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· SASNET seminar on the Future of Afghanistan after 2014



On Tuesday 27 May 2014, 17–19, Anders Fänge holds a SASNET seminar about the present situation and future challenges in Afghanistan. It is co-organised by



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the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA). The seminar is entitled *"Will Afghanistan be forgotten by the world?"*, and deals with what will happen in Afghanistan after 2014, when the international military combat forces have left the country; the civil war continues; the development assistance decreases; and a new president is elected? It is certainly bound to be a future with many severe problems for an ill-fated Afghan people, but Fänge are also points out some possible signs of hope. See the seminar poster.

Anders Fänge has 20 years experience of having worked in the country for SCA and the United Nations. He is currently a member of SASNET's board. Venue for the seminar: Dept. of Sociology, conference room 1, Paradisgatan 5 G, Lund. All are welcome.

• South Asia contributions to 27th Nordic Sociology conference in Lund



The Nordic Sociological Association will hold it's 27th conference in Lund on 14–16 August 2014. The conference, entitled *"Exploring Blind Spots"*, is organized and hosted by the Department of Sociology at Lund University. It will focus on the present age of accelerating and transforming social change, and one plenary session is dedicated to the theme *"Asian Encounters – Exposing or Creating Blind Spots?"*, including papers dealing with South Asia. The deadline for submitting abstracts to the conference was Monday 28 April. Full information about the conference.



SASNET is partly involved in the conference planning through the invitation of one of the eminent international plenary speakers, Professor Ravinder Kaur (*photo to the left*) from the Department of Humanities and Social Science at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD). Her recent publications have dealt with the issues of Marrying in South Asia: Shifting Concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalising World; and Son Preference, Fertility Decline and the Future of the Sex Ratio at Birth.



The keynote speakers at the conference include Guy Standing from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK. He is a Professor of Development Studies, co-founder of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN), and author of several books, including *The Precariat: The New Dangerous Class* (2011) and *Work After Globalization: Building Occupational Citizenship* (2009). He is a famous advocate of the unconditional basic income and deliberative democracy. From 1975 to 2006 he worked at the International Labour Organization as a researcher on insecurity and flexibility of Labour, and he is known for having created the Decent Work Index. In recent years, Prof. Standing has been working with SEWA, the Indian Self-Employed Women's Association, to investigate the effect of unconditional cash transfers on India's rural villages *photo above*. A survey was made of rural and urban households in the state of Gujarat, focusing on an experimental concept of "social income" and economic insecurity. A book on the survey results was published in 2010 (Guy Standing, Jeemol Unni, Renana Jhabvala and Uma Rani, *Social Income and Insecurity: A Study in Gujarat*, New Delhi, Routledge).

The Nordic Sociological Association (NSA) organizes a Nordic Sociological Conference every second or third year. The responsibility rotates between the National Sociological Associations in the Nordic countries. In 2002 it was held in Reykjavik (Iceland), in 2004 Malmö (Sweden), in 2006 Åbo/Turku (Finland), in 2008 Aarhus (Denmark), in 2011 Oslo (Norway) and in 2012 it was again in Reykjavik (Iceland). The local organizing committee for the 2014 Lund conference is chaired by Professor Christofer Edling, who also happens to be the NSA President.

• Report from LSE workshop on Inequality and Poverty in South Asia

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The Inequality and Poverty Research Programme in the Department of Anthropology at London School of Economics (LSE) organized a workshop on '*Inequality and Poverty in South Asia*' on 24–25 April 2014. The workshop marks the research that is about to be carried out, over the next three years, by a team of researchers on the persistence of poverty amongst Adivasis and Dalits in India. The Research Programme is funded by major awards from the UK Economic and Social Research Council and the EU European Research Council Starting Grant (more information).



The participants list at the workshop included Associate Professor – Reader Alpa Shah (*photo*), who is the Principal Investigator of the Research Programme; Uday Chandra, Research Fellow at Max Planck institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Department of Religious Diversity; Jonathan Pattenden, Lecturer in Politics and International Development, School of International Development, University of East Anglia; and Alf Nielsen, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen. Every paper presentation was followed by comments from selected discussants, among them Associate Professor Beppe Karlsson from the Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University; Barbara Harriss-White, Senior Research Fellow, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, Oxford; and Jens Lerche, Reader in Agrarian And Labour Studies, SOAS, London.

SASNET was represented in London by its former director Professor Staffan Lindberg. Read his conference report.

• SASNET Networking Partner 11: Konstfack University College of Arts, Crafts and Design, Stockholm

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Konstfack University College of Arts, Crafts and Design, founded in 1844, is unique among Swedish art schools in offering both arts, craft, design, and art teacher education, being run by the Swedish government. It has a global network of partner universities, including National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. In the early 2000s, Konstfack was involved in a Linnaeus-Palme exchange programme with NID, coordinated by Tania Alyhr, Senior Lecturer & Textile Artist & Department administrator Ädellab.

Another Konstfack staff member, Professor Christina Zetterlund at the Department of Design, Crafts and Arts has recently started to collaborate with NID in Ahmedabad. She attended a conference in Ahmedabad on Design History in 2013, besides having fruitful meeting teachers in Ceramics and Texiles, who are working in a respectful manner to develop the traditional handicrafts.



Maria Lantz, Tanya Alyhr and Christina Zetterlund.

Maria Lantz, President of Konstfack since June 2012,was previously pro-vice-chancellor at the Royal Institute of Art (KKH) in Stockholm. There she was involved in India related projects, and she keeps up this interest at Konstfack, and has also extended her South Asia engagement to include Pakistan and the Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design (PIFD), and the National College of Arts (NCA), both institutions in Lahore. The PIFD Vice Chancellor, Hina Tayyaba, visited Stockholm in 2012, and then had discussions with Konstfack on possible collaboration. The ambition from PIFD is to stimulate existing programmes and expand its scope of study objects, for example regarding glass production, with Swedish assistance.

SASNET tries to keep track of all South Asia related research at the Swedish universities, and in our database we have information about approximately 300 departments where some kind of South Asia related research and/or educational collaboration projects with institutions in the eight South Asian nations is going on.

Among our networking partners, we will each month present one or two of these departments and the researchers working on South Asia related projects. Go for SASNET's list of Swedish departments.

