

## **Call for papers**

### **Nordic Perspectives on South Asian Development**

**(Workshop no. 9)**

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South Asia has for long provided a fertile testing ground for development policy, intervention and research. The region is home to both the world's largest democracy and to one or more frail or failing states. It is marred by multi-layered and historically complex ethnic, ideological and religious conflicts in some regions, whereas more or less peaceful communal coexistence prevails in others. Poverty is widespread, and the alleviation of human suffering is incumbent, even as the regional economy in the aggregate continues to flourish. Nordic interventions and interests – both practical and academic – in the development trajectory of the region have accordingly ranged from experiments in conflict mediation and resolution, to questions of decentralisation, democratisation and participation, to poverty reduction and a concern for the environment, nature and wildlife conservation – and beyond. In this workshop we welcome both academics, activists and development practitioners with a practical and hands-on experience with development in South Asia. We aim to explore the diversity of experiences that characterise South Asian development and change, and we particularly welcome papers grounded in case-based empirical studies. We also encourage our contributors to reflect on whether it is feasible to talk of a particular 'Nordic' perspective on South Asian development, as well as what the substance and contours of this perspective might look like.

Kindly send your abstract no later than 1 August to [fau@diis.dk](mailto:fau@diis.dk). Please state the title and number of the workshop.

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