



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

South Asian Society: Today and Tomorrow

Venue: Dubai, UAE

23-26 March 2025

Organised by

South Asian Sociological Society

Concept Note of the Conference

The South Asian Sociological Society is proud to present an international conference on the theme "**South Asian Society: Today and Tomorrow**" in the vibrant city of Dubai. This conference aims to bring together scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to explore the dynamics of South Asian societies, examining their current challenges and envisioning their future trajectories. The conference will delve into the socio-political, economic, cultural, and educational transformations shaping South Asia today due to ongoing transformation and interventions. The conference provides a platform for critical discussions and collaborative solutions, developing future directions and interventions.

Objectives

The conference aims to:

- 1. Analyse Current Challenges:** Address pressing socio-political issues, economic inequalities, environmental crises, and the rapidly changing cultural landscapes within South Asia.
- 2. Envision Future Pathways:** Explore sustainable trajectories for societal growth, emphasising inclusive development, equitable resource distribution, and resilient governance systems.
- 3. Foster Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Bring together experts, policymakers and practitioners from diverse fields to create synergies for collective solutions.

Conference Subthemes: The conference focuses on (but is not limited to) all areas of theoretical and empirical research in the following fields:

1. Society and Social Change:

- Gender and Disability: Emerging Perspectives
- Urbanization and Rural Development
- Digital Transformation and Social Media Impact

2. Politics and Governance:

- Democracy and Political Movements

- Public Policy and Administrative Reforms

- Cross-Border Relations and Regional Cooperation

3. Economics and Development:

- Globalization and Its Impacts
- Employment Patterns and Gig Economies
- Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development

4. Education and Human Capital:

- Educational Reforms and Innovations
- Skill Development for Future Generations
- Role of Higher Education in Societal Transformation

5. Culture and Heritage:

- Preserving South Asian Traditions
- Impact of Diaspora on Cultural Identity
- Arts, Literature, and Performing Arts

6. Environmental and Health Challenges:

- Climate Change and Disaster Management
- Public Health Systems and Emerging Diseases
- Urban Planning and Environmental Sustainability

7. Society and Artificial Intelligence:

- AI in Media and Entertainment: Shaping Cultural Narratives
- AI and Social Inequalities: Bridging or Widening the Gap?
- Responsible AI: Policies and Ethical Frameworks

8. Health, Wellness, and Medical Science:

- Pandemic Preparedness and Social Impacts in South Asia

- Wellness Practices: From Tradition to Modernity

- Healthcare Accessibility and Rural-Urban Divide

9. Science, Technology, and Innovation:

- Renewable Energy and Climate Change Innovations

- Space Science Contributions from South Asia

- The Role of Startups in Driving Innovation

10. Society, Trade, and Commerce:

- Informal Economies and Social Structures

- Globalization and Its Impact on Local Businesses

- Trade Policies and Economic Inequality

11. Religion, Values, and Transformation:

- Digital Platforms and Religious Discourse

- Ritual Practices in Changing Urban Contexts

- Youth Perspectives on Religion and Modernity

Call for Research Papers

Well researched papers on the theme/ sub-themes of the conference are invited from academicians, research scholars, students, professionals from different institutions. Abstracts of paper presentation should be in about 300-500 words, in word format. The participants should include in the abstract, details as to the title, name of author(s), University/Institution, and keywords.

Submission Guidelines

- Full length papers should not exceed 6000 words.
- For English Full paper: It should be typed in Microsoft Word. The font should be "Times New Roman" with "12" size for matter, having line spacing of 1.5 inch.
- For Hindi Full paper: It should be typed in Microsoft Word in "Unicode" with font size 14 for content,
- A Uniform Style for Citation should be followed while submitting full length papers.

- References/ bibliography must be serialized as 1, 2,

Structure and Format

The conference will feature keynote speeches, panel discussions, thematic sessions, and roundtable dialogues to facilitate in-depth exploration of topics. Additionally, poster presentations, workshops, and interactive forums will encourage participant engagement and innovative knowledge exchange.

Outcome Expectations

By convening scholars, policymakers, and practitioners, the conference aspires to:

- Generate actionable insights and policy recommendations for addressing South Asia's challenges.
- Foster a network of experts committed to the holistic development of the region.
- Contribute to the academic discourse on South Asian studies, emphasizing its global significance.

Kindly note the following details:

Date of conference: **March 23-26, 2025**

Last date of registration: **January 22, 2025 (Minimum 25 % amount deposit)**

Last date of submission of abstract: **January 31, 2025 (with 25 % of the expenses)**

Full Paper Submission date: **February 28, 2025 (with 50 % of the expenses)**

Conference Registration fee: **INR 105000 (USD 1216)**

Local Participants Registration fee: **INR 6000**

Send abstract and full paper at: **southasiansociety2@gmail.com**

Click on below link for registration: **<https://forms.gle/F9r6jPKKfW9TEHar9>**

Inclusions

- Both Side economy-class airfare
- Accommodation in 3-star hotels
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, lunch, and dinner at Indian restaurants (mineral water included)
- All transfers and road journeys

- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Travel insurance (for passengers up to 59 years)
- Visa

Exclusions

- Tourism tax (AED 20 per room per night)

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