• Indian culture in focus for second SASA/SASNET Fika without borders event



Shivapriya Bagchi and Lund India Choir perform at the SASA/SASNET event.

The South Asian Student Association (SASA at Lund University – the student body of SASNET – organises its second informal Fika Without Borders South Asia event in collaboration with SASNET on Wednesday 21 May 2014, 17.00–19.00. The programme includes presentations by Indian students at Lund Unversity, but the focus for this second event will be Indian culture, and feature a Bharata Natyam dance performance by Shivapriya Bagchi from Kolkata; a vocal concert with Lund India Choir, singing Tagore songs; and delicious Indian food. Venue: Lund University External Relations (ER) building, Stora Algatan 4, Lund (entrance to basement hall from the parking lot to the left of the building). See the poster.



SASA holds these events once a month, and each time the focus is one of the eight South Asian countries, that is the member states of SAARC. Students and researchers as well as other interested people are invited in an informal way to share their knowledge and experience of the country in focus. The first Fika Without Borders South Asia event was successfully held on April 16th, with Nepal being the country in focus. More information.

Fika Without Borders events were popularised by participants in the *"Social Innovation in a Digital Context (SIDC)"* programme at Lund University. The concept comes from the belief that a coffee table gathering can bring together people from all over the world. Fika is a social institution in Sweden; it means having a coffee break with one's colleagues, friends, date or family. These simple egalitarian social interactions can help break barriers and change the world one fika at a time.

• Nepal in focus for first SASA/SASNET/ABC Fika without borders event



In collaboration between SASA, SASNET and the voluntary organisation ABC Sweden, a Fika Without Borders gathering focusing on Nepal was successfully held on Wednesday 16 April 2014, 17.00–19.00, at the Social Sciences Students Union building, Paradisgatan 5 S, Lund (close to SASNET's office). The programme was being planned for by Sharmin Rashid from SASA and Lars Eklund from SASNET, and included a skype onversation with a documentary film maker in Kathmandu, presentations by Rebecca Palmer from ABC on their projets in Nepal; by Leif Bjellin from the Dept. of Biology, Lund University with 40 years of experience of working in Nepal; and Hawwa Lubna from SASNET, on her

Nepalese travel experiences. Nepalese food was served to the audience of about 30 people.

• Anna Lindberg articles on dowry practices in Kerala published in South Asia journals





SASNET director Anna Lindberg analyses the hotly-contested issue of dowry in a recently published article in the peer reviewed magazine Journal of South Asian Studies, No 1/2014. In the article, entitled *"The Historical Roots of Dowry in Kerala"*, she traces the dowry practices over a century from traditional explanations to its current rationale in Kerala.

Anna Lindberg defended her doctoral dissertation, *"Experience and Identity: A Historical Account of Class, Caste, and Gender among the Cashew Workers of Kerala, 1930-2000"* at Lund University in 2001, but has later focused her research on changing marriage traditions in South India, especially dowry traditions. In the new article, Anna describes how dowry payments from the family of the bride to that of the groom were rarely encountered in Kerala during the early twentieth century, but are now almost universal.

Based on an examination of historical documents, including legislative debates, court cases, and reports, the way dowry was explained in the past is compared with the results of 200 contemporary interviews to determine its current rationale. Nowadays, making an obligatory payment for the maintenance of a wife, adherence to a social norm, and guaranteeing a woman's good treatment have displaced earlier arguments related to inheritance, status in the social hierarchy, or a woman's ability to provide for herself. Although several blurred traditions have been cited to account for dowries, they seem to have flourished in times of social inequity and uncertainty: the 1930s, 1970s, and 1990s. The emphasis on patriarchal nuclear families has created a mentality that a woman must pay for the privilege of being married and living securely. More information about the South Asia article.

Soon after, another scholarly article by Anna was published by the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW), in its April 26, 2014, issue. The article is entitled "Child Marriage in Late Travancore. Religion, Modernity and Change", and examines the child marriage system in Travancore – a princely state in Kerala before Independence – in the 1930s and 1940s finds that advocacy of child marriage has not been limited to communities considered traditional. There were gendered, community-based, official, unofficial, and popular ideas about children in the context of marriage and out of the competing official discourses on gender and modernity in Travancore, the one related to Christianity eventually became dominant. Read more.

• Susan Visvanathan lectured on Gandhi and the business of weaving

Oninvitation by SASNET, Susan Visvanathan, Professor of Sociology at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems at Jawaharlal Nehru Unversity (JNU) in Delhi, held a lecture at Lund University on Friday 11 April 2014, 14.15–16.00. Venue: Dept. of Sociology, Paradisgatan 5 G, Lund.



Her presentation entitled *"Romain Rolland and Gandhi"*, focused on the way in which Khadi or homespun cloth became the symbol of the Indian Freedom Movement. Romain Rolland, who was a close friend of Madeleine Slade, sent her to



Mahatma Gandhi in India. In the years that followed, Slade became a close companion to Gandhi, and was known as Mira Behn. Going beyond the friendships, was the momentum of ideas, and the forgeing of the plan for freedom for individuals and communities. Prof. Visvanathan looked at how this compulsion towards autonomy in a war torn world, makes three intellectuals put aside their personal travails in order to stand as symbols for a more humane world. She also talked about the handicrafts industry of today, and the state of Indian weaving business. Read more.

· SASNET/SASA seminar on the struggle for Azadi in Kashmir

Assistant Professor Farrukh Faheem from the South Asia Centre for Studies in Conflict Peace and Human Security, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India, held an interesting SASNET lecture at Lund University on Tuesday 22 April 2014, 15.15–17.00. He spoke about *"Understanding Struggle for Azadi in Kashmir: Interrogating the Ordinary"*, based on his own research and fieldwork in Kashmir. The seminar was co-organised by the South Asian Students Association (SASA) and the School of Social Work, Lund University. Venue: Room 12, School of Social Work, 1st floor, Bredgatan 26, Lund.



Dr. Faheem's research mainly focuses on Identity politics, Political Mobilization, Religious Nationalism, and Community Development, with a focus on Jammu and Kashmir. In his presentation, he discussed the fact that Kashmir as a disputed territory presents itself as a space and the site of contestations between India, Pakistan and its inhabitants.

