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• High-profile SASNET 2013 South Asia Symposium at Lund University



The 2013 SASNET South Asia Symposium at Lund University will be held on Wednesday 24th April 2013, 09.00–19.00. The theme for the Symposium is *"The Wonder that is South Asia"*, featuring eminent international scholars that will hold lectures on topics related to Bangladesh, India,



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• SASNET lecture on Ambedkar and his Buddhist Perceptions



Associate Professor Raj Sekhar Basu from the [Department of History, University of Calcutta](#), Kolkata, India, holds a SASNET lecture at Lund University on Wednesday 27 February 2013, 15.15–17.00. The theme for his lecture is *"Ambedkar and his Perceptions of Karl Marx and Buddha"*. The seminar is co-organised by the [Dept. of Sociology](#). Venue: Seminar room 1, Dept. of Sociology, Paradisgatan 3, Lund.

Raj Sekhar Basu is currently serving as an Visiting Indian Professor at the [Indian Studies Centre at Mykolo Romeris University](#) in Vilnius, Lithuania. There he holds the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Chair in Contemporary Indian Studies on a two year assignment. He is specialised in the social history of the lower castes in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, having written two books and a large number of articles in national and international journals.

In his Lund University seminar, he focuses on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar – renowned Indian political leader mobilizing the Dalits during the freedom struggle, besides being a jurist and economist and the chief architect of the Indian Constitution. He was also a revivalist for Buddhism in India, after leading his followers to convert from Hinduism to Buddhism in 1956. He discusses the interpretative models provided by scholars involved with the study of Ambedkar's brand of Buddhism. In fact, there would be attempts to deal with Ambedkar's own interpretation of Buddhism and to explore whether it was linked to his efforts to establish ethical foundations of the Dalit movement in postcolonial India. Prof.

Basu is interested in explicating the reasons why Ambedkar decided to seek a conversion to Buddhism, since it was not only opposed to caste hierarchy but possibly provided a framework for a society based on the principles of non-discrimination, equity and respect. The main intention would be to establish the point that Ambedkar favoured Buddhism to Marxism, possibly for the matter that it was more liberal and flexible in mobilizing the socially deprived masses in favour of a more egalitarian socio-political system.



• SASNET's role in promoting collaboration highlighted in Delhi

SASNET Director Anna Lindberg is currently on assignment in India, mainly visiting universities and institutes in connection with a research project about Asian students who travel to other Asian countries to seek higher education. She is however also in India as a representative of SASNET.



On 30th January 2013, Anna visited the Swedish Embassy in New Delhi and had a fruitful meeting with Ambassador Harald Sandberg



Inderjeet S. Basra and Andreas Muranyi Scheutz along with Anna Lindberg.

(photo to the left); Andreas Muranyi Scheutz of the Office of Science, Innovation, and Growth Analysis; Cecilia Rahm, General Manager of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce, India; and Inderjeet S. Basra, Assistant Programme Manager at the Embassy. Their discussion concerned SASNET's role in promoting collaboration in higher education and research between Swedish and Indian universities. Ambassador Sandberg indicated that the report *Framtid med Asien: Förslag till en svensk Asienstrategi*, published by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1998, is still valid: Sweden still lacks expertise about South Asia in many areas. He was pleased to hear of Lund University's willingness to finance SASNET, and that SASNET remains a national network. He emphasized the need for collaboration among Swedish universities in promoting educational opportunities for Indian students in Sweden, and the importance of working with Swedish companies who have a presence in India to create internships and scholarships.

On 1 February 2013, Inderjeet Basra and Andreas Muranyi Scheutz showed Anna the

Lindberg gave a brief presentation of the history of SASNET and informed about the future purpose and role of SASNET now that Lund University has announced that it will allocate resources in support of SASNET for the period 2013–2015. Gunilla Carlecrantz, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Networks at the Division of External Relations at Lund University, talked about the division's work towards the South Asian region, emphasizing the importance of the region for Lund University and also of the contribution that SASNET provides regarding this work. Maria Lindblad from the International Marketing and Recruitment at Lund University, informed about joint efforts by Lund University, Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg and Linköping University to attract Indian students to Sweden. [More information about the brainstorming meeting.](#)

