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THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES
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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2007

The Annual General Meeting of the Society
will be held at Royal Asiatic Society, 14 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD

on Monday 5 November 2007

at 5:00 p.m.

to consider the Report and Accounts,
elect officers and members of Council,
re-appoint the Auditors and
transact any other business
proper to the AGM

at 5.30 p.m.

to hear a lecture titled:

'Traditional Hierarchy and Modern Technology Engineering, Information
Technology and Caste in South India'

by

Prof. Christopher Fuller, LSE - Anthropology

The convenor of this year's Annual Lecture is Professor Peter Robb, SOAS
THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

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COUNCIL’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

Significant Information

The Society for South Asian Studies (incorporating the Society for Afghan Studies) is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners under Registration Number 264591. It is an unincorporated association and its basic governing document consists of the resolutions signed by the 68 persons who signed the resolutions for the formation of the Society and so became its first ordinary members on 1st June 1972 and the rules subsequently adopted by them.

The address of the Society is c/o The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH.

Enquiries about the Society’s activities should be directed to the Assistant Secretary, The Society for South Asian Studies, 14 Stephenson Way, Second Floor, London NW1 2HD.

Aims and Objectives

The Society was originally founded in 1972 as the Society for Afghan Studies. Its present name and scope were adopted in 1983. It is one of the schools and institutes founded and grant aided by the British Academy. The object for which the Society was established is to advance, encourage, support and undertake the study and research of the history, antiquities, archaeology, ethnography, languages, literature, art, culture, customs and geography of the countries of South Asia. The Society promotes a number of activities in these fields and produces an annual Journal in which it publishes the results of the research that it supports.

Organisation and Structure

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

Honorary Officers

The Honorary Officers who served during the year ended 31st March 2007 were:

Prof. Peter Robb
Mr. Diccon Pullen
Dr. Javed Majeed
Dr. Adam Hardy
Dr. Michael Willis

Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Journal Editor
Monographs Editor

All Honorary Officers serve as members of Council and are members of the committees which advise Council on the awards it makes and monitor the Society’s projects.
The following members of Council served on Council during the year ended 31st March 2007:

Dr. Shailendra Bhandare  (from January 2004)
Dr. Hardiman  (from January 2006)
Dr. Adam Hard  (from January 2000)
Dr. Javed Majeed  (from January 2004)
Dr. Emma Mawdsley  (from January 2004)
Dr. Alison Shaw  (from January 2006)
Mrs. Susan Stronge  (from January 2004)
Dr. Maya Unnithan  (from January 2005)
Mr. Diccon Pullen  (from November 2005)
Dr. Michael Willis  (from January 2005)
Dr. Dominik Wujastyk  (from January 2005)
Dr. Andrew Wyatt  (from January 2006)

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

The Chairman, Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Editor are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting under Rule 16 of the 1996 Rules.

Members of the Council are elected in terms of Rule 15, with vacancies being filled by vote upon nominations placed in November each year before the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting.

**Reserves Policy**

Council reviews regularly the Society’s activities and future commitments. It has been established that, if the annual grant to the Society were to be terminated, a reserve of £20,000 would be needed to wind up the Society’s affairs and to meet any outstanding commitments. Council has therefore determined that the minimum level of the Society’s reserves should be £20,000 and that no commitments should be entered into which would bring the reserves below this level.

**Risk Management**

The major risk that the Society faces is the withdrawal of all or part of its grant from the Academy. Systems and procedures have been established to minimise this possibility through maintaining and improving the quality of its work, accurate reporting and tight financial control. Council is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and taking all reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities. Financial procedures are reviewed regularly and the Society’s accounts are audited annually.
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The Society would like to express its gratitude to the British Academy and its staff for the continued support and assistance they have provided for all the activities of the Society throughout the year. The Society wishes to record its appreciation of the help and assistance it has been given by the officers of the British Council and the Directors of Archaeology in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
REPORT BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

This year represents the last of the Society for South Asian Studies in its present form. Until two years ago, as a member of BASIS (the British Academy Sponsored Institutes and Societies) the SSAS grant was ring-fenced to support research in South Asia. Last year the British Academy announced a scheme for Learned Societies from across the UK to apply for two kinds of support, A: Core (administration and outreach) and B: Strategic (research programmes). The British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS) applied for A and SSAS applied for both A and B, but were asked by the Academy to provide a joint bid. This was done with the B component being based on the forward commitments of the SSAS. We were awarded £30,000