



British Association for South Asian Studies

Annual Report

London
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ANNUAL REPORT

**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION
FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES**

REPORT WITH SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st JANUARY 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will, this year, be held as a closed meeting (via Skype) and will thereby adhere to current Government guidelines prohibiting non-essential travel and public gatherings.

The meeting will take place at 1pm on 14th May 2020

to receive this Annual Report,
and to
transact any other business proper to the AGM.

THE COUNCIL 2019/2020

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COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2020

Significant information

The British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) supports advanced research in the humanities and social sciences of South Asia. Originally, one of the overseas organisations grant-aided by The British Academy, it is now a self-financed charity registered with the Charity Commission under Registration Number 264591.

BASAS is one of the world's leading learned societies for the study of South Asia. It was established in 1986 and is now the largest UK interdisciplinary academic association for the study of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and the South Asian diaspora. The Association was first established in 1972 as The Society for Afghan Studies. The Association expanded its remit from 1979, becoming The Society for South Asian Studies. On 1 October 2007 the Society merged with The British Association for South Asian Studies. The new organisation combines the grant-giving and overseas research project roles of The Society for South Asian Studies with the representative and advocacy roles of The British Association for South Asian Studies. The aim of the new merged Association is to advance, encourage, support and undertake the study and research of the geography, economics, politics, history, antiquities, archaeology, sociology, ethnography, languages, literature, art, culture, customs, and inter-disciplinary study of the countries and people of South Asia.

BASAS organises an annual conference, workshops and lectures, held at different locations each year in the UK and welcomes participants from all academic disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Association is particularly keen to promote the careers of graduate and early career researchers working on South Asia and organises workshops and conference panels with their needs in mind. It publishes *South Asian Studies*, a bi-annual journal, and partners with the journal *Contemporary South Asia*. The Association has sponsored research projects in South Asia, as well as programmes of exchange and training, and engages in advocacy work, for instance through its membership of UKCASA (UK Council for Area Studies Associations).

Enquiries about the Association's activities should be directed to the Assistant Secretary, The British Association for South Asian Studies, 27 Old Gloucester Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 3AX. Email: basas@basas.org.uk.

Organisation and Structure

The Association is governed by a Council and is administered by certain members of Council appointed as Executive Officers and Council members, assisted at present by a paid part-time Assistant Secretary.

Officers

The Officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2020 were:

Prof Patricia Jeffery	Chair (from Nov 2014)
Ms Nageela Yusuf	Treasurer (resigned Nov 2019)
Prof Andrea Major	Treasurer (from Nov 2019)
Dr Priti Mishra	Secretary (from Jan 2016)

The ex officio officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2020 were:

Dr. Deborah Sutton	<i>South Asian Studies</i> Journal Editor
Dr. John Zavos	<i>Contemporary South Asia</i> Journal Editor

All Officers serve as members of Council and are members of the committees which advise Council on the awards it makes and monitor the Association's projects.

Members of Council

The following served on Council during the year ended 31st January 2020:

Dr Ketan Alder (GEC*) (from Nov 2017)
Dr Edward Anderson (from Sept 2015)
Dr Filippo Boni (from Nov 2018)
Dr Thomas Chambers (from Nov 2019)
Dr Angela Eyre (from Nov 2019)
Dr Peggy Froerer (to Nov 2019)
Dr Deana Heath (from Nov 2019)
Prof Patricia Jeffery (as Chair from Nov 2014)
Dr Diego Maiorano (GEC*) (from Nov 2017)
Prof Andrea Major (from Nov 2017)
Dr Deborah Menezes (to Nov 2019)
Dr Priti Mishra (from Sept 2015, as Secretary from Jan 2016)
Dr Philippa Williams (co-opted from April 2019)
Dr Rebecca Williams (to Nov 2019)
Ms Nageela Yusuf (to Nov 2019)

Dr John Zavos (Contemporary South Asia Editor)
Dr Deborah Sutton (South Asian Studies Editor)

*These roles were created in 2009 to represent Graduate and Early Career researchers.

