

## **The development of Afghanistan's Comprehensive Migration Policy: A critical analysis**

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### *Abstract*

In 2019, the Afghan Government's Comprehensive Migration Policy was launched. It had taken more than three years to come to fruition, and was authored by a succession of foreign experts with minimal input from Afghan civil servants or policy-makers, and no consultation with stakeholders outside of central governments. In this analysis, Hussaini and Schuster critically analyse the final document, exploring whose interests are foregrounded by the CMP, and the likelihood that it will follow previous attempts to prepare migration policies into oblivion. Hussaini and Schuster argue that the problem lies in the policy-making process and the structural weakness of the Afghan state, which remains reliant on international donors.