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The International Multidisciplinary Symposium

"Open Pages in South Asian Studies - IV", Kolhapur, India

Call for Papers



The Theme:

THE CONTEMPORARY DYNAMICS OF SOUTH ASIA - 2022

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Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India.

"Open Pages in the South Asian Studies" is a series of International Symposia organized by the Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH), Moscow, Russia in collaboration with other universities from the South Asia. The previous symposia of this series "Open Pages in South Asian Studies - I" (Moscow, 2011), "Open Pages in South Asian Studies - II" (Moscow, 2013) and "Open Pages in South Asian Studies - III (Guwahati, Assam, India, 2019) were highly successful in presenting an image of hitherto 'unknown' South Asia that is to be 'discovered' and 'described'. To continue, we are organizing the fourth symposium in the series.

The experienced researchers and young specialists working in various academic and professional areas of language, literature, arts, history, social science and humanities are invited to participate in the Symposium.

The South Asia as a Region

The contemporary South Asia comprises of eight countries namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, which share a common origin and history as part of the Indus Valley Civilisation. This common geographical location unites these countries culturally, socially and politically as a sub-region of Asia.

Within this region, two of the world's great religions namely Hinduism and Buddhism originated, but there are also immense Muslim, Christian and Sikh populations and large groups of followers of various other religions as well.

Ethno-linguistic pluralism is a hallmark of the South Asian countries whereas it is also a prime factor of contentious relations among the member countries and intra-country conflicts in the form of sub-nationalist and secessionist movements. The region is also home to the problem of terrorism that has paralysed not only the human and national development, but also has derailed the mutual understanding and harmonious relations of the countries in the region. Besides these, the border conflicts among the South Asian countries make this region more volatile and strategically significant in the contemporary global order. The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), mandated to integrate the countries of South Asia politically and economically, has merely failed to bring in the desired results of integration and cooperation due to these contentious relations.

The nature of the political systems in the South Asian countries makes this region even more politically and geo-strategically unique. It has a long history of democratic transition and consolidation along with periodic authoritarian and military rule in the countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Maldives. Though Bhutan is a small country in terms of its territorial size, the innovation of Gross National Happiness (GNH) has drawn considerable global attention towards this region in ensuring and promoting a culture of sustainable development and peace.

Migration across borders has been an issue of contention in the region. Consolidation of the neo-liberal economic policies across the countries in the region has

brought both opportunities and challenges. In terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), many countries in the region witnessed marked progress. But, this has been accompanied by inequality both in income and in other social security domains. Growth with inequality has brought in popular outrage in the region. Informalization of labour, and growing privatization of essential services added new forms of inequality and insecurity, apart from raising concerns over ecology and common resources.

The proposed symposium, which will be interdisciplinary in nature, will endeavour to address these critical issues both from the perspective of the respective countries as well as from the perspective of South Asia as a transnational regional entity.

The issues and areas, the Symposium endeavours to deliberate are the following:

South Asian Countries: Common Historical Connections

- Ancient, colonial and post-colonial linkages of the South Asian region in the light of new theoretical research
- The impact of colonization and the processes of decolonization
- South Asian regionalism and integration: trends, problems and prospects

Art, Language, Literature and Translation: Towards Progress and Peace

- The 21st Century: New trends. New directions. New experiments.
- Breaking the stereotypes. Creation and transfer of new ideas.
- The languages of South Asia today in the global perspective
- Language and Education
- Artists / writers / poets / translators as a catalyst for progressive change and peace.

South Asia: Society and Culture

- The cultural legacy of South Asian culture in the global context.



- The challenges to Ethnic Pluralism, Cultural Diversity and Multiculturalism.
- Globalization and cultures in transition.
- Migration and Conflicts. The Minority and Marginalized section.
- Religion & Caste. Superstitions and Scientific Temper.
- Nationalism & Trans-nationalism
- Gender and class / caste / religion.
- Breaking the stereotypes and struggle of women / LGBTQ+ community for human rights.
- Gender Identity. Towards gender equality.

Environment and Sustainable Development:

- Challenges and Responses of the 21st Century.

Economics:

- South Asia and the Economy in the 21st century
- Neo-liberal economic policies and South Asian Countries

Russia and South Asia: Relations and Interconnection.

South Asia between Central and Eastern Asia: Past and Present

Human Rights

- Peoples' Struggle for Human Rights.
- The challenges to Freedom of Speech and Expression.

Gender and Power

- Peculiar forms of Patriarchy in South Asia.

General Instructions

- The symposium will be held at the Shivaji University, Maharashtra, India.
- Link to the university website: <http://www.unishivaji.ac.in/default.aspx>
- Teachers, research students, postgraduate students are also invited to take part in the symposium.
- The student researchers are also invited to take part in the **Poster Session** of this Symposium. The accepted posters will be exhibited during the symposium.

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| 1. | Languages of the Conference | Russian / English/ Hindi/ Marathi |
| 2. | Registration Fee | Rs. 1000/- |
| 3. | Mode of Payment | Online |
| 4. | Maximum number of participants | 200 |
| 5. | Last date to register online for participation | 25 December, 2021 |
| 6. | Online Registration Link. (Sign up and Login) | http://www.unishivaji.ac.in:81/LoginPage.aspx |
| 7. | Last date to submit the Abstract (300 words) | 20 December, 2021 |
| 8. | Selection of Abstracts on the basis of their relevance to the theme of the symposium, significance and academic originality. | By Panel of Experts |
| 9. | Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts | 25 December, 2021 |
| 10. | Full paper of not more than 5000 words having footnotes reference style as per MLA format to be submitted by email. | 10 January, 2022 |
| 11. | Duration of each presentation: | 15 Min. + 05 Min. Questions - Answers |
| 12. | Selection of Posters: Poster along with Abstracts of not more than 300 words should be emailed on or before | 20 December, 2021 |
| 13. | Notification of Acceptance of Poster | 25 December, 2021 |
| 14. | Abstracts and Full Papers may be sent by email to: | openpages.iv@gmail.com |
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- Registration is compulsory to all the participants and paper / poster presenters.
- Last day of payment and registration for the conference is **25 December 2021**.
- Those who want to attend the seminar but are not presenting any papers or posters, will be entitled to participate in the conference and to the Lunch/ Dinner/ Snacks during the Symposium days.
- Accommodation to outstation participants will be made available in the university hostel and would be charged extra as per university rules.
- The paper / poster presenters will be provided with local hospitality (stay and food).
- Payments are to be made online. Please write Conference name, your name, mobile number along with the payment details to openpages.iv@gmail.com
- Participants will receive the **Certificate of Participation** at the end of the Symposium.
- **Publication:** The selected articles will be invited for publication in the proceeding book.

IMPORTANT

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, it will be mandatory to all the experts as well as the participants to produce the certificate / proof that they have taken two doses of vaccinations.

In case of re-emergence of COVID-19 pandemic, the Symposium will be held ONLINE.

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