Members of the Council constitute the Trustees of the Association for the purposes of the Charities Act.

The Executive Officers and Members of the Council are elected in terms of Rule 7 of the 2017 Constitution with vacancies being filled by vote upon nominations.

Reserves Policy

The Council reviews regularly the Association's activities and future commitments.

It has been established that a reserve of £20,000 would be needed to wind up the Association's affairs and to meet any outstanding commitments. Council has therefore determined that the minimum level of the Association's reserves should be £20,000 and that no commitments should be entered into which would bring the reserves below this level. Given the termination of British Academy funding from 2012 the Council once again recognises that the Association's reserves should not fall below £20,000.

Risk management

Since the withdrawal of all funding from The British Academy, the Association is undergoing a period of transition with regards to its funding streams. Systems and procedures have been established to review the Association's financial structure whilst continuing to maintain and improve the quality of the Association's work, along with accurate reporting, and tight financial control. Council is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and taking all reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities. Financial procedures are reviewed regularly.

The Association faces another risk in common with many smaller charities where the week-to-week financial activities of the Association are dealt with by the Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary alone. With no staff, it is not possible to expect the level of internal financial controls, particularly the division of duties, to match those that would be expected within a larger organisation. However, in recognition

of this risk, the Council has determined that all payments from the Association's bank account of over £1,000.00 should bear the signatures of two Council Members.

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Accounting Matters

The Association's accounts were externally examined by Christos Tzitzikas, a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

In 2019/ 2020, the activities of the association have been adversely affected by the academic strike and the Covid 19 pandemic. However, the council has continued to work towards broadening its contribution to the field. Early work on the institution of a BASAS book prize is currently underway. I would like to thank Dr. John Zavos, Prof. Andrea Major and Dr. Deborah Sutton for their work on this project. We hope to inaugurate the prize in 2021. This year's MA dissertation prize is currently under consideration and will be announced shortly.

Our council members in charge of GEC matters - Dr Fillipo Boni, Dr Ketan Alder and Dr Diego Maiorano-- have continued to do great work on providing our early career members with a cohesive sense of online community. We have seen great new additions to the website. In particular, a new feature of introducing individual early career members work to the community through a GEC researcher's corner has brought to light some of the exciting and cutting-edge research that is being done in the field.

The BASAS council has seen a few changes in the last year. We have had to say goodbye to Nageela Yusuf who served as the BASAS treasurer since 2016. Before her tenure as treasurer, Nageela served as the Assistant Secretary of the association for a number of years. We are deeply grateful for your years of service and commitment to the association and wish her the best for her future endeavours. We would also like to thank Dr. Peggy Froerer, Dr. Rebecca Williams and Dr. Debbie Menezes for their service as they have stepped down from the council after a productive three-year term. We are happy to welcome Dr. Phillipa Williams back as she has been co-opted to the council in 2019 and also welcome Dr Tom Chambers, Dr Angela Eyre, Dr Deanna Heath and Dr Jeevan Sharma to Council following their respective elections.

I am happy to note that the 2019 BASAS Annual conference held at Durham featured some of the most exciting South Asia related research taking place in the UK and abroad. The keynote presented by Prof Alpa Shah was as inspiring as it was moving. We are grateful to the organising Committee of the Durham conference for their efforts. Unfortunately, the 2020 conference that was to be held at Southampton had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We would like to thank the conference organising team at Southampton for their efforts. Delegates have been assured that their papers will be considered for inclusion in the programme of the 2021 conference which will be held at Edinburgh. We hope that the 2021 conference at Edinburgh will restore our annual research conversations to their usual fervor and we thank the organising team for their efforts.

Dr Priti Mishra
Secretary, 29th April 2020

REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The journal continues to be published twice a year. There was a significant delay on the print publication of the Spring issue, 2019. This excellent collection, *Resituating Mughal Architecture in the Persianate World: New Investigations and Analyses*, was edited by Mehreen Chida-Razvi.

