

DAAD-Programm „Hochschuldialog mit der islamischen Welt“**Projektprofil****Titel des Projekts:**

Political Economy of Natural Resource Management

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Kurzbeschreibung / Projektziele:

Natural resources and primarily oil play a key role in the Iranian economy. Still more than 90% of Iran's foreign exchange reserves come from oil exports. This is an indicator of less attention to expanding non-oil export sections. Around 60% of annual government budgets are dependent on oil revenues. The government welfare system is financed through oil revenues. This includes the heavy subsidy system, especially for fuel products. The main goal of the project is to develop the theoretical and empirical skills of Iranian and German students in the field of political economy of natural resources. Understanding the political, economic and social challenges and opportunities of natural resource wealth is a key factor for sustainable development of Iran, and peace and stability in the Middle East. It is important to investigate the macro and micro effects of dependence on natural resources and possible remedies for the so-called resource curse in Iran. To meet this goal, the project aims to train the selected students in Iran and Germany through summer, autumn and/or winter schools. Another tool to meet the goal is to host visiting professors in the field of political economy of natural resource management. Besides, the project will enhance the mutual understanding of cultural values and norms between Iranian and German academia. The recent positive political developments between Iran and global powers stimulate the scientific cooperation under this project and will help to re-establish the link with Iranian leading universities, especially in the field of political economy and development. For the project year of 2018, the project partners are planning a summer school in Marburg and a winter school in Mashhad.