While India and Pakistan respectively claim Kashmir to be their *Atoot Ange* (Inseparable part) and *Shahrage* (Jugular Vein), the people of Kashmir have resisted such claims. By attaching meanings to the historical events people of Kashmir have continuously shaped the political discourse and resisted interpretations by others. This 'meaning making' as a part of Kashmiri struggle for Azadi can be located in the everyday life of Kashmiris.

Dr. Farrukh argues that the process of 'meaning making' can be traced to the two decades of massive mobilizations that preceded the 1990s Azadi uprising in Kashmir. New generation of Kashmiris continuously developed interpretive sketches explaining the range of problems encountered by Kashmiri society. Read more.

• More information about SASNET and its activities

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Research Community News

· PhD thesis about autonomy movements on both sides the Indo-Nepalese border



Rune Bolding Bennike, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, defended his PhD dissertation entitled *"Governing the Hills: Imperial Landscapes, National Territories, and Production of Place between Naya Nepal and Incredible India"* on Friday 24 May 2013. The examination committee consisted of Associate Professor Noel Parker (chair), University of Copenhagen; Professor Srirupa Roy, University of Göttingen, Germany; and Professor Allaine Cerwonka, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

In his dissertation, Rune Bennike asks what happens when an increasingly globalised production of places collides with a resilient national order of things in the Himalayan hills. He investigates movements for the establishment of a Limbuwan and Gorkhaland state on either side of the border between eastern Nepal and north-eastern India arguing that these collisions bring out old problems as well as new opportunities in relation to the aspiration for a larger say in local decision-making: While global connections can provide normative leverage to demands for increased local autonomy, the consequence of global connectivity might also be new imperial arrangements of government at distance. Through his engagement with this area, Rune argues that we

need to rethink the spatiality of government in order to understand the contemporary conditions for government as well as local autonomy.
Rune is now working as a post-doc researcher at the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen. More information about Rune Bennike and his research.

• Doctoral dissertation on how urban water regimes in the global South reproduce inequality



Maryam Nastar from the Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS) defended her doctoral dissertation entitled *"Navigating Troubled Waters. An analysis of how urban water regimes in the global South reproduce inequality"* on Friday 25 April 2014. Faculty opponent was Prof. Andrew Stirling from the Science and Technology Policy Research (SPRU) at University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. The thesis is based on fieldwork in Hyderabad, India, and Johannesburg, South Africa.



By employing a critical realist approach, she applies different theories in relation to inequality in exploring the mechanisms and conditions leading to the unequal provision of water. In doing so, a structuralist perspective is built on the transition framework, integrated with critical urban theory and tested in two settings, Johannesburg, and Hyderabad. In addition, a relational perspective, based on the concept of durable inequality, is used to scrutinize the relationship between state and citizen in contemporary South Africa and India. Combining these perspectives tells us that the emergence of urban water regimes and inequality in access to water are associated with a set of different mechanisms, such as world city formations, and the World Bank's strategic governance move, in promoting corporate models for municipalities and water utilities. They are also attributed to specific geo-historical conditions, within and through which different forms of inequality have been constructed around bounded categories (e.g. race, caste, class) especially through the politics of privilege and the politics of resistance in these cities. In Johannesburg, the dominance of the ANC and its use of increasingly technocratic modes of government have hindered many forms of political participation. In Hyderabad, there is less meaningful interaction between the state and the citizens as compared with Johannesburg, in so far as the mode of intermediation is often through party-based patronage. More information, with link to full-text thesis.

• Lund University scientists visit DBT-IOC Bioenergy centre in Faridabad



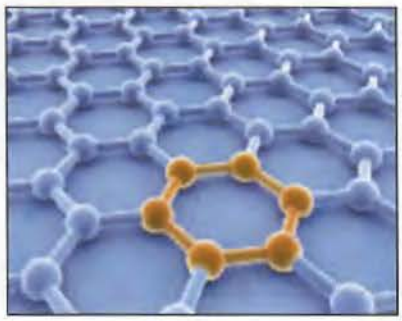
Outside DBT-IOCL Bioenergy Centre in Faridabad. Mats Galbe in the front, Gunnar Lidén to the left.

Associate Professor Mats Galbe and Professor Gunnar Lidén from the Department of Chemical Engineering, Lund University, visited the DBT-IOC Advanced Bioenergy Research Centre in Faridabad, India, in April 2014 to discuss the on-going collaboration between Lund University Biofuels researchers and the Bioenergy Centre. This is located at the R&D site of Indian Oil Corporation, was started in the Fall of 2011 in a joint and highly ambitious effort by the Indian Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). The research exchange with Lund University was initiated in the Fall 2013 and is supported by the Swedish Energy Agency

(see previous SASNET news item).
The Bioenergy Centre is in a rapid state of development, and the research discussions were both intensive and fruitful. The guests from Lund also participated in the 9th International Symposium on Fuels and Lubricants (ISFL), held in Faridabad 15-17 April (more information). Gunnar Lidén was here invited to hold a keynote lecture on development of lignocellulosic ethanol.

• Nepal-Sweden research collaboration on novel 2D materials





In November 2013, Dr. Biplab Sanyal from the Division of Materials Theory, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Uppsala University received SEK 720 000 in the Swedish Research Links programme funded by Swedish Research Council/SIDA to collaborate with Dr. Narayan Adhikari, Dept. of Physics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu. The project will run between 2014 and 2016. The project deals with the study of novel 2D materials, which are considered to be highly potential candidates for future nanoelectronics.In this project, detailed theoretical investigations of several important properties of graphene and other 2D materials (silicene, germanene, boron nitride) will be carried out by ab initio density functional theory. The theoretical studies will be intimately connected to in-house experiments carried out in Uppsala from the point of view of spectroscopy and defect induced changes in the structures and transport properties. In the constellation, the participation of researchers of various expertise in ab initio theory, molecular dynamics, magnetism and spectroscopy will be extremely valuable in the understanding of the properties of these 2D materials. The project is very significant to diversify the scope of scientific research and training of young researchers by establishing collaboration with the research group in Tribhuvan University in Nepal. The project will be carried out by means of collaborative visits, training of young students by arranging schools and workshops, joint scientific publications and organization of international conferences in both countries. More information about the South Asia related Swedish Research Links grants 2013.