The second issue, consisted of a special collection (*On and Beyond the Surface: South Indian Temple Walls as Text, Object, and Experience*, edited by Leah Elizabeth Comeau) and some research articles. The next Spring issue consists of research articles as will the next Autumn issue in 2020. The journal has been approached to publish another special collection from the American Association of South Asian Art History on *darshan*. Special collections continue to provide a rich seam of submissions, in terms of quality and our editorial remit. The journal has only had one regrettable proposal, for a collection on heritage on Lahore that fell apart through a combination of non-submission and quality. One of our most active, and valuable, Editorial Board members, Rick Asher, has done sterling work soliciting submissions and has expressed scepticism about edited collections. I would like to be less reliant on collections.

I was part of a joint submission for British Academy Writing Workshop application in early 2019. The application was a collaboration with the *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, *Contemporary South Asia* and *Contributions to Indian Sociology* and proposed a writing workshops in Kathmandu and Dacca. It was wonderful to collaborate with these journals but, unfortunately, we were unsuccessful and the scheme did not allow feedback.

In September, the journal sponsored a reception at the American Association of Archaeology and Art History conference in Edinburgh. This sponsorship has not resulted in any submissions.

In November, the journal welcomed a new Editorial Assistant, Rianna Price. Rianna has already done excellent work in getting to grips with the journal's organisation and will, I am sure, continue to do so. I hope that her support will free me to do more strategic work to promote the journal.

Rianna's appointment takes some (£1,500) of the annual Editorial budget. I am aware that this is building up and needs to be spent. One proposal made by an editorial board member for a symposium at the Central for Art and Aesthetics has fallen silent. Another, hopeful, proposal is to host something in Pune, assisted by Pushkar Sohoni from the Indian Institute for Science Education and Research. Pune has the additional advantage of being home to Deccan College, a significant centre for archaeological research in India.

Dr Deborah Sutton

South Asian Studies, 11 March 2020

REPORT FROM EDITOR OF CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA

This report covers the calendar year 2019, during which *Contemporary South Asia* published the four issues of volume 27. This volume consists of one special and three general issues, although one of our general issues this year did include a special section.

Issue 27'4 was a dedicated special issue on women's empowerment in South Asia, edited by Deepta Chopra, Naomi Hossain and Sohela Nazneen. The issue included articles on the issue of women's empowerment in the context of development, spanning the four South Asian states of Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan, as well as the region of Kashmir. Issue 27'1 carried a special section, guest edited by Andrew Wyatt. The section focused on the theme of small political parties in India's federal system.

In addition to these themed features, CSA carried a wide range of articles in general issues, ranging from David Strohl's timely investigation of Love Jihad in 27'1 (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/09584935.2018.1528209>) to Alexandra Radicati's spatial analysis of the experience of fishing communities in a Colombo neighbourhood (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09584935.2019.1620685>), which begins with a thought-provoking question: 'is Sri Lanka an island?'

Issue 27'2 carried our annual book forum, which puts one scholar's first book under the microscope, with commentary by a number of interested scholars followed by a response from the author. This year the book under consideration was *Accumulation by Segregation*, by Ghazala Jamil. Please look at issue 27'2 (<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ccsa20/27/2?nav=toCList>) to explore this rich discussion, with contributions by Farah Naqvi, Thomas Blom Hansen, Rakesh Basant, Ajay Gandhi and Ghazala Jamil herself. My thanks to our Book Reviews Editor Raphael Susewind for coordinating this valuable annual feature of CSA. In addition to the Forum, Raphael continues to manage our thriving book review section. Don't forget that if you are interested in contributing to this section by reviewing a book, you should contact Raphael by mail at csa-reviews@kcl.ac.uk. To see current books available for review, please visit https://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/reviewers/CCSA_Book_Reviews.PDF.

Equally, please consider submitting research articles, shorter viewpoint pieces or research notes through our website (www.tandf.co.uk/journals/ccsa). If you would like to discuss a possible submission, or you have ideas for a special issue or section in the journal, please do drop me a line at john.zavos@manchester.ac.uk. My thanks as always to the BASAS community for continuing to support the journal as contributors and readers.

