

SASNET

Swedish South Asian Studies Network

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SASNET News:

Registers under construction

Presently, SASNET has started to collect information for our registers on South Asia research and education environments at Swedish universities and colleges. We are also collecting information for an individual register on South Asia related researchers and teachers in Sweden.

Planning Grants 2001

On 27 April, the reference group consisting of Mr. Tomas Kjellqvist (Sida-SAREC), Prof. Pamela Price (Department of History, Oslo), Dr. Neil Webster (Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen), and Dr. Malin Åkerblom (International Science Programme, Uppsala) has decided to approve of grants to the following persons and programmes:

Planning grants for research programmes

Jan Lundqvist/Julie Wilks, Department of Water and Environmental Studies, Linköping University: "Triple Integration. Targeting poverty with water and social programmes."

Bo Mattiasson, Biotechnology, Lund University: "Environmental Remediation and Sustainable Development."

Planning grants for education programmes

K. Hanumantha Rao, Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, Mineral Processing, Luleå University of Technology: "International Master of Science Program in Natural Resources Engineering."

Gunilla Gren-Eklund, Asian and African Languages, Uppsala University: "Planning of meetings and courses for students at the Nordic Centre in New Delhi."

Travel grants for research programmes

Eva Hellman, History of Religions, Uppsala University: "Gender and religious activism in South Asia: A study of Christian, Hindu and Muslim women's organisations".

Bo S. Lindblad, Karolinska Institutet Medical University, Stockholm: "Pregnancy and Infancy in South Asia."

Travel grant for bridging the gap between the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and technology:

Eva Myrdal-Runebjer, Museion, Göteborg University: "Exploring the state of the art of the South Asian societal/nature interface through time."

New items on our website – <http://sasnet.soc.lu.se>

Community News:

- Zarina Nahar Kabir, Karolinska Institutet, will defend her doctoral thesis "The Emerging Elderly Population in Bangladesh: Aspects of their Health and Social Situation." Date: 17 May at 9.30. Venue: Aulan, Finskt Äldrecentrum, Sabbatsbergsområdet, Olivecronas väg 14, Stockholm. ([Click here for an abstract of the dissertation](#))
- Sodeco (Social Development Consultants) at the Dept of Sociology/Lund University is [looking for three qualified persons](#) within the fields of Statistics, Sociology/Anthropology, Political Science and Law to carry out the planning, implementation and analysis of an inter-disciplinary 3 years UN project on Violence against Women in Pakistan. Tenders should be submitted before May 18.
- [Global Conference on Genocide](#) in Dhaka, Bangladesh, January, 13-14 , 2002
- In Denmark, the Commission on Development-Related Research has just released its report called "Partnerships at the leading edge: A Danish vision for knowledge, research and development. ([Link to the report](#) in pdf format)
- An interdisciplinary group of researchers at Aarhus University, Denmark, has started an [India Studies Group](#), in order to promote further research and studies relating to India. So far the Indian Studies Department, Political Science, History, English and Social Anthropology are represented, but other disciplines may join the group later.

Reminders:

- NASA, Nordic Association for South Asian Studies, holds its biannual conference with the theme "[Waters of Hope](#)", September, 20-22, at Voss, Norway (near to Bergen). Note that the dates for the conference has been changed. Last date for registration: June, 1, 2001

- [17th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies](#) at Heidelberg, July 23 - 28, 2002

Research News:

• [UNRISD ON-LINE](#) is the web site of UNRISD, an autonomous UN agency established in 1963, with a mandate "to conduct research into problems and policies of social development and relationships between various types of social development and economic development during different phases of economic growth." The web site gives information on ongoing research as well as conferences being held all over the World.

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Best regards

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SASNET is a national academic network initiating and supporting networking in research, education and information on South Asia. The aim is to encourage and promote an open and dynamic networking process in which Swedish researchers/teachers co-operate and work in partnership with institutions and researchers in South Asia and globally. SASNET will involve and integrate researchers from the natural sciences, medicine, technology, social sciences, law, and humanities. It builds on the idea that South Asian studies can be most fruitfully pursued in multidisciplinary co-operation between researchers, who work in different institutions, but are linked together via networks into programs focused on South Asian studies. The network is financed by Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) and by Lund University.

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