• University of Gothenburg announces Zoophysiology post-doc position for Mangalore project

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University of Gothenburg announces a two-year post-doc position in Zoophysiology for a multidisciplinary research project carried out on the Indian south-west coast. The project, financed by the Swedish Research Council, deals with the effect of climate change parameters on the marine trophic chain and how it influences human health. The geographical site of focus is Mangalore in south-west India, a coastal town by the Arabian Sea.



More precisely, the physical-biological links investigated are how increased temperature and sea surface salinity affect abundance and fitness of marine pelagic pathogens and harmful algae. Also, the researchers will study the effect of the same parameters on the susceptibility of bacterial infection, toxin accumulation and depuration of bivalves. Ultimately the effects on human health will be dependent on consumer behaviour, and therefore an assessment is made on the influences of rapid urbanization, institutional-, and infrastructural vulnerability. The intention is to create a synthesis of the biological risks and socio-economic vulnerability factors.
The project is a collaboration between four academic institutions: The Department of

Biological and Environmental Sciences, and the Department of Global Studies at University of Gothenburg, Sweden, and the Department of Fishery Microbiology at Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University in Mangalore, India, and finally the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Chennai, India. The team consists of four senior researchers with complementary skills. One technician and two PhD students are already enrolled. The postdoc will mainly be responsible for implementing a base-line study of algal toxicity and bacterial load of wild bivalves along the SE coast of Arabian Sea. The post-doc will also conduct manipulated experiments investigating physiological responses of bivalves and cultivated prawns under climate change scenarios. Full information about the position.

More information about the previous research collaboration between the Dept. of Biological and Environmental Sciences in Gothenburg, and the Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University in Mangalore.

• Danish initiative to preserve the colonial heritage in Serampore



The National Museum of Denmark aims at ensuring the preservation of the physical remains of yet another Indian city that once was controlled by Denmark as a trading port. That is the city of Serampore (Srirampur) located in the state of West Bengal, 25 km north of Kolkata along the Hoogly River.

Since several years, the National Museum of Denmark has coordinated the Tranquebar Initiative, a major project to document and restore the colonial heritage of Denmark in Tranquebar (and also develop Tranquebar of today), on the Tamil Nadu coast in southern India. Tranquebar was under Danish control between 1620 and 1845. A large number of research projects have been produced, and some are still underway, on various aspects of Tranquebar (more information on the Tranquebar Inititive).

The Serampore Initiative was established in 2008 with the aim of identifying and describing the physical remains of the Indo-Danish history in Serampore, and by partaking in preservation collaborations, the Initiative also wishes to explore and promote knowledge of the joint cultural heritage related to Serampore.



In 1755 the Danish Asiatic Company was granted the right to establish a trading post at Serampore (the official Danish name being Frederiksnagore). The place remained on Danish hands until 1845, when the territory was ceded to the British, together with the other Danish trading post in India, Tranquebar. Apart from its role as a commercial settlement, Serampore became an important centre of education. The Baptist mission produced and disseminated printed translations of the Bible in many Asian languages. Subsequently Serampore College, which was built under the protection of the Danish King Frederik 6, ranges among the oldest institutions in Asia with the right to confer academic degrees. Serampore College still operates today, with some of its faculties being affiliated to the University of Calcutta.

In 2010, Danish conservation architect Flemming Aalund and historian Simon Rastén (the two researchers who along with the ethnographer Bente Wolff make up the team behind the Serampore Initiative) published a report on Serampore's heritage, entitled '*Indo-Danish Heritage Buildings of Serampore*'.

More information, including link to the detailed Serampore report.

Read an article on the work in progress, "Heritage hope in Danish plan for Serampore", published in Telegraph, 13 March 2013.

For updated information see Lars Eklund's Kolkata Report 2012.
In 2014, the actual renovation work has started. Read an article from Nationalmuseum, April 2014.

· Stig Toft Madsen lectured on the Karnataka farmers movement in Delhi





Dr. Stig Toft Madsen, University of Copenhagen, held a seminar at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in Delhi, India, on Friday 25 April 2014. Toft Madsen is a Danish anthropologist cum sociologist who has worked extensively on South Asian political, legal, social and natural history. He is affiliated with the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) at the University of Copenhagen. He spoke about *"Scaling up or Remaining Rooted?: The Karnataka Farmers' Movement (KRRS) in 1999"*, about the summer of that year, when five hundred farmers from around the world went to Europe on a month-long Inter-Continental Caravan to protest the genetic engineering of crops and various icons of globalisation such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The Caravan was conceived by – among others – Professor M.D. Nanjundaswamy, the leader of the Karnataka Rajya Ryota Sangha (KRRS). His movement derived great mileage from critiquing globalization, but raising the stakes precipitated the virtual bifurcation of the KRRS in the aftermath of the Caravan. Venue: NMML, Seminar Room, Library Building, Teen Murti Bhavan, New Delhi.

· Inauguration of the Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies



The Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies (HCTS) is officially inaugurated on 28 April 2014. The HCTS is a central Institute of Heidelberg University in Germany, now operated by the *"Asia and Europe in a Global Context"* Cluster of Excellence. It will become a permanent institution in 2017. The first HCTS fellows have already joined and more will be arriving throughout 2014.



Furthermore, Professor Daniel König (*photo to the left*) has been apointed Start-Up Professor for Transcultural Studies at the Karl Jaspers Centre. The HCTS aims to enhance and internationalise research in Transcultural Studies and to support the growth of new research activities and the development of new and larger-scale research projects with this focus. At the opening ceremony of the Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies, Avishai Margalit Professor in Philosophy at Princeton University, USA, will give the keynote lecture on the topic *"Proportionality: Justice in War, between Tribalism and Nationalism."* The ceremony will be opened by Prof. Bernhard Eitel, rector of Heidelberg University, Theresia Bauer, minister of Science, Research and the Arts in Baden-Württemberg, and Prof. Axel Michaels, director of the Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe".

• More information about South Asia related research at Swedish and Nordic universities
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Educational News

· Time to apply for MA programme in Modern Indian Studies at Göttingen



The Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS) at the University of Göttingen in Germany, now

invites applications for



its interdisciplinary two-year MA programme in "Modern Indian Studies" for the coming year. The programme includes one semester spent at one of the university's partner universities in South Asia. Applications are open during the period 6 April – 15 May 2014. The contact person is Michaela Dimmers, Study Programme Coordinator.
The English-language Masters programme at CeMIS integrates perspectives from the humanities, the social sciences and economics. Thematically, inequality and diversity link our analyses of modern Indian politics, history, society, religion and economy. The programme covers the following disciplines:

- Modern Indian History
- Indian Economic Development
- Indian Religions
- State and Democracy in Modern India
- Society and Culture of Modern India
- Anthropology of Public Health in South Asia

Masters students may select from a wide range of interdisciplinary courses offered by lecturers and researchers from CeMIS, and from the faculties of the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Economics. These are complemented by courses taught by international visiting scholars. Courses in modern Indian languages are also part of the programme. More information.

