

BASAS Annual Conference 2016: Call for Papers

6 - 8 April 2016, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge

The British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS) will hold its annual conference from 1:30 pm Wednesday, 6 April, to 12:30 pm Friday, 8 April 2016, at Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge. The University of Cambridge Centre of South Asian Studies will host the Conference as part of its 50th Anniversary celebrations.

We are now accepting panel and paper submissions for the 2016 conference. This year there is no specific theme for the conference - we invite proposals for both panels and independent papers from all humanities, arts, and social science disciplines, covering research on the breadth of South Asia and its diaspora. As always we welcome bold, innovative, and interdisciplinary approaches.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit your panel and paper proposals to the conference organisers at BASAS@s-asian.cam.ac.uk by the dates shown below.

Panel proposals (150-200 word abstract). Panels will last for 90 minutes, and it is advisable that proposals allow sufficient time for the presentation of papers as well as discussion.

Independent papers (100-150 word abstract).

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31 October 2015

Please provide full contact details (mailing and emailing addresses) for your paper and/or for each member of your panel.

Note on panel proposals: Panel proposals are to be accompanied by individual paper abstracts for each of the proposed panel members (100-150 words). The panel organiser(s) should also arrange for a chair (who can be a panellist).

Please note: Incomplete panel proposals will not be accepted. Panel organisers are expected to have confirmed speakers and chair prior to submitting. The conference organisers may seek to add additional individual papers to accepted papers, in discussion with panel organisers.

Funding: The conference organisers intend to offer a limited number of bursaries to outstanding delegates based at academic institutions in South Asia. Funding will cover travel expenses, accommodation for the duration of the conference, and visa costs. Those who wish to be considered for these bursaries should submit a full academic CV (including the names of two referees), in addition to their paper/panel proposals, by **31 October 2015**. Further details regarding funding will be provided to successful applicants.

In addition, there will be a limited number of bursaries to the value of **£50** available to students and unwaged participants. Those who wish to be considered for these bursaries should include a covering note in support of their request, detailing any additional institutional support for conference participation for which they may be eligible. This must be submitted by the deadline of **31 October 2015**.

Registration will open on 12 January 2016 and is via the Centre of South Asian Studies website - <http://www.s-asian.cam.ac.uk/>

Registration deadline: 29 February 2016

Registration fee (up to 29 February 2016): £150 – full; £90 – concession (student, retired, and unemployed only). Please note that the delegate rate includes a serviced three-course conference dinner with wine on 7 April, one lunch (on 7 April), two drinks receptions, and tea and coffee between sessions.

Advanced registration is strongly encouraged to ensure a place at the conference. Late registrations, after the 29 February 2016 deadline, will attract an additional charge, and places may not be guaranteed. You must be a BASAS member in order to register for the conference. To become a member, visit http://www.basas.org.uk/site/index.php/become_a_member/.

BASAS paper prize for graduate students: An award of £250 will be made for the best paper presented at the Annual Conference. Entries should be no longer than 7000 words and submitted no later than **15 March 2016** to the conference organisers at BASAS@s-asian.cam.ac.uk. A panel of judges comprising the conference organisers and council members will make the final decision based on the paper and the presentation. The winning paper may be considered for publication in one of BASAS' associated journals, Contemporary South Asia or South Asian Studies.

Visas: Delegates requiring visas must register to attend the conference before a visa letter can be issued from the conference organisers. If you require a visa please contact BASAS@s-asian.cam.ac.uk including a copy of your registration receipt, which should feature your name and address. Please also note your Nationality and your Passport Number. A personalised PDF Visa letter will be emailed to you promptly.

Accommodation: Bed and breakfast accommodation is available on site at the conference venue, Fitzwilliam College, for 6 and 7 April. Single bedrooms are available at £69.75 per night, while twin bedded rooms are available at £54 per person, per night. As the number of on-site rooms is limited, early registration for accommodation is encouraged. Additional accommodation information will be available on the conference website.

Conference organisers:

| Professor Joya Chatterji, Dr. Bhaskar Vira, Dr. Elisabeth Leake, and Edward Anderson.

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