effective and Viable State in Afghanistan

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This Liechtenstein Colloquium was the inaugural conference of LISD's "Promoting Stability and Viability in Afghanistan and the Region" project. This conference focused on how to structure the future Afghan state in order to increase its stability and viability. Analysis focused on the political history of Afghanistan, the main issues and lessons in building viable and democratic state systems, and lessons from international case studies of effective state systems. In particular, the discussions focused on best practices in designing effective electoral system, structuring center-regional relations which consider regional power centers, ethnic groups, and traditional Afghan society, and building strong and efficient states. Lessons from international studies and their applicability to Afghanistan were a main focus of the discussions.

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