• Other educational news connected to South Asian studies all over the World

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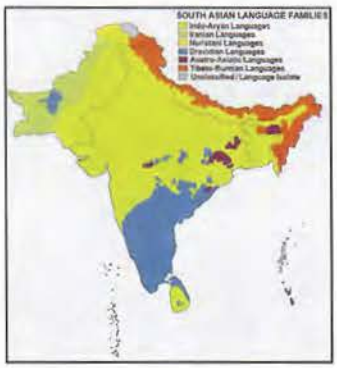
Seminars and Conferences in Scandinavia

• Uppsala workshop on Linguistic Microareas in South Asia



The Dept. of Linguistics & Philology at Uppsala University organizes an International workshop on *"Linguistic Microareas in South Asia"* on 5–6 May 2014. Multilingualism has long been the norm in South Asia. However, systematic investigations of the areal phenomena within South Asia have been few and narrow in scope. Which areal phenomena are characteristic of South Asia, as well as their geographical extent, remains unclear. Some 'microareas' within South Asia have also been proposed, for example, the Himalayan region, where a long history of language contact and multilingualism has led to convergence on many linguistic levels between the two genetically unrelated language families of the area (Tibeto-Burman and Indo-Aryan). In order to obtain a clearer picture of areal phenomena within South Asia, there is a need for more comprehensive overviews of the linguistic patterns from different geographical regions in South Asia in order to discuss the relationships between linguistic features that are attributed to the microareas and features that encompass the entire South Asian region, as well as to disentangle genetic and areal traits. This two-day workshop is intended as a forum to discuss these issues in more depth.
Deadline for registration is 15th April 2014. Venue: Gustavianum (Auditorium Minus), Uppsala. Full information about the workshop.

• Copenhagen PhD seminar on Place in the Global South

The Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies (ToRS) at University of Copenhagen organises a PhD seminar entitled *"Place in the Global South"*, 8 – 9 May 2014. The seminar aims to examine how everyday practices, political processes and power relations produce places in the Global South, and also bring together PhD students from various disciplines working on related themes. Keynote speakers

are Professor John Gledhill, University of Manchester; and Professor Ursula Rao, Leipzig University. Deadline for submission of applications is 31 March 2014. More information.

• Oslo seminar on implications of the Indian nuclear programme



The Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS) invites to a seminar on *"India and the Bomb"* in Oslo on Monday 12 May 2014, 14.30–16.00. Dr. Gaurav Kampani, TAPIR (Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security) fellow at IFS will explore how the Indian state set out to develop an independent nuclear weapons capability; and PhD candidate Jayita Sarkar from the Graduate Institute Geneva, currently visiting fellow at IFS, will will examine how India's nuclear programme benefitted from foreign assistance and the impact of the emerging non-proliferation regime. Venue for the joint seminar: IFS, Kongens gate 4, Oslo. More information.

• Vaasa conference on Indian Culture, Values and Justice

An international and interdisciplinary conference entitled *"Culture, Values and Justice"* will be held in Vaasa, Finland, 21–23 May 2014. It is organised by the Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion in collaboaration with the University of Vaasa; and the Institute of Cross Cultural Studies and Academic Exchange in Burlington, North Carolina, USA. The conference convener is Dr. Chandana Chakrabarti. Suggested subtopics include Ethnic Identity & Culture; Society, Culture & Consumption; Indian Civilization & Society; Cultural Shock; Society & Effect of Colonization; Reductionist Approach to Moral Responsibility; Archaeological Approaches to Society; Asian Society & Culture; Secularization of Religion; Culture & Postmodernity; and Cultural Roots of Environmental Problems. More information.

• Uppsala seminar on the geostrategic curse behind Pakistan's failed development



The Forum for South Asia Studies at Uppsala University invites to a seminar and book presentation on *"The Warrior State – Pakistan in the Contemporary World"* by T.V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations at the Department of Political Science at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. The seminar will be held at Uppsala University's Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Gamla Torget 3, Uppsala, on Friday 23 May 2014, 10.15–12.00.

Prof. Paul specializes in International Relations, especially international security, regional security and South Asia. His recent book *The Warrior State* was published by Oxford University Press in 2013. It focuses on the current situation in Pakistan, and asks why, in an era when countries across the developing world are experiencing impressive economic growth and building democratic institutions, Pakistan has become such a conspicuous failure? He untangles this fascinating riddle arguing that the "geostrategic curse" – akin to the "resource curse" that plagues oil-rich autocracies – is at the root of Pakistan's unique inability to progress. More information.

• Oslo workshop on Politics and Development in India

The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) organises a workshop on *"Politics and Development in India – What is the connection?"* on Wednesday 20 August 2014. It will be chaired by Stein Sundstøl Eriksen





Stein Sundstøl Eriksen and Pradeep Chhibber.

from NUPI and Pradeep Chhibber from University of California Berkeley. Development is one of the central themes in Indian politics. Politicians make promises of improved roads, schools and medical facilities, a better supply of electricity and new irrigation systems, and voters blame politicians when such projects are not implemented. Current research points to how politicians in India can affect development patterns in their states and constituencies by working for policy changes in the legislatures, but also by working as local "fixers" who solve people's individual problems and lobby the bureaucracy for the implementation of existing policies. But how important are actually politicians in doing these things? Is it really the bureaucracy that rules? What are the mechanisms that link politics and development in India? The goal of this workshop is to explore these questions and the state of the art of our knowledge of the link between politics and development in India.

Papers from all perspectives on these issues, such as ethnographic case studies, interview-based work, archival research, literature reviews, quantitative studies, and theoretical models, are welcome. Each participant is expected to hold a short presentation of their paper and also to comment on the work of one of the other participants. There is no available funding for travel and accommodation, but NUPI will organize and cover a lunch and dinner during the day of the workshop. Deadline for proposing abstracts is 1 May 2014. Selected participants will be notifies by May 15. The deadline for submitting papers will be August 1. Proposals and questions can be sent to Stein Sundstøl Eriksen (sse@nupi.no) and Francesca Refsum Jensenius (fj@nupi.no).

