



THE ROLE OF KHAN IN TRIBE AND STATE DEVELOPMENT OF AFGHANISTAN

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ABSTRACT

During the last half of the century, numerous qualitative changes have taken place in the socio-economic structure of the Pashtun tribes living in Southeast Afghanistan due to forced or labor influenced migrations, civil war, urbanization and modernity. The present study analyze certain underlying principles, such as modernization, and the role these principles play in the complex relationship among tribes, states and Khanship in southeast Afghanistan. In exploring this interaction; this study further attempt to find out whether the modern day khan feel a sense of obligation to the tribe, or is he acting as an agent for the state. Moreover, the study will further examine the role of the Khan; specifically the Khan's ever changing relationship with both the state and the tribe.

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