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Conceptualizing a Relational Approach to Diaspora and Diaspora Engagement

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Carolin Fischer is pursuing a DPhil (Ph.D.) in Development Studies at the Oxford Department of International Development. In her research she explores how Afghans based in Germany and Britain relate to social change, conflict, and development in Afghanistan. Carolin’s areas of interest are processes of diaspora formation and diaspora–home country relations. She approaches these topics from a sociological perspective focusing on relationality, intra- and inter-group boundaries, and relations between structure and agency. Past research has investigated the peace-promoting efforts of diaspora communities in homeland conflict focusing on activities of Afghan communities in Germany. This November, she will start a post-doc at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, where she will join a team of researchers working on a newly launched project titled “Gender as Boundary Marker in the Realm of Migration and Mobility.”