• Hawwa Lubna SASNET's Maldivian resource person at Lund University

Hawwa Lubna is a Maldivian student at the Bachelor of Science Programme in Development Studies (BIDS) at Lund University. On Wednesday 23 January 2013, she visited SASNET's office in Lund to discuss with Lars Eklund a proposal of hers to increase SASNET's collaboration with the Maldivian community of students and researchers. Lubna now offers to assist us in such efforts to establish a strong relationship with Maldives, a country still lacking good academic research into its history, politics, social structures, culture and economics. Even if it exists, there is no coherent aggregation of those research work in one place. Furthermore, Lubna is willing to work closely with SASNET to build up its resource base on Maldives. Her background as a journalist in Maldives for past three years – with the [Minivan News magazine](#) – has given her good knowledge on contemporary issues in Maldives and connections to good resources and information. Her vision includes creating an online platform where all publications on Maldives can be found, maybe through SASNET. She also hopes that SASNET should enhance its academic cooperation with the Maldives National University (the only university in Maldives opened in 2011), on similar terms as has been achieved with universities in India. (SASNET's Lars Eklund and Staffan Lindberg visited Maldives in 2002, [read their travel report](#), and Lars again visited Maldives in 2009, [see his report](#)).



• More information about SASNET and its activities

See SASNET's page, <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/sasnet-news>

Research Community News

• Research funding transferred from Sida to the Swedish Research Council



Funding for Swedish research of relevance to low and middle income countries has been transferred from Sida to the [Swedish Research Council](#) beginning in 2013. It will have at its disposal SEK 170 million of the state international development budget for funding of Swedish research of relevance to low and middle income countries. Sida was previously in charge of these funds. This change was adopted by the Swedish parliament at the beginning of December 2012.

Programmes that are part of funding of Swedish research of relevance to low and middle income countries (U-forsk), as well as Swedish Research Links, will thereby be handled entirely by the Swedish Research Council. The rationale for this transfer is to ensure the best possible scientific quality of these activities.

These *u-forsk grants* belong to the most important ways of financing Swedish research projects related to developing countries, including South Asia – see SASNET's databases from 2003 onwards. The aim has been to establish and maintain a knowledge base of relevance to aid and development issues, plus capacity for developing country research in Sweden.

Deadline for applications for the period 2013–2014 was

South Asia related projects given U-forsk grants

– In 2003

– In 2004

Aga Khan University (AKU) in Karachi, Pakistan, with research and research training collaboration going on since 1992. Nine of the faculty at AKU Karachi currently have PhDs from KI, all have returned to Karachi and three of them hold interim chairs. The new AKU PhD program of 2013 now opens a new phase in the collaboration. Phase one has led to faculty development in research supervision. It includes supporting the AKU:s own programmes regarding coursework whenever needed and asked for – online or by occasional visits; and providing co-supervision between different departments of KI whenever needed and asked for. This increases the number of competent supervisors – and their equipment. The team at KI in charge of the AKU collaboration consists of Prof. Olle Söder and Prof. Emeritus Bo Lindblad. [More information.](#)

• Ashok Kaul to be installed as ICCR Professor at University of Gothenburg



Ashok Kumar Kaul, Professor of Sociology at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) will be



inaugurated as the first Visiting Indian ICCR Professor at the University of Gothenburg on Thursday 14th February 2013, 14.00–16.00. An inauguration seminar will be held at Lilla Hörsalen, Humanisten (Faculty of Arts), Renströmsgatan 6, Gothenburg. Prof. Kaul will stay at the university for five months, being based at the [Department of Literature, History of Ideas, and Religion](#).

At the inauguration seminar, Prof. Kaul will be welcomed by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor Helena Lindholm Schultz. Indian Ambassador, Mrs. Banashri Bose Harrison will give an introductory speech, and Dr. Clemens Cavallin will give a presentation on "Cooperation with Indian universities at the Faculty of Arts. [See the complete programme.](#)

Ashok Kaul has a doctorate from BHU, and thirty years of lecturing and research experience at a number of universities in India and internationally. Originally coming from Kashmir, Prof. Kaul has written a book entitled "*Kashmir: Fractured Nativity (Closed Options, Open Possibilities)*". It was published by German publisher VDM in 2009, and an edited version "*Kashmir: Contested Identity*" was published by Rawat Publications in India in 2011. [More information about the book.](#)