Dr John Zavos

Contemporary South Asia, 12 March 2020

PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTION

The Association has made arrangements to support the dedicated distribution of its publications.



Printed South Asian Studies back issue journals are now available from the Periodicals Service Company. For more information please contact:

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Buddhist Landscapes in Central India: Sanchi hill and archaeologies of religious and social change (Julia Shaw) is available from Left Coast Press. For more information please contact:

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Gods on the Move: Architecture and Ritual in the South Indian Temple (Crispin Branfoot), *Religion and Art: New Issues in Indian Iconography and Iconology* (ed. Claudine Bautze-Picron), and *The Temple in South Asia* (ed. Adam Hardy), are available from Arthur Probsthain Bookshop. For more information please contact:

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Arthur Probsthain also manage a pop-up bookstore at SOAS, University of London.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In accordance with previous years the accounts for BASAS have been prepared on a cash received, cash paid basis. Whilst, as will be discussed further below, these figures are subject to when the income and expenditure is actually incurred it may be noted that despite cash income falling and cash expenditure increasing versus the previous year, a modest surplus of £4,007 has nonetheless arisen.

This surplus represents the fourth consecutive year that the Association has made a cash surplus and further corrects the run of cash deficits that had occurred in each of the three years to 2016. As such greater levels of financial stability have been achieved and no proposed increases to the rate of membership subscriptions for 2020 was proposed.

An analysis of the financial results for the year ended 31st January 2020 are provided below:

Overview of income, expenses, and net of income/(expenses) 2015-2019:

	YE 2015	YE 2016	YE 2017	YE 2018	YE 2019	YE 2020
Income	£29, 500	£12, 600	£24, 100	£40, 479	£30, 606	£22,013
Expenses	£24, 400	£18, 900	£18, 800	£9, 109	£7, 793	£18,006
Net of income/(expenses)	-£5, 100	-£6, 300	£5, 300	£31, 370	£22, 813	£4,007

For the FYE 2020, the opening bank balance was £123,872, and the closing bank balance was £127,879.

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £18,477 and restricted funds stood at £3,536, making a grand total £22,013.

The largest three income streams were:

- £6,690 membership dues
- £8,000 corporate sponsorship, and
- £3,398 royalties from sales of *South Asian Studies*

This year's income figures have been noticeably affected by timing, as £5,000 of sponsorship income that related to the Conference held in Durham in April 2019, was received in the previous year. Furthermore, a surplus of just over £4,000 from the Durham Conference will fall in FYE 2021.

In terms of membership income, this has fallen by £2,000 compared with FYE 2019 with some of this also due to timing as members registered late for the Exeter conference in 2018 and early for the Durham conference last year. The Durham conference, it should be noted, was not only a highly

successful event with 160 delegates registering but also, as mentioned in the previous paragraph, was an event that produced a good financial outcome for the Association.

The Association continues to benefit from the arrangement with Taylor and Francis, including the payment of £8,000 in recognition of the Association's support for promoting *Contemporary South Asia*. Publishing arrangements concerning *South Asian Studies* will be reviewed in FYE 2021, as the current agreement between the two organisations is due to come to an end.

Expenditure

The expenditure figures for 2020 have also been adversely affected by timing. Particularly so, with regard to the payments made to the Publisher for dispatching *Contemporary South Asia* and *South Asian Studies*. This year's total figure of £7,223 not only includes £2,897 paid in February 2019 in respect of FYE 2018 but also includes £1,495 paid in January 2020 for FYE 2019. To provide some perspective, the typical cost for this expense caption should be in the order of £3,000 per annum.

With regard to other expenditure, a new webhost has been appointed to provide support to the website. This resource has been particularly helpful in uploading content to the GEC Researcher Corner initiative, which has become an established part of the BASAS website and showcases examples of the Research undertaken by some of the Association's early career researchers.