• Information about South Asia related lectures and seminars

See SASNET's page, http://www.sasnet.lu.se/lectures-in-scandinavia

Conferences and workshops outside Scandinavia

• Sri Lanka conference for Youth Dialogue on Global Development



To create an inclusive youth participation platform that enables young people to review the progress on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and implementation of post-2015 development agenda, Sri Lanka is hosting one of the biggest youth conference titled "World Conference on Youth" from May 6-9, 2014". The conference is organised by The International Youth Task Force (IYTF) in collaboration with the National Task Force appointed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development of Sri Lanka. The main theme of WCY 2014 is "Mainstreaming Youth in the Post 2015 Development Agenda".

The world has never been more younger. The current global population in the age group of 15 to 24 is the largest ever at 1.25 billion. It is very important to enable youth representation and participation on development policies and practices at both local, national, regional and international level.

The specific objectives of the conference include sharing ideas, experiences and innovative approaches for effectively contributing to the post-2015 development agenda and its implementation, facilitating a process that increases awareness on and implementation of the World Programme for Action on Youth (WPAY) and supportive transnational partnerships between youth led movements and establishment of a permanent youth engagement mechanism that ensures consistent follow- up with young people in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

The conference will hopefully bring together 1.500 participants aged between 18 to 19, from different backgrounds, with special focus on marginalized and underrepresented groups. Applications are open until Sunday 2 March 2014. More information.

On a similar theme, SASNET is organising a seminar entitled *"South Asia's Democratic Struggle – Youth Perspectives"* that will be held at Lund University on Monday, 3 March 2014, 16.00–18.00. This event is jointly organised by SASNET, the South Asian Students Association (SASA), the School of Social Work, and South Asian participants in the ongoing Social Innovation in a Digital Context (SIDC) programme at Lund University. Venue: Edebalksalen, School of Social Work (Socialhögskolan), Bredgatan 26, Lund. Read more.

· London PhD Graduate Workshop on Crossing borders in South Asia

The brand new SOAS South Asia Institute (SSAI) at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, organises a graduate student workshop on the theme "*Crossing borders in South Asia*" on Wednesday 7 May 2014, 09.00–18.00. Venue: SOAS, Russell Square College Buildings, room 4429, London.

Papers are invited that pose a challenge to 'methodological nationalism' and focus on processes among people, regardless of either national boundaries or the state. In recent years, increasing scholarly attention has been paid to borderlands, thus complementing and challenging the traditional focus on nations and states, and Scott's concept of Zomia is well embedded in many of these debates. However, there remains considerable scope for problematizing the 'methodological nationalism' of many studies of society and culture in postcolonial South Asia. The papers should examine the influence and impact upon the populations of neighbouring states of ideological and cultural developments that have taken place within India's borders, or in the reverse direction, or even totally outside the region, but with an impact that transcends considerations of national, cultural and political boundaries. The focus of the workshop will be on cross-border relationships and interactions at a level below that of the state, ie. questions of governmental foreign policy and foreign relations will not be central to our discussions. Deadline for submitting paper abstracts is 21 February 2014. More information.

· Hangzhou conference on Asian experiences of education and equality

The 9th Biennial Conference on *"Education, Equality and Social Harmony: Asian Experiences in Comparative Perspective"* will be held 16–18 May 2014 in Hangzhou, China. The conference is organised by the Comparative Education Society of Asia in China, and be hosted by the School of Education at Hangzhou Normal University. The conference invites participants to consider what we can learn from the experiences of developed and developing societies, within Asia and beyond, regarding the relationship between education, equality and stability or 'harmony' – both within particular societies, and in their relations with each other. This theme is intended to stimulate debate over what different societies can teach us regarding the balance to be struck between education's role in promoting economically-relevant 'skills', and the other vital roles that it performs – in terms of political socialization, the distribution of opportunity, and the fostering of those capabilities necessary to the pursuit of a fulfilling life. Call for papers is now open and the deadline for early and late submission is February 28th and April 11th, respectively. More information.

· Oxford workshop on Christianity in South Asia: Cultural and Historical Interactions

An inter-disciplinary workshop on *"Christianity in South Asia: Cultural and Historical Interactions"* will be held in Oxford, UK, on 17 May 2014. It is organised with the generous support of the South Asia Research Cluster at Wolfson College, University of Oxford. The workshop will create an opportunity for post-fieldwork PhD students and early-career researchers working on Christianity in South Asia to come together in a shared platform and discuss their ideas and research. The workshop aims to foster inter-disciplinary research collaborations between workshop participants as well as increase public awareness of the growing relevance of Christianity-related studies to contemporary South Asian scholarship. Deadline for submission of paper proposals is 20 February 2014. Papers can be focused on any discipline in the social sciences and humanities, particularly, but not exclusively, from the disciplines of social anthropology, history, South Asian studies, development studies and religious studies. More information.

· Japanese conference on Belonging and Sharing Borderlands

The Fourth Asian Conference on Asian Studies (ACAS) will be held 29 May – 1 June 2014 in Osaka,

Japan. The conference is organised by the International Academic Forum in conjunction with its global partners including the Cultural Studies Association of Australasia.
The theme of this year's conference is *"Borderlands of Becoming, Belonging and Sharing"*. The aim of the conference theme is to open up discussion, critical reflection and analysis about emerging social, political and cultural identities that are formed at the intersection of multiple and multi-sited belongings and their expression and about the possibility of making them shared across differences.
Local, national and global cultures have been transformed by an intensification of human migration, mobility and multi-culture with multiple and complex claims of home, identity and belonging. Gloria Anzaldua's idea of the borderland has become a critical conceptual rubric used by cultural researchers as a way of understanding, explaining and articulating the in-determined, vague, ambiguous nature of everyday life and the cultural politics of border-knowledge, border crossings, transgression, living in-between and multiple belongings. Borderlands is also about a social space where people of diverse backgrounds and identities meet and share a space in which the politics of co-presence and co-existence are experienced and enacted in mundane ways. This conference, which focuses on the borderlands of becoming, belonging and sharing, is therefore about examining how the culture of everyday life is regulated and contested across diverse political, economic and social contexts, and whether and how it creates spaces of belonging with others. Deadline for submitting papers is 1 February 2014. More information on ACAS website.

