

## First Annual Conference of the Indian Association for South Asian Studies (IASAS) Rethinking South Asia: Alternative Paradigms, Practices and Discourses

### Announcement

Type: Call for Panels/ Papers

Date: October, 2020 (Exact date to be announced soon)

Location: New Delhi, India

Subject/ Fields: South Asian Studies

Organiser: Centre for Alternative Studies in Social Sciences (CASSS), New Delhi

We invite abstracts for the inaugural Conference of the Annual Indian Association for South Asian Studies (IASAS) to be held at the University of Delhi in October, 2020. This three-day conference will focus on themes related to South Asian Studies and will bring together scholars from across humanities and social sciences.

South Asia, a region replete with historical and cultural continuities, is also defined by its common geographical, political, and economic fissures, traumas and solidarities. It represents a constant dynamic, from etymology to social sciences to humanities and world views. South Asian spaces and times embody a multiple journey be it, religion and region to civilization, nationalism and many shared heritages. Its experiences form stirring histories of mobility and migration, displacement and refugee- hood, partitions as well as divisions and unity. Meanwhile, diverse South Asian voices in the shape of its women, indigenous and tribal peoples' movements along with anti-caste and class struggles esconce the region into a robust politics of localization as well as globalization. Oftentimes referred to as a subcontinent, its philosophies and myths as well as its societies and polities have an inter-connected, contiguous and intricate fabric that has tended to wear out and evolve even while it remains stable. In today's world, South Asia represents an idea, a process and practice with past, present and future implications, differences and similarities in juxtaposition to each other. Denoted as the world's fastest growing region, paradoxically it is also that part of the world where 40% of its poor live. Having traversed through multiple diversities and unrests, it continues to constitute varying and diagrammatically opposite worlds. From oppressive paradigms and un-freedoms to spheres of peaceful, non-violent, participative polities, societies, ecologies, economies, arts and literature - the region bears witness to all.

- What would it be like to re-imagine as well as reflect on alternative ways of looking at South Asia?
- What are the newer perspectives on South Asian pre and post-colonial spaces and times?
- Can one re-visit the region with alternative and evolving ideas and notions of identity, knowledge, diversity, memory, culture, growth, development and humanitarian progresses?

IASAS welcomes panels and papers employing interdisciplinary and theoretical perspectives inspired from (but not limited to): History, Philosophy, Political Science, Anthropology, Ethnography, Sociology, Psychology etc. We encourage submissions from research students, early career scholars, faculty members, and independent social scientists whose research falls under the spectrum of South Asian Studies. The conference hopes to generate new perspectives by exploring new as well as alternative and evolving research ideas and methods.

Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 May, 2020

Language: English or Hindi

Submission Rules for a) Individual Abstracts 300 words; b) Panel Proposals 500 words

Please send your abstracts and proposals at: [conference2020@casss.org.in](mailto:conference2020@casss.org.in)

Registration Requirements:

Conference Registration Fee: 1000 INR  
IASAS Membership fee: 1000 INR for one year and 10,000 INR for Life time  
Modalities of Transfer of Registration and Membership Fee :  
Bank Transfer:  
Bank Name: State Bank of India  
Account Name: Centre for Alternative Studies in S.S.  
Account No. : 39160248430  
IFSC Code: SBIN0020545  
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**Note: It is mandatory to become a member of the IASAS to participate in the conference.**

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