• Doctoral dissertation on Chinese and Indian Regions and the Global Flows of Innovation



Monica Plechero from the Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy ([CIRCLE](#)), and the [Department of Human Geography](#), Lund University defended her doctoral dissertation entitled "*The Changing Geography of Innovation – Chinese and Indian Regions and the Global Flows of Innovation*" on 11 December 2012. The thesis deals with how Chinese and Indian firms are upgrading their innovation capabilities to go internationally, and how regional and global linkages are effecting firms' capacity to compete in the global market. Faculty opponent was Associate

Professor Andrea Morrison, Utrecht University, The Netherlands. [Read the full-text thesis.](#)

Her main research topic concerns global innovation networks and different forms of globalization of innovation in developing countries. She is particularly interested in studying firms located in emerging Regional Innovation Systems. In these last years she has been involved in several projects on globalization of innovation with partners in Europe, China, India, South Africa and Brazil. [Read an article entitled "Indiska och kinesiska företag i innovationsfronten"](#) at Lund University web site.

• Dissertation Reviews presents unpublished doctoral theses

Founded in 2010, Dissertation Reviews is a new site that features overviews of recently defended,

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unpublished doctoral dissertations in a wide variety of disciplines across the Humanities and Social Sciences. Its goal is to offer readers a glimpse of each discipline's immediate present by focusing on the window of time between dissertation defense and first book publication. Each review provides a summary of the author's main arguments, the historiographic genealogy in which the author operates, and the main source bases for

(academic and administrative).

The IBIES network in the frame of the Erasmus Mundus programme will see to the further enhancement of the individual student, researcher or teacher in order to improve not only their knowledge, qualifications and skills but also to strengthen the cooperation between India and EU and contribute to the development of these societies. The Interdisciplinary Bridges for Indo-European Studies (IBIES) consortium has been selected for funding under the Erasmus Mundus Programme Action 2 Strand 1 and External Cooperation Window. [More information.](#)

• Postdoctoral Fellowship at the South Asia Institute, Harvard University

The Harvard University South Asia Institute (SAI) in USA offers postdoctoral fellowships in South Asian studies to recent PhDs in the humanities and social sciences for the Academic Year 2013-2014. Each



postdoctoral fellowship will cover a 10-month period, beginning September 1, 2013, with a stipend of \$50,000, health insurance coverage for the grantee, and roundtrip travel funds. Postdoctoral fellows will be provided office space, access to the libraries and resources of Harvard University.

Residence in the Cambridge/Boston area and participation in SAI activities are required during the appointment. Postdoctoral fellows will be expected to present through the SAI Seminar Series. During the term of appointment, postdoctoral fellows will have the option to teach one course, or co-teach an existing course with a current faculty member. Applicants must have received their PhD degree in 2008 or later in South Asia Studies in any area of the humanities or social sciences. Those who are chosen to receive fellowships must have completed all requirements for the PhD degree by July 1, 2013. Deadline for application is March 1, 2013. [More information.](#)

• Swedish National Agency for Higher Education split into two new authorities

From 1 January 2013, the Swedish National Agency for Higher Education (Högskoleverket) has ceased to exist as a public authority. Its operations has been transferred to two new public authorities:



the Swedish Higher Education Authority (Universitetskanslersämbetet) and the Swedish Council for Higher Education (Universitets- och högskolerådet). The Swedish Higher Education Authority has got the role to look after the Swedish universities and university colleges, and evaluate the quality of higher education and the right to issue exams. It is led by the Swedish University Chancellor, Professor Lars Haikola. [Go for the web site](#) (in Swedish only).



The second new authority has a role to play regarding admissions, applications for studies etc., and is also in charge of international collaboration. [Go for its web site](#) (in Swedish only)

Websites in English for the Swedish Higher Education Authority and the Swedish Council for Higher Education will be produced later this year, but for the time being interested are referred to the former [Swedish National Agency for Higher Education's English website.](#)

• More information about South Asia related research at Swedish and Nordic universities

See SASNET's page, <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/research-community-news>

Educational News

• 2013 NCI summer courses on Contemporary India and Nature-Society Interface

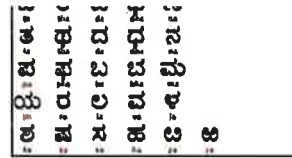
The Nordic Centre in India university consortium organises two short term summer courses for Nordic students in India during the summer 2013, one based at Hyderabad and the other at Bangalore. The courses are as follows:



Contemporary India. An Interdisciplinary Introduction Course.

