

# SASNET

## Swedish South Asian Studies Network

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### **SASNET News:**

• Vice-Chancellor Boel Flodgren has now officially established SASNET as a Special Activity at Lund University from 1 July 2001. The network root node at Lund will be attached to the International Office. Within short, the positions as director/co-ordinator and webmaster/secretary will be announced. Deadline for applications: 10 August 2001.

• Boel Flodgren has also decided the composition of SASNET's first board for the period 1 July 2001 to 31 December 2003:

**Chairperson:** Björn Hettne, professor, Dept. of Peace and Development Research, Göteborg University

### **Members and deputy members:**

#### **For Lund University:**

- Boel Billgren, deputy head of the International Office
- Rajni Hatti Kaul, associate professor, Dept. of Biotechnology
- Alia Ahmad, associate professor, Dept. of Economics

Deputy members (in order to be called for meetings:)

- Olle Qvarnström, associate professor, Dept of History of Religions
- Catarina Kinnvall, assistant professor, Dept. of Political Science

#### **For other Swedish universities and colleges:**

- Bo Lindblad, professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of International Health (IHCAR), Karolinska Institutet Medical University, Stockholm
- Eva Hellman, associate professor, Dept. of History of Religions, Uppsala University

Deputy members (in order to be called for meetings:)

- Gunnar Jacks, professor, Division of Land and Water Resources, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
- Kjell Härenstam, associate professor, Dept. of Social Sciences, Science of Religion, Karlstad University

#### **For other Nordic Universities**

- Pamela Price, professor, Dept. of History, Oslo University

### **For doctoral students**

- Christer Norström, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

Deputy member:

- Martin Gansten, Department of History of Religion, Lund University

### **For Sida**

- Tomas Kjellqvist, head of Swedish Research Division, SAREC

Deputy member

- Jan Essner, deputy head of Asia Division, Sida

### **For Swedish NGO**

- Birgitta Göranson, Co-ordinator, The Swallows India-Bangladesh Section, Lund

**The first meeting of the board will take place on 29 August 2001 at Lund.**

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

### **Community News:**

- Berkshire Publishing Group, England, seeks scholars with some editorial experience to participate in the six-volume Encyclopedia of Asia 2002 as Associate Developmental Editors. [More information.](#)
- The situation for Indology studies in Göteborg is critical since the Dept. for Comparative Philology and Sanskrit was closed down at the end of year 2000. [Read Professor Folke Josephsons report](#) (in swedish).
- The Palme–Linnaeus International Exchange Programme offers grants to University Teachers and Students for the year 2001-2002. Last date for applications: August 1. [Information about the rules](#) for getting grants.

### **Conferences, courses and important lectures**

- [The Seventh Himalayan Languages Symposium](#) is arranged by Dept. of Linguistics and Dept. of African and Asian Languages at Uppsala University on September, 7-9, 2001.

- A [conference on the relation between Education and the Reduction of Poverty](#) will be arranged by Sida and the Seminar for Development Studies in Uppsala on October, 18, 2001. The organizers invite researchers to contribute with articles/papers to be presented.

## Research papers/dissertations

- Åsa Tiljander Dahlström, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University defended her doctoral thesis "No Peace of Mind – The Tibetan Diaspora in India", on June 6, 2001. [Abstract of the dissertation](#) to be found here.
- Hans Hadders at the Dept. of Social Anthropology at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, has written on "The Gift of the Eye. Mortuary ritual performed by the Jadopatias in the Santal Villages of Bengal and Bihar, India". [Brief summary](#).

## Information & News Service

- [Quick Guide to News from South Asia](#). A list of selected Internet news services.
- The Swedish National Museums of World Culture has, with support from Sida, initiated a web publication in Swedish called [Omvärldsbilder](#) – of great value for researchers and students with an interest to follow how issues on Human rights, Conflicts, Resources and Environment are covered by United Nations and other international organizations. The editing is done by Leif Ohlsson at the Dept. of Peace and Development Studies, Göteborg University, who also administers a mailing-list with weekly summaries.

## Country facts:

Now also available –

- [Bangladesh](#)
- [Nepal](#)

## Best regards

**Staffan Lindberg**

**Lars Eklund**

**Lisbeth Andersson**

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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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Jan Magnusson, webmaster/program secretary, currently on leave