· Toronto conference on study of Pakistan beyond tremors & terror



Three Canadian universities – University of Toronto, Ryerson University and York University – all in Toronto, jointly hold a conference on the theme *"Pakistan beyond tremors and terror: critical engagements with political, economic and cultural change"* on 29 – 30 May 2014.
As host to a daily onslaught of bomb-blasts, "honour killings", and "mob" violence, Pakistan regularly populates the pages of the international mainstream press. But these popular journalistic accounts often leave the impression that the country is embroiled in a spate of irrationality, violence and Islamic fundamentalism. Alternatively, liberal Pakistanis, if they make an appearance in the drama, are celebrated as carriers of the torch of progress, challenging the dominance of religious conservatism with their unrivalled "toleration", their capitalist "development", and their support for the Pakistani state's military offensives and the broader "War on Terror". This is the narrative typically delivered to the world. Much of recent scholarly work on Pakistan too has been guilty of reproducing a crude and overly-narrow analysis of the country and its people, an analysis (if one could call it that) which seems to be more committed to promoting US foreign policy objectives than to stimulating any serious academic inquiry. The purpose of this conference is to challenge these views and bring together scholars and students whose research moves beyond these prevailing ways to a more complex understanding of Pakistan and its people. Call for papers is now open and deadline has been extended to 2 March 2014. More information available on Pakistan Conference website.

· Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute conference on collaborative research

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, based in Calgary, Canada, and New Delhi, India, is organizing a conference at the India International Centre, New Delhi on Friday 30 May 2014, to present collaborative research that has been completed, or is currently being undertaken, by Indian and Canadian universities/research institutions in five focus areas. They are: 1. Energy & Environment; 2. Public Health; 3. Food Security & Sustainable Development; 4. Bilateral Trade and Investment, and 5. Vocational Education. Papers are invited from faculty, post-doctoral researchers, and doctoral students from Shastri member institutions, as well as faculty/researchers from non-member institutions to present and share work that has been completed or is currently progressing in these five areas. The papers could be the outcome of research funded by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute or by other agencies, universities or research institutions. The organisers particularly encourage submissions that develop inter-disciplinary themes. More information.

· Nineteenth International Euro-Asia Research Conference to be held in Yokohama



Following a number of conferences held in Italy, France, Ireland, Norway, Japan, China, Spain, Indonesia and India since 1994, the Nineteenth International Euro-Asia Research Conference will take place in Yokohama, Japan *(pictured right)* on 30 May – 1 June 2014. The research conference is a joint undertaking between Yokohama National University, Japan, the School of Asian Studies and Business Management Ca' Foscari University, Venice, the IAE of The University of Poitiers, France, The University of Pau (Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour), France, TELECOM Ecole de Management, France, The School of East Asian Studies, University of Sheffield, The U.K., and The University of Limerick, Ireland. The Conference is intended to bring together researchers engaged in Management, Economics and related fields from Europe, Asia and other parts of the World. Research contributions addressing any aspect of "The impact of economic change on Asian business management" are welcome. This topic may cover among others the following sub-topics: *Dealing with the aftermath of the global financial crisis; Relocation abroad and relocation back home: European and Asian experiences; Developed versus developing countries MNCs in Asia: comparison of international strategies; SMEs internationalisation strategies – European and Asian perspectives; Information systems development and control evolution within MNCs.* Doctoral students are also strongly encouraged to submit papers for consideration. The first deadline for a one page proposal is 30 November 2013. More information.

· Hyderabad researchers at work conference on Literature and Culture.

The Centre for Comparative Literature at the School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad, India, organise a Researchers at Work Conference (RAW.CON 2014) on *"Literature and Culture; Expanding Horizons: New Paradigms of Knowledge Production"*, 10 – 12 September 2014. This will be the fourth Researchers at Work Conference, which is an initiative which broadly focuses on Literary and Cultural Studies. In the previous years, this conference looked at various issues of literatures, cultures and modernities. This year it proposes to explore new frontiers of knowledge production so as to understand how they contribute to research and analyses. The conference is exclusively for full time or independent 'research scholars', thus graduate, post-graduate students, senior teachers are humbly requested not to apply. Deadline for submitting abstracts is 30 June 2014. More information.

· Madison pre-conference on Extreme Weather and Disasters in South Asia

The American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) organises a Regional Symposium on *"Extreme Weather, Disasters, and Indigenous Practices in South Asia"* at Madison, Wisconsin, USA, on Thursday 16 October 2014. This day-long symposium is sponsored by the American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). This interdisciplinary conference will provoke critical engagement with the multiple meanings of extreme weather for its various constituencies – liberal arts and social sciences educators, policy makers, research scientists, and agency officials mitigating the consequences of disasters as a result of extreme weather. It is proposed to bring together scientists, planners, and scholars of social science and humanities to examine the best available projections highlighting the impact of extreme weather and possible responses to it. Abstracts should be submitted before 16 May 2014. More information.

· Seventh IAAPS conference to be held in Tezpur

Seventh Biennial International Conference of the Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies (IAAPS) will be held 20– 22 December 2014 at Tezpur University in Assam. Scholars from all regions of Asia are expected to participate in order to enrich the already established

network between Indian scholars & scholars across Asia-Pacific regions. IAAPS promotes research, conference, seminar, lecture programs and understanding of different Asian & Pacific regions in its cultural, social, political and economic scenario. The Association is a forum for scholars engaged in area studies to carry out social science oriented studies, which are to some extent inter-regional and inter-societal comparative studies. The keynote speaker will be Professor Prasenjit Duara, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Abstracts should be submitted before 31 May 2014. More information.