This course is being held for the 11th year at the University of

(Karnataka Study Centre), will take place in Bangalore, India, 4 – 16 March 2013. Kannada – the Dravidian Language of the South Indian state of Karnataka – is a classical Indian language spoken by more than 60 million people today and distinguished by a rich literary



history. The course will provide an introduction to the Kannada Language through an extensive program combining spoken Kannada with reading, writing and grammar skills. The students will gain insights into contemporary Kannada, acquire practical language skills and learn to apply these in realistic everyday situations. Subject to personal effort, students should be able to speak basic conversational Kannada and read and write the Kannada script after their successful participation in the course. Deadline for registration is 4 February 2013. [More information.](#)

- **Other educational news connected to South Asian studies all over the World**

See SASNET's page, <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/education-news>

Seminars and Conferences in Scandinavia

- **Helsinki seminar on Ethnographic Fieldwork in Sikh Diasporas**

On Thursday 14 February 2013, the Nordic Center in India (NCI) and University of Helsinki organize a seminar on "*Ethnographic Fieldwork in Sikh*



Diasporas". The speakers include Prof. Hanna Snellman (Ethnology) at University of Helsinki, Dr. Laura Hirvi (Ethnology) from University of Jyväskylä, and Dr. Kristina Myrvold (Religious Studies) from Lund University. Venue: Room F205, Unioninkatu 38 F, Department of Philosophy, History, Culture and Art Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland.

The seminar is organized in connection with the NCI Board Meeting the following day, on Friday 15 February, 2013. [See the seminar program.](#)

- **Copenhagen seminar with Stephen P Cohen on the India-Pakistan dispute**

The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) and Asia Research Centre, Copenhagen



Business School (CBS) invite to a seminar on "*The India-Pakistan Conundrum*", on Friday 15 February 2013, 9.30–11.45. Venue: Main Auditorium, DIIS, Strandgade 71, ground floor, Copenhagen.

The seminar takes its starting point in Stephen P Cohen's forthcoming book "*Shooting for a Century: The India-Pakistan Conundrum*" (Brookings Press, 2013), which is one of the few comprehensive overviews of the India-Pakistan dispute, that, according to the book, is unlikely to be resolved or normalized in the next 35 years.

This seminar will dissect the key actors on all sides of the conflict, including the Pakistan army, examine the implications of a continuing stalemate, and look at theories that explain why this conflict persists, and strategies that might avert a larger conflict or, improbably, move the two states towards normalization. The seminar will feature speeches by *Stephen P. Cohen*, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, USA; Professor *Anthony D'Costa*, Copenhagen Business School; and *Mona K. Sheikh*, Postdoc, DIIS. [More information and registration.](#)

- **CBS launches volume on Transformation and Development in India and China**



The Asia Research Centre at Copenhagen Business School (CBS) invites to the launch of "*Transformation and Development: The Political Economy of*



The Norrköping workshop will be followed up with another workshop to be held in India in November 2013. The research workshops will also be followed up with seminars with actors outside the academy (including companies, trade organisation and politicians and other organisations with interest in relations of ICT activities between India and Europe). Deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday 8th March 2013. [Full information about the Norrköping workshop.](#)

• **Caste in focus for University of Oslo's 5th Annual Contemporary India Seminar**

University of Oslo hosts its 5th Annual Contemporary India Seminar, "Caste Today", on Thursday 12 September



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2013. This year's seminar is organised by Geir Heierstad, Kenneth Bo Nielsen and Uday Chandra with support from the Department for Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS); the Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM); the Network for Asian Studies; and the Nordic Forum for South Asia (NoFSA).

The reason for choosing Caste as the seminar theme is the fact that once being a staple of Indian sociological and political analysis, caste has today been curiously marginal in recent academic discourses on India. The contemporary marginality of caste owes undoubtedly to the opening up of new areas of study concerning gender, neoliberalism, conflict, development and more. Yet caste continues to be a significant force in Indian society and politics, taking on new guises even as older pervasive hierarchies continue to seep into the present. To interrogate caste in contemporary India in its many forms and aspects, this seminar invites papers from scholars working on this subject across disciplines. Participants are encouraged to address the contemporary workings of caste, and the practices and ideas associated with it, from an empirical point of departure.

