

PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED!

NEW DUE DATE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

Call for Papers

**SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
12TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE**

SASA 2018

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES REIMAGINED

AT

**CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE
Friday March 23 – Sunday March 25, 2018**



South Asia, home to one quarter of the earth's population, is of extraordinary global importance. Its impact and its output touch virtually all countries on earth. Its influence in the world cuts across all sectors of human experience. Presenters and panels at *SASA 2018* will address and share knowledge and insights about South Asia's rich and unrivaled past, its bold and remarkable present, and its soaring prospects for the future. Cultural and social sidebar events during *SASA 2018* will include film screenings, live performances, exhibits, meals featuring cuisine from the region, *Exemplar Award* presentations, multiple networking opportunities, and more.

Now in its second decade, the **South Asian Studies Association** has long advanced and presented research in the history, humanities, and social sciences of South Asia. SASA has now expanded this mission, as well as the scope of its Annual Conferences. *SASA 2018* will address and celebrate South Asia's place in the world by shining spotlights on its past, present, and future. Leading scholars and academicians will again gather and present papers and talks within traditional SASA **South Asia Academic Tracks**. *SASA 2018*, however, will also present major **Wider-Focus South Asia Plenary Sessions** which feature leaders from within South Asia-centered business and trade, government, NGOs and nonprofits, and media & entertainment. These individuals, and all attendees, will both enrich and be enriched by shared interactions during *SASA 2018*. We're confident that this blending of expanded disciplines and diversified expertise will make *SASA 2018* the most vital and robust annual conference in our history. Together we will also set the bar and the template for future South Asian Studies Association Conferences.

We invite you to roll up your sleeves, get involved, and help shape and deliver an unforgettable *SASA 2018 Conference*

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRESENTERS

SASA invites and encourages papers and presentations that address the rich tapestry that is South Asia's past, present, and future. For consideration Proposals should be submitted to **SASA 2018 Academic Program Executive Chairperson, Vandana Asthana**, at VAsthana@SAsia.org. Proposals should align with one theme, or at most two themes, within the Academic Tracks listed following. The panel time allocated for each paper will be 15 minutes plus five minutes for Q&A. The deadline for submissions is **February 16, 2018**. Early submissions are greatly encouraged. For questions or recommendations, please email **SASA 2018 Academic Program Executive Chairperson, Vandana Asthana**, at VAsthana@SAsia.org

SOUTH ASIA ACADEMIC TRACKS

History

Open Category

Examples

New Thoughts on Ancient Practices and Discoveries
New Insights from Archaeological Research
South Asian Journalism in the Time of the Raj
Rethinking Post-Colonial South Asia

Culture, Religion and Philosophy

Open Category

Examples

South Asia's People and Beliefs
Religion and Globalization in South Asia
Contemporary Views of Gender Across South Asia
Ayurveda and Yoga in the 21st Century

Economics, Politics and Governance

Open Category

Examples

South Asia: Wealth, Poverty, and the Flow of Money
Majoritarian and Right-wing Populism
Minorities and Constitution-Making in South Asia
Cross-sections: Technology, Politics and Governance in South Asia

Literary, Visual and Performing Arts

Open Category

Examples

South Asia Expresses: Words for the Ages
South Asia Expressed: Imagery, Sculpture, Architecture
Telling South Asia's Stories Through Performance
Gender, Sexuality, and Power in South Asian Cinema

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WIDER-FOCUS SOUTH ASIA PLENARY SESSIONS

As part of SASA's broader mission, **SASA 2018** will also present several major Plenary Sessions. These sessions will feature active participation by prominent leaders from within the South Asia-focused fields listed below. Participation by South Asia-focused university and college scholars will be included. For questions or recommendations please email SASA Chairperson Ken Silverman at: KSilverman@SAsia.org

Business and Entrepreneurship

Representative Areas of Focus

Successfully Doing Business Across Borders
Shifting Trends in Trade and Investment
The New Entrepreneurial Fervor Sweeping South Asia
Technology Innovation in South Asia

Education, Nonprofits and Philanthropy

Representative Areas of Focus

The State of Education Across South Asia
The NGO Landscape Across South Asia
Giving Back: The Dollars and Sense
Successful Nonprofit Models and Case Studies

Media and Entertainment

Representative Areas of Focus

South Asian Media – Past, Present, Future
Multinational Media in South Asia: The World Comes in, the Local Impact
Exporting Popular Culture – South Asia as Perceived in the West
Cross-Border Media: New Business Opportunities

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LIGHTNING ROUND: NEW RESEARCH

This is an innovation for SASA 2018. We invite those interested to submit an up-to-1-page Proposal to share what you're currently researching in the field of South Asian Studies, and why you'd wish to share this information with our full SASA 2018 audience. Perhaps you seek critical feedback, or prospective collaborators, or simply wish knowledgeable recommendations. The SASA 2018 *Lightning Round* will afford these opportunities. Our Academic Program Committee will select the 6 most compelling Proposals. Each will be allocated 10 minutes to speak at SASA 2018, divided as 5 minutes to describe new research, followed by 5 minutes for feedback from audience members.

For questions please email SASA 2018 Academic Program Executive Chairperson, Vandana Asthana, at VAsthana@SAsia.org

For added information about SASA and ongoing SASA 2018 updates visit:

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