• Montreal conference on Currencies of Commerce in the Greater Indian Ocean World



An International Conference on *"Currencies of Commerce in the Greater Indian Ocean World"* will be held at the Indian Ocean World Centre (IOWC), McGill University, Montreal, Canada, on 22–24 April 2015. It is being organised by Dr. Steven Serels from Harvard University, USA. Until the second half of the twentieth century, there were a number of widely-used, competing currencies circulating throughout the greater Indian Ocean world (IOW), including in the western IOW, for example, the Indian rupee, the Maria Theresa thaler, the British pound, the French franc, the East African shilling, the Italian lira, the Turkish lira, the Egyptian pound, the Ethiopian dollar and the Iranian rial. In addition, there were a number of commodity currencies, including salt bars, cloth squares, grain, beads and shells, as well as paper money, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other drafts. Both buyers and sellers had flexibility in terms of determining the currencies used in market transactions. This conference seeks to interrogate the social, political and economic implications of this multi-currency economic system. Papers are welcome on any region of the greater IOW, which is taken to include Eastern Africa, the Red Sea, the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, South Asia, East Asia, and the western Pacific Ocean. Abstracts should be submitted by 1 October 2014. More information.

• Other conferences connected to South Asian studies all over the World
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Business and Politics

• Information about South Asia related business and politics in Sweden
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South Asia related culture in Scandinavia

• Statue of Rabindranath Tagore to be raised at Uppsala University





A spectacular event in honour of the Indian/Bengali Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore will take place in Uppsala on Wednesday 7 May 2014. On this day, at 14.00, a bust of the poet will be unveiled in Engelska Parken, near to the university's departments of Humanities.
The event is jointly organised by the Forum for South Asia Studies at Uppsala University, and the Indian Embassy in Stockholm. Ambassador Banashri Bose Harrison will participate, but there are also high-profile visitors from India to be expected. The Lund India Choir led by Bubu Munshi Eklund (*photo*) will perform at the occasion, singing rabindrasangheet, Tagore's songs in the original Bengali language. Prof. Heinz Werner Wessler from the Dept. of Linguistics and Philology is responsible for the academic part of the event that will follow after the bust raising ceremony in the park.
In recent years, statues of Rabindranath Tagore have been raised in many places on initiative from the Indian embassies. The photo to the right shows one such statue unveiled in Houston, USA, a couple of years ago.

• Multitude of business and culture events during India Unlimited festival in Stockholm





For the first time, the Indian Embassy in Stockholm coordinated India Unlimited, a series of interesting events in both business and culture during the period 22 April – 26 June 2014. All events took place in Stockholm. Among the highlights were the dance performances by Astad Deboo, and the Manipuri Pung Cholam drummer dancers (photo).

India Unlimited is a platform which seeks to strengthen India-Sweden connections and partnerships in all the areas. The goal is to bring together the best of India and Sweden in enduring, sustainable win-win partnerships. This is realized through business seminars, conferences, and exhibitions in collaboration with platform partners Swedish India Business Council (SIBC) and Business Sweden; and regarding culture contemporary India will be presented through its culture, literature, music, film, education, cuisine & wine, art, design & architecture, fashion and its many traditional crafts. Many organisations and institutions were involved, but the Indian Embassy of Sweden had the main responsibility. See the full programme.
Besides a large number of business events, involving all the major Swedish companies working in India, the programme included dance performances, an Indian food festival at Clarion Hotel, exhibitions of photography and Indian design, a Bollywood party, an Indian film festival, seminars on Sustainable Infrastructure, and Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and a fascinating event entitled Varanasi Junction on 26–27 April.





Artist Elin Thorsén, workshop hostess Beate Lindberg, Lecturer Willy Pfändtner, Lecturer Stig Lundgren, Nadia Sundbom from Svensk-Indiska föreningen and Sydasien Editor Johanna Sommansson, at Varanasi Junction in Kista.

Varanasi Junction is is an art vernissage as well as an Indian cultural theme weekend held in Kista underground bazaar, in the northern suburb of Stockholm. The artist Elin Thorsén exhibited her photos, painting and other artwork, inspired by traditional cultural interactions from the swarming Varanasi. The venue was packed when Stig Lundgren gave his lecture on *"The Hindu Guru tradition"* on Saturday 25th, and equally packed for the second lecture by Willy Pfändtner from Uppsala University who enlightened the audience on the concept of *"Darshan in hinduism ancient times as well as modern days"*. This event was jointly hosted by SYDASIEN web magazine and Svensk-Indiska föreningen. Indian food and chai was served in the underground bazaar – once you stepped down the flight of stairs you were in Varanasi with all your senses. More information about Varanasi Junction.

• Lots of dance performances at Huddinge India Festival

The Rasa Dance Association in Huddinge, south of Stockholm, again organises a one-day cultural festival on Saturday 3 May 2014. During this Huddinge India Festival, classical and folk dances of the Indian subcontinent will be performed. It is sponsored by the Embassy of India, Huddinge kultur och Fritid, and Saraswathy Kalakendra Institution of Fine Arts. Venue: Huddinge gymnasium/Aula on Huddinge kommun, Gymnasievägen 3, Huddinge. More information.
See the poster of the festival.

• Information about South Asia related culture in Sweden/ Scandinavia
See SASNET's page, http://www.sasnet.lu.se/cultural-events

New and updated items on SASNET web site

• Swedish departments where research on South Asia is going on

This month there were six new departments added to SASNET's list:

‡ Department of Design, Linnaeus University, Växjö/Kalmar

‡ Department of Marketing, School of Business and Economics, Linnaeus University, Kalmar

‡ Department of Social Work, Linnaeus University, Växjö/Kalmar

‡ School of Business, Society and Engineering, Mälardalen University, Västerås

‡ Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

‡ University College of Music Education in Stockholm (SMI)

Constantly added to the list of research environments at Swedish universities, presented by SASNET. The full list now includes more than 300 departments, with detailed descriptions of the South Asia related research and education taking place! See the full list of departments here: http://www.sasnet.lu.se/institutions/reserch-environments

• Useful travelling information

Look at our Travel Advice page. Updated travel advises from the The British Foreign & Commonwealth Office about safety aspects on travelling to the countries of South Asia.

Best regards

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SASNET/Swedish South Asian Studies Network

SASNET is a national network for research, education, and information about South Asia and is based at Lund University. Its aim is to promote a dynamic networking process in which Swedish researchers cooperate with their counterparts in South Asia and around the globe.
The SASNET network is open to all branches of the natural and social sciences. Priority is given to interdisciplinary cooperation across faculties, and more particularly to institutions in the Nordic countries and South Asia. SASNET believes that South Asian studies will be most fruitfully pursued as a cooperative endeavour among researchers in different institutions who have a solid base in their mother disciplines.
The network is financed by Lund University.

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