

# Masters Programme in Asian Studies, Lund University

- Course in India
- Fieldwork in South Asia
- Affiliation with partner institution in India



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- Learning experience
- Procedure vary with partner
- Takes time to get it right



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- First time
- Delhi University
- ISEC Bangalore
- Peradenyia University
- Could not find suitable partner in Pakistan or Bangladesh
- Dropout



**We used SASNET as a network to identify partners and started to interact with them. As opposed to East and South-East Asia personal contacts was very important in the process.**

**Delhi University: Easiest partner. Students were just registered through the university's general model for foreign students. Also the cheapest fee.**

**ISEC: Needed formal request and meetings. Approval of ISEC's board, MOU. Expensive**

**Peradenya: Needed meetings and an MOU. But in the end our partner improvised. Did not work well.**

**In the summer we discovered the dropout problem for the first time.**



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- Second time
- ISEC only
- Dropout persisted despite our efforts



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- Third time
- Advised by Lund University's legal department about written agreements with the students
- Less dropout
- Institute of Social Sciences (ISS) in Delhi new partner.
- ISS and students satisfied.



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- Efforts to find funding for student and teacher exchange
- Low priority for South Asian studies