Given the aforementioned financial stability, BASAS in 2019 launched its inaugural Master's Dissertation Prize, with the winner Leena Dahal, attending the Durham conference to receive her award. The travel costs of Leena's award were not covered as part of the prize but were made possible by the aforementioned generous sponsorship of £5,000 received in the previous year. This is a further example of a mismatch of timing where income was received in the prior year and costs incurred this.

Lastly, the Editor of *South Asian Studies* has begun to explore ways of best utilising funds that have been ring-fenced for her use for Editorial purposes. Going forward, this will include some targeted financial support to workshops and events that will benefit the journal as well as paying for some modest editorial assistance.

Summary

In summary the accounts for FYE 2020 reflect another satisfactory financial outcome, with expenditure maintained within income earned. Furthermore, a sufficient amount of financial headroom now provides opportunities for some new categories of expenditure to be pursued to further enhance the Association's charitable activities.

Prof Andrea Major
Treasurer, British Association for South Asian Studies
12th March 2020



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start
date

01/02/2019

To

Period end
date

31/01/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subs	6,690	-	-	6,690	8,890
Non-Standard Membership	315	-	-	315	460
Annual Conference 2019	-	-	-	-	6,210
Corporate Sponsorship	8,000	3,536	-	11,536	11,536
Royalties	3,398	-	-	3,398	3,459
Donations	74	-	-	74	50
Total receipts	18,477	3,536	-	22,013	30,605
A3 Payments					
Administration	6,806	-	-	6,806	5,960
Travel and subs	1,108	-	-	1,108	785
Online and Digital Services	724	-	-	724	141
Legal and Professional	198	-	-	198	-
Office and Stationery	3	-	-	3	135
Grants and Awards	1,621	-	-	1,621	575
Bank Fees	147	-	-	147	197
Publications	7,233	167	-	7,399	
Total payments	17,839	167	-	18,006	7,793
Net of receipts/(payments)	638	3,369	-	4,007	22,812
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-

A6 Cash funds last year end	113,282	10,590	-	123,872	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	113,920	13,959	-	127,879	22,812
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	106,590	13,959	-	
	Cash at Paypal	7,330	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	113,920	13,959	-	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B3 Investment assets			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
B5 Liabilities			180		
			-		
			-		
			-		
			-		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

British Association for South Asian Studies

On accounts for the year
ended

31 January 2019

Charity no
(if any)

264591

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  **Date:** 14/03/2019

Name: Christos Tzitzikas

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Egham
TW20 9BJ

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

The British Association for South Asian Studies promotes study and research into the humanities and social sciences of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. Details of the Association's activities are available on the Association's web-site.

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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BASAS COMMUNITY

BASAS is renowned for being an accessible and supportive community that represents a broad spectrum of individuals ranging from professors to postgraduate students, and policy makers to independent researchers. Membership is continually expanding, in the UK and in Asia, Europe and USA.

BASAS is a vibrant networking hub; rich in disciplinary diversity, an international membership, and a broad range of professionals at different stages in their respective careers.

The BASAS Annual Conference is one of the highlights of the South Asian Studies calendar, attracting academic and independent scholars and practitioners from around the world.

WHY JOIN BASAS?

1. **Free journal subscription** to one of two leading South Asian studies journals: *South Asian Studies* or *Contemporary South Asia*
2. **Online access** for members about the latest jobs, funding and research opportunities
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Individuals can join BASAS or renew their existing membership using three principal methods: by setting up a standing order payment, by bank transfer, or by using PayPal. Either of the first two methods is preferred by BASAS as such arrangements are more cost effective, given that they are usually free to both the payer and recipient.

The membership fees for 2019 are listed below:

Individual membership rate	£45
Individual concessionary rate	£25

Bank Details

For individuals wishing to pay their membership fee by setting up a standing order or by bank transfer, BASAS bank account details are as follows:

Name of Banker:	CAF Limited
Sort Code:	40-52-40
Account Number:	00006793
IBAN:	GB82CAFB40524000006793