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Forum for South Asian Studies at Uppsala University

Web page: <http://www.fsas.uu.se/>

On 13 September 2011, Områdesnämnden för humaniora och samhällsvetenskap at Uppsala University formally decided to establish a Forum for South Asia Studies. The purpose is to strengthen South Asia research and education, and increase Uppsala University's collaboration with South Asia.

A board was constituted, with Dr. Gunnel Cederlöf from the Faculty of History and Philosophy being the chair person. Other members of the board are Dr. Eva Hellman, Faculty of Theology; Dr. Rebecca Stern, Faculty of Law; Dr. Heinz-Werner Wessler, Dept. of Languages; Ranjula Bali Swain and Dr. Fiona Rotberg, Faculty of Social Sciences. There will also be representatives for students and PhD candidates.

Dr. Ferdinando Sardella (photo) from the [Department of Theology](#) was appointed Coordinator for the Forum.

The university has also been involved in discussions with the Embassy of India and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) to establish an ICCR professorship at Uppsala University along the same lines that Lund University has since 2010. The Uppsala professorship is supposed to be a Chair of Indian Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences. On January 22, 2013 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Uppsala University and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for a Chair of Indian Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences at Uppsala University. [More information.](#)

In May 2011, SASNET's Lars Eklund met the key persons involved in the planning for a Forum for South Asian Studies, [more information about the meeting.](#)

New coordinators from 2014

The Forum for South Asia Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (FSAS) has a whole new setup of people working with FSAS during 2014. Two persons have been selected to coordinate the Forum, namely Florian Krampe and Johan Heldt.

Florian Krampe (photo) is a PhD Candidate in the [Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research](#), and also an Associated research fellow at the Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, and a Guest research fellow at the The Hugo Valentin Centre. He is working on a Sida funded research project entitled "*Sustainable Statebuilding? – Assessing Energy Development Projects in Kosovo and Nepal*".

Johan Heldt is a PhD Candidate in the [Department of Linguistics and Philology](#)

The FSAS board has also got a new leadership. New Chairperson is Associate Professor [Ranjula Bali Swain](#), [Dept. of Economics](#), and deputy chairperson is Prof. [Heinz-Werner Wessler](#), also from Department of Linguistics and Philology.



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