Contributions from younger scholars are particularly welcomed. As are papers that deal with the significance of caste in parts of India such as West Bengal, where caste hierarchies are generally seen as 'weak'; or among social strata where the influence of caste is believed to be on the wane or subject to important transformations.

Deadline for abstract submission is 1 May 2013. [More information.](#)

• **Information about South Asia related lectures and seminars**

See SASNET's page, <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/lectures-in-scandinavia>

Conferences and workshops outside Scandinavia

• **London conference on Space and Spatiality in South Asia**



An international, interdisciplinary conference on "Space and Spatiality in South Asia" will be held at The British Academy in London 7-8 February 2013. It

is being convened by Professor Clare Anderson (*photo*), School of Historical Studies, University of Leicester, UK. Venue: British Academy, 10-11 Carlton House Terrace, London.



The 'spatial turn' is now well established across the academic disciplines, with historians, anthropologists, political scientists and geographers exploring how concepts of space and scale – and their interconnections – might inform our understanding of a range of cultural and social formations. The conference will showcase South Asian Studies scholarship in this cutting edge research area, and help us to think about what constitutes "South Asian Studies" as a field of enquiry. Speakers will explore the significance of the 'spatial turn' for South Asian Studies; work through, across and potentially beyond academic disciplines as well as geographical borders. The conference will address questions such as: what can a focus on space and spatiality illuminate in the South Asian context? What does it reveal about South Asia as a bounded, geographical unit? How does it help us to think about the value of South Asian Studies?

Sessions will include: • Borders & Border Making; • Modernism, Architecture & Urban Space; • Islands, Forests and Colonial Spaces: the Andaman Islands; • Space & Scale in Rural, Everyday & Religious Life; • Islands, Bays & Ports; and a keynote lecture on 'Space and Place in British Imperial History Writing' by Professor Alan Lester.

This event is the second part of a series of events interrogating the relevance and

from the perspective of what might be called the "new history of energy", an approach in the making that builds on earlier research on energy history and energy policy, in order to better account for the particular characteristics and uses of different energy sources, from fossil fuels to renewable alternatives to human and animal labor. The workshop will place energy at the center of inquiry in Asian history, and will ask how energy production and consumption interacted with larger social and environmental processes. It will also explore how a focus on energy makes it possible to reconsider



well-known narratives within national and regional histories. How, for example, might the Great Game in Central Asia, the Vietnam War, Indian Independence, or the Great Leap Forward in China look when viewed from the perspective of energy? The notion of "energy" is defined broadly and the organisers welcome proposals related to Asia — also defined broadly — from across disciplines and specializations. Much of the published research in energy history has come out of studies of North America and Europe. Narratives of this sort have, however, just begun to be written for Asia. The organisers seek to bring together historians of Central, South, Southeast, and East Asia who are working on projects that speak to the concerns of this new field. The workshop opens in the afternoon on February 21 with a keynote talk by John McNeill, University Professor, Georgetown University, and will proceed into a full day of paper presentations. [More information.](#)

• Islamabad conference on Problematics of Qur'an Translations in the Subcontinent

An International Conference on Problematics of Qur'an Translations in the Sub-Continent will be held in Islamabad, Pakistan, 26–28 February 2013.

It is being organised by the [Islamic Research Institute \(IRI\)](#) at the International Islamic University in Islamabad and its departments of Translation and Interpretation, Faculty of Arabic; and Tafseer & Quranic Sciences, Faculty of Islamic Studies. Abstracts should be submitted before 5 July 2012. Translation of the Quran has been a challenging task from its very inception. The challenge originates in the peculiar linguistic and stylistic features of Quranic language which requires contextual and extra-contextual considerations. Hence efforts to translate Quran pose numerous theological, linguistic & legal questions and problems that need to be carefully studied & analyzed keeping in view the Quranic sciences and various translation theories & approaches such as Philological, Communicative, Socio-semiotic & Hermeneutics. The region of the sub-continent has distinctive place in terms of very early attempts & multiplicity of languages to which the text of Quran is translated. [More information.](#)



• New York Graduate Conference on the notion of Paradigm

The Department of Middle East, South Asian and African Studies (MESEAS) at Columbia University in New York, USA, holds its annual conference for graduate students 28 February – 1 March 2013. The 2013 MESAAS Graduate Conference will focus on "*Paradigmatic Conflict and Crisis: A Graduate Student*



Conference on the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa", focusing on the notion of paradigm, a frequently used and studied concept in the humanities and social sciences, and invites students to share their successes, challenges and unanswered questions relating to the employment, reliance upon and analysis of this concept. Abstracts should be submitted before 15 January 2013. [Read more.](#)

• Brussels seminar on Higher Education in India

The Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) organises a seminar on "*Higher Education in India. Recent Developments*



from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh were screened. Besides, a number of highly interesting documentary films on Afghanistan were included in the extensive programme, and also a documentary from Nepal. SASNET's Lars Eklund saw some of the highlights among the South Asian films. One of them was Mira Nair's latest film, "*The Reluctant Fundamentalist*", based on Mohsin Hamid's novel with the same name. It is an extraordinary joint Indian/Pakistani/US film production.



He was also much impressed by "*Filmistaan*", a highly interesting comedy about an Indian film worker who accidentally is kidnapped by Taliban and brought over to Pakistan, where he however develops strong friendly links with the common village people. The film has a message that people on both sides the partition border are same, they sing the same songs, and enjoy the same Bollywood/Lollywood movies.

Among the many excellent documentaries, "*No Burqas Behind Bars*" stands out as a fascinating Swedish production by Nima Sarvestani on women's situation in Afghani prisons, which is less horrifying than one could expect. The prison actually provides a secure zone away from violent husbands from whom they have run away (and for that crime they have received long prison terms). [Read more about the 36th Göteborg International Film Festival.](#)

• **Himal Southasian resurrects as a quarterly book magazine**

From January 2013, the Kathmandu based magazine Himal Southasian resumes publication in a hard-copy form after a gap of more than one year. This eminent pan-Southasian magazine is however transformed from a monthly magazine to a book-format quarterly. The editor, Kanak Mani Dixit, promises that Himal Southasian will continue its commitment to the long-form journalism that Himal has stayed with over the last quarter century. The content of Himal Quarterly will remain largely the same as the earlier monthly, but it will be more theme-based. Independent and more immediate pieces and commentaries will migrate to Himal Online at www.himalmag.com.

The re-launch of Himal as a quarterly will happen in New Delhi on 24 January, with historian Romila Thapar doing the honours. The cover theme of the inaugural quarterly – titled "Are we sure about India?" – looks at the challenges India the



nation-state faces six-and-half decades after its making. India is the region's largest country and dominant presence. Only an India at ease with itself, its identity, and its calling can provide sustenance and comfort to its own people, and to the people of Southasia as a whole.

These and other issues are addressed by contributors, who include historian Romila Thapar, human-rights lawyer Nandita Haksar, Northeast scholar Sanjib Baruah, and civil-rights activist Sumanta Banerjee. Samira Khan writes about her diminished identity in the wake of Mumbai's anti-Muslim riots; Madhushree Mukherjee critiques the dominant model of 'development'; Shivam Vij contests the narrow nationalisms that undermine India and Pakistan. Prashanta Tripura writes on becoming Bangladeshi; Yameen Rasheed on the relationship between Islam and politics in the Maldives; and I P Adhikari on electoral practice in Bhutan's fledgling democracy. The inaugural Himal Quarterly also includes Gopalkrishna Gandhi's lecture on "Leadership in Southasia", delivered on the occasion of Himal's 25th anniversary.

[Full information.](#)

• **Information about South Asia related culture in Sweden/ Scandinavia**

See SASNET's page, <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/cultural-events>

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SASNET is a national network for research, education, and information about South Asia and is based at Lund University. Its aim is to promote a dynamic networking process in which Swedish researchers cooperate with their counterparts in South Asia and around the globe.

The SASNET network is open to all branches of the natural and social sciences. Priority is given to interdisciplinary cooperation across faculties, and more particularly to institutions in the Nordic countries and South Asia. SASNET believes that South Asian studies will be most fruitfully pursued as a cooperative endeavour among researchers in different institutions who have a solid base in their mother disciplines. The network is financed by Lund University.

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