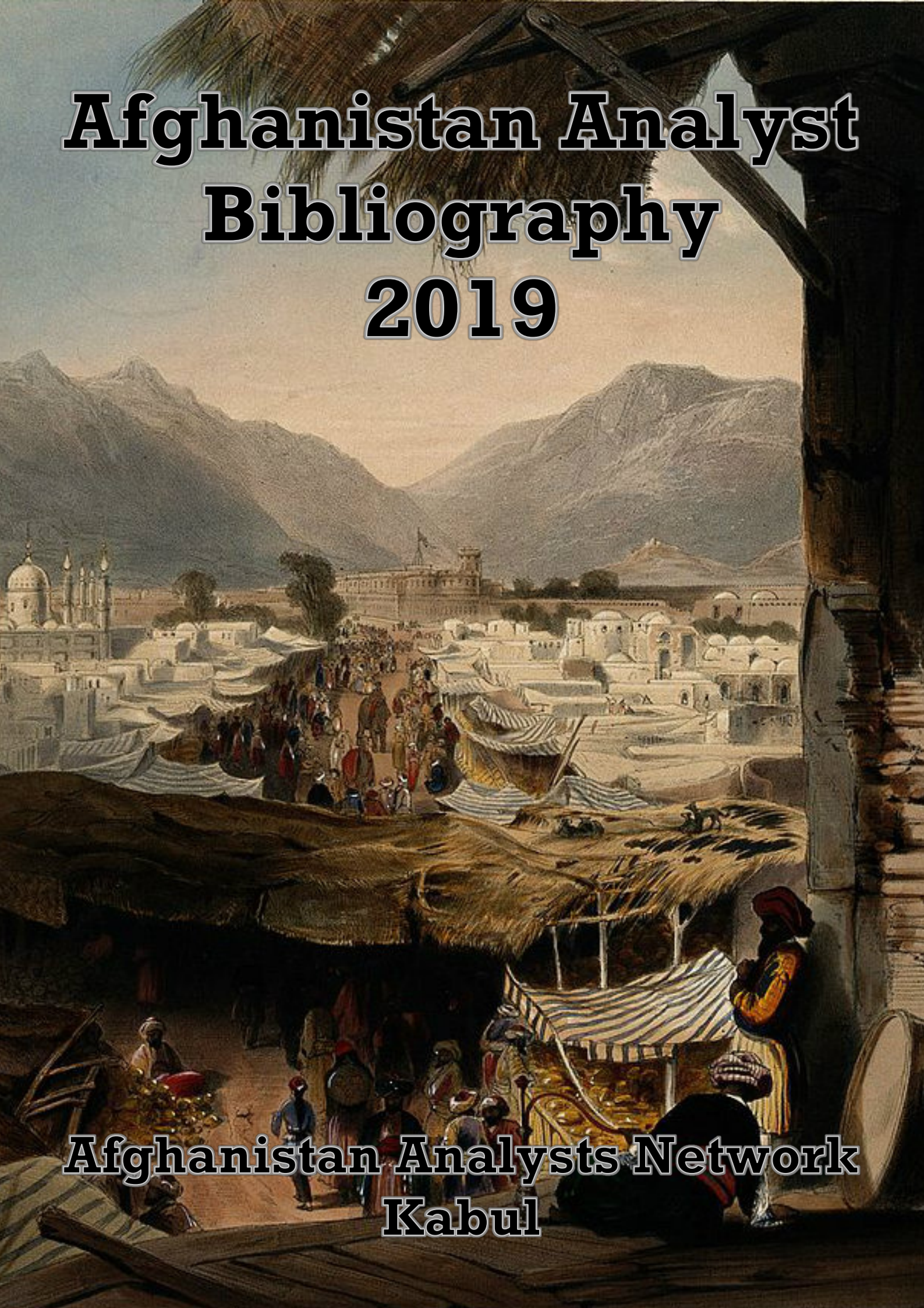


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The vast majority of sources included are from after the late 1970s, except for in the bibliography section on ethnic groups and, to a lesser extent, on Islam. We did not compile sources on linguistics, art, literature, pre-/mid-20th Century history or on the natural sciences (unless applied to resource management). You should be able to find sources such as these in some of the various standard Afghanistan bibliographies that have been published in book form. However, these bibliographies (listed in the appendix) are out of date by 10 to 40 years.

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1. Ethnic Groups

1.1 Baluch

1.2 Hazara

1.3 Kyrgyz

1.4 Nuristani

1.5 Pashai

1.6 Pashtun

1.7 Tajik

1.8 Turkmen

1.9 Uzbek

1.10 Various/Other groups

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Appendices

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Appendix A. How to find a copy of a book, article or report in the bibliography

If you are based at a western university, then you should be able to get nearly 100% of the publications listed in this bibliography. If you have any problems, ask your university librarian for assistance.

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Nearly every report listed in this bibliography has an internet link, usually a PDF file link. However, websites occasionally shutdown or change their URL address and the link may be dead. If this is the case, just copy the full citation into Google to find it at its new URL address.

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If you are not a university student, professor or researcher, then you will have to work harder to get the journal articles that are not open access. For the journals that are not open access, you will need a subscription to each individual publisher or you will need to pay for the article (up to \$40). There are, however, several other ways to get these articles.

