

South Asian Regional Cooperation Academic Network (SARCAN)

The eight nations of South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka) have come a long way in forging regional cooperation. Yet numerous conflicts and challenges impede full cooperation and economic development among them. The academic community interested in South Asian cooperation issues needs a portal to realize what is going on in different countries and research institution globally. Keeping this in view the *McGill University—Universite de Montreal Research Group in International Security (REGIS)* (<http://www.gersi.umontreal.ca/defaulten.aspx>) in collaboration with the *Asian Study Center for Political & Conflict Transformation (ASPECT)*, Kathmandu, Nepal, is creating an online searchable database. We hope that scholars, students, policy makers, NGOs and all others interested in the region would find this free portal useful.

The project is called *South Asian Regional Cooperation Academic Network (SARCAN)*, and will be coordinated by Dr. T.V. Paul, McGill Director of REGIS (<http://www.mcgill.ca/politicalscience/faculty/paul/>) Manish Thapa of ASPECT will be the Regional Coordinator of the network, working from Nepal. It is sponsored by the projects on “Globalization and the National Security State,” and “When Regions Transform: From Conflict to Cooperation,” both funded by the Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC) Quebec (<http://gnss.mcgill.ca/>). The network will bring together the diverse groups of academics; organisations and practitioners working on multi-faceted issue areas of South Asian regional cooperation around the world by putting together a large online and searchable database of academic work, publications, organisations and their work profiles into one central site, where they can come together, increase their online presence and share information.

The project comprises:

- Online database of academics, research institutions, university centers, governmental and non-governmental organisations and practitioners working around on the issue of South Asian regional cooperation across the world.
- Online showcase of the most relevant publications related to South Asia.
- Online sharing of information of conferences, seminars, workshops on various issues of South Asia.
- Online information on fellowships, grants and other awards that scholars can avail of South Asian regional research topics

Participating academics, organisations and practitioners will benefit from:

- Increased visibility of their activities around the world;
- Increased opportunities for networking and information-sharing;

- Increased opportunities for building stronger relationships with scholars and institutions dealing with South Asia world-wide.

If you, your organisation, or any other organisations you know would be interested in:

- Joining the free online database of South Asian Regional Cooperation Community,
- Circulating information about conferences, seminars workshops, publications, research grants, fellowships etc., or
- Simply learning more about the South Asian Regional Cooperation Academic Network project...

Then please send us a profile of your organizations in the following format

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Orientation/Main field(s): Mainly concerned with, international relations, south asian regional cooperation, peace, security and strategic studies, democracy and peace and development.

Field(s) of research: peace & conflict; political science; international relations; south asia regional cooperation

Periodical(s): *ASPECT Newsletters*

Senior staff involved: Dr Duman Thapa, Varsha Gyawali

If your center has relevant publication on South Asian Regional Cooperation issue then please send us a picture of the cover page with a paragraph of information regarding that publication in the following format so that we are more than happy to put it in the webpage:



The India-Pakistan Conflict

An Enduring Rivalry

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The India-Pakistan rivalry remains one of the most enduring and unresolved conflicts of our times. It began with the birth of the two states in 1947, and it has continued ever since, with the periodic resumption of wars and crises. The conflict has affected every dimension of interstate and societal relations between the two countries and, despite occasional peace initiatives, shows

no signs of abating. This volume brings together leading experts in international relations theory and comparative politics to explain the persistence of this rivalry. Together they examine a range of topics including regional power distribution, great power politics, territorial divisions, the nuclear weapons factor, and incompatible national identities. Based on their analyses, they offer possible conditions under which the rivalry could be terminated. The book will be of interest to scholars of politics and international relations, as well as those concerned about stability and peace in South Asia.

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