

CV concerning Lars Eklund



I am 47 years old, living in Lund and working as a journalist since I graduated from the Dept of Journalism at Göteborg University in 1980.

Between 1980 and 1983 I worked at several newspapers all over Sweden; Ystads Allehanda in Ystad, Hallands Nyheter in Falkenberg, VästerbottensKuriren in Umeå and Norra Skåne in Hässleholm. The work was always a combination of writing journalism and sub-editing.

In 1984 I was employed by Arbetet in Malmö as sub-editor. I spent 16 years at this major regional newspaper until it was closed down on September 30, 2000. The last two years I was working as Night Editor, in charge of the staff of sub-editors and with a great editorial as well as technical responsibility for the entire production.

Since 22 January 2001 I have been working with SASNET, building the Internet Gateway, a work which includes both technical work (I have learnt Dreamweaver, PhotoShop and other relevant programs) and collecting material and establishing contacts with the society of Swedish South Asia scholars. Along with Staffan Lindberg, with whom I have an excellent relation, I have worked hard to make the Gateway a useful tool in creating the intended network.

Through intensive studies and frequent travelling in all parts of Asia from 1972 onwards – as a tourist, as a working journalist and since my marriage in 1982 (in Kolkata, India) as a man connected to the region by family ties – I have developed a thorough interest and knowledge of especially South Asian politics and culture.

1973-1977 I studied at Lund University subjects by my own choice: Ethnology 50 credits, Social Anthropology 20 credits and Arabic 20 credits. I have also studied Arabic at Göteborg University in 1979, 16 credits. I did not complete the course, though, as I changed track and became a Journalist instead.

Since 1982 I have been working as Editor for the renowned Swedish magazine SYDASIEN (formerly Sydasienbulletinen) published from Lund. Through Sydasien I have come into contact with most people in Scandinavia engaged in South Asian studies and published their material. I have also been in charge of the Internet edition Monsun, at our site www.sydasien.m.se, where I have produced basic facts on the eight South Asian nations (including Afghanistan).

Since several years I have also been engaged by SIDA to give lectures on seminars arranged for teachers in many places in Sweden, where I talk about Indian society and current history, subjects I know very well. Together with my artist wife Bubu I am also much engaged in cultural arrangements, e.g. concerts with Rabindranath Tagore's music, celebrating Durga Puja etc etc.

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