What you should do first is a simple Google search, as gated and paywalled articles do get posted online (by their authors or others) or made open access by the publisher.

Next, you can try to use [Unpaywall](#), a browser extension. It is mostly for open access articles, but occasionally it does turn up gated/paywalled journal articles.

If neither of these tactics work, then you should join both [Academia.edu](#) and [ResearchGate](#). Researchers on these websites often post copies of their articles and

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Any article published through a journal or publisher that is listed as a [predatory publisher or a hijacked journal](#) will not be included. If you paid a publisher any fee whatsoever to publish your open-access article, then it will only be included if the journal or publisher is NOT listed on [Beall's List](#) or [Stop Predatory Journals](#) or [Scholarly Open Access' list](#) of predatory journals.

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- Publications not in English (exception for ethnographies)
- Medicine, psychiatry and related fields
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- All pre-1979 history (an exception is made for ethnographies).
- Archaeology
- Memoirs: especially soldier and NGO worker memoirs, as well as local Afghan memoirs and autobiographies (exception is made for high profile figures such as Afghan leaders, NATO/ISAF generals, etc.)
- Master's theses that are not available online.
- Publications that are not available (either online, through subscription, for sale, or in a library).
- Publications that are data dumps with little to no analysis (especially government documents).
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- Book reviews and review essays

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- All hard sciences (biology, chemistry, etc.).
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- Military studies of Afghan war veterans in the west.
- Military studies that don't have a strong component of analysing the Afghan context.
- Studies of public opinion in the west.
- Studies of NATO/ISAF country's Afghanistan policies that don't have a strong component of Afghanistan analysis.
- Media studies that are not focused on Afghan media.

- Refugee/asylum studies from the West that do not have a strong Afghanistan component.

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Appendix C. Other Afghanistan Bibliographies

Previous Editions

Note: The 1st through 6th Editions of *The Afghanistan Analyst Bibliography* (2006 to 2011) and *The Afghanistan Analyst Conflict Bibliography* (2012), compiled by Christian Bleuer, are the precursors of this bibliography.

Timothy Mathews' Afghanistan Law Bibliography

Timothy Mathews has compiled a specialised [Afghanistan Law Bibliography](#) that is up to a 4th edition: [PDF](#). This bibliography is “intended to be an up-to-date resource for legal study and research pertaining to modern Afghanistan (1747 and later).”

Comprehensive Bibliographies for the pre-2001 Era

Note: these bibliographies include themes that are excluded from the Afghanistan Analyst Bibliography, including pre-1979 history, linguistics, fine arts, fiction, etc.

Bleaney, C.H. and María Ángeles Gallego. 2006. *Afghanistan: A Bibliography*. Leiden: Brill.

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Appendix D. Libraries and archives in Afghanistan

Using public libraries in Afghanistan is a frustrating process, as outline [in this article](#) by AAN's Qayoom Suroush. This is related to the overall problem of poor information management and low funding for libraries and archives in Afghanistan, as noted in this AAN article ([PDF](#)) by Royce Wiles.

However, there are two good options for researchers in Kabul.

The first option is the library at the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU). As noted on their website, the AREU library "has over 20,000 books, periodicals, collections of rare books (Afghanistan annals, Afghan laws since 1920) and is fully searchable online. Library services include internet connectivity, access to JSTOR, photocopying of materials, and pdf files." [Visit their website](#) for more information. Note that JSTOR offers access to many gate journal articles.

The second option is the Afghanistan Center at Kabul University (ACKU). The library has not only books, but also primary documents: "ACKU holds the region's most extensive collection of primary resources on Afghanistan and makes them accessible through online databases. Currently, ACKU has a collection of more than 150,000 documents." [Visit their website](#) for more information.

The American University of Afghanistan's [library resources](#) are available for students and staff only.

Online Libraries and Archives

For historians of the 1870 to 1930 period, the [Afghanistan Digital Library](#) may be valuable.

For more contemporary Afghanistan documents, try [AfghanData.org](#), a joint project of the Afghanistan Center at Kabul University and the University of Arizona.

Library Collections Outside of Afghanistan

Note: the resources listed below will mostly be of interest to historians.

The Library of Congress in Washington, DC, has over 27,000 items related to Afghanistan, with almost 12,000 items being available online. [Click here](#) to view search results. As with all online archives, the items available online are works that are not copyrighted or whose copyright has expired. This means that you will not be able to download contemporary books or journal articles. Anybody may use the Library of Congress in person to read the copyrighted publications.

The largest collection of Afghanistan material in the United States is [The Arthur Paul Afghanistan Collection at the University of Nebraska-Omaha](#). As noted on their website, “Currently the Arthur Paul Afghanistan Collection holds more than 12,000 titles. The Collection contains materials on all subject areas pertaining to Afghan life and culture which includes economics, education, folklore, law, agriculture, language, architecture, geology, geography, history and literature. Documents in this collection are in more than 24 different languages. However, the majority of the materials are in English, Persian/Dari, and Pashto languages.”

For historians of the British in Afghanistan (1808 to 1948), [the records](#) of the India Office are available at the British Library. Those records that are available online can be [found here](#).

In Switzerland the [Centlivres Afghanistan Collection](#) has many documents and publications, from the 1950s to the present.