



3rd International Conference of SASS

on

Science, Technology, and Society: Rethinking Knowledge, Power, and Innovation for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future

Venue: Singapore

Date: 8-13th March 2026

Organised by

SOUTH ASIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY (SASS)

<https://sass-socio.org/>

Background

The South Asian Sociological Society (SASS) has consistently worked towards promoting interdisciplinary dialogue, research collaboration, and academic excellence in the field of social sciences. In continuation of this vision, SASS proposes to organize the 3rd International Conference of SASS in Singapore, bringing together academicians, researchers, policy-makers, and practitioners from across the globe.

Concept Note of the Conference:

The South Asian Sociological Society (SASS) proposes an international conference in Singapore to critically examine the entanglements of science, technology, and society (STS) in South Asia. Amid rapid digital transformation, AI-driven economies, and escalating climate crises, this event rethinks entrenched knowledge hierarchies, power- imbalances in innovation ecosystems, and pathways to equitable sustainability.

Singapore's role as a tech nexus and South Asian diaspora hub positions it perfectly for convening a great number of sociologists from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and beyond during 8th March to 13th March 2026.

South Asia's STS landscape reveals stark asymmetries-

colonial legacies perpetuate Eurocentric epistemologies, sidelining indigenous systems like Ayurvedic pharmacology or tribal agro practices. Elite-captured tech governance, evident in India's Aadhaar surveillance or Pakistan's fintech divides, exacerbates caste, gender, and rural-urban inequities. Yet, frugal innovations, such as Bangladesh's slum health apps or Nepal's solar microgrids, signal potential for inclusive models. The conference challenges scholars to decolonize STS, foregrounding subaltern voices and hybrid paradigms that integrate local wisdom with global tech for just transitions.

Mode and Venue

The conference will be organized in Singapore with participation from national and international delegates. Mode: Offline / Hybrid, **Registration fees 5000 INR**

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Probing research questions of the conference:

- A. How do colonial legacies in South Asian scientific institutions perpetuate Eurocentric epistemologies, and what hybrid models integrating indigenous systems like Ayurvedic practices can foster epistemic justice?
- B. In what ways do state-corporate alliances in digital governance, such as India's Aadhaar or Pakistan's fintech regulations, reinforce caste and gender-based power imbalances, and how can participatory frameworks mitigate these?
- C. To what extent are marginalized groups like Dalits, women, and Adivasis excluded from South Asia's startup ecosystems, and what social ROI metrics can reframe innovation for greater inclusivity?
- D. How effective are grassroots climate technologies, such as Bangladesh's community weather apps or Nepal's solar microgrids, in achieving just transitions amid greenwashing in regional supply chains?
- E. What are the implications of digital infrastructures like UPI for financial inclusion versus data colonialism in South Asian migrant labour markets and how might ethical AI designs bridge urban-rural divides.

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

Arts, Culture, Humanities, Science, Law, Management, Social Sciences, Technology, Health, Engineering, Mass Media, School Education, Higher Education, Economics, etc. A few sub-themes are given below, but not limited to:

Sub-Themes

Social Change and Development
Education, Policy, and Governance
Gender, Equity, and Social Justice
Globalization and Cultural Dynamics
Technology, Society, and Ethics
Sustainability and Inclusive Development

Migration, Identity, and Human Rights
Decolonizing Knowledge Production
Power Dynamics in Technological Governance
Inclusive Innovation and Equity
Sustainable Futures and Environmental STS
Digital STS and Planetary Imaginaries

The Interaction Conference program includes plenaries, panels, and workshops, yielding policy briefs, proceedings, and collaboration. By centering South Asian empirics, SASS advances STS for inclusive futures.

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 size14 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 dialogues to facilitate in-depth exploration of topics. Additionally, poster presentations and interactive forums will encourage participant engagement and innovative knowledge exchange.

Objectives of the Conference

To provide an international platform for scholars and researchers to present their research findings.

To encourage interdisciplinary dialogue in social sciences.

To promote collaboration between academic institutions, research organizations, and practitioners.

To discuss policy implications of contemporary social issues at national and global levels.

To enhance global academic networking and institutional partnerships.

Target Participants

Faculty members and academicians

Research scholars and students

Policy-makers and administrators

Social scientists and development practitioners

Representatives from NGOs and international organizations

Kindly note the following details:

Last date of registration: January 15, 2026 (Minimum 50 % amount for the Package should be deposited)

Last date of submission of abstract: January 15, 2026

Last date of payment: February 4, 2026 (Remaining 50 % amount for the Package should be deposited)

Last date of full Paper Submission: February 10, 2026

Conference Registration fee: INR 5000

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

Click on below link for registration: [3rd International Conference of SASS - Singapore, \(8th to 13th March \) Conference Registration Form](#)

Conference Package Details (Optional)

Air ticket approximately INR 30000 (Both side economy-class airfare)

Land package (Singapore & Malaysia)- INR 95000

INCLUSION-

- Accommodation in 3-star hotels for 5 nights and 6 days
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, lunch, and dinner (mineral water included)
- All transfers and road journeys
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Travel insurance (for passengers up to 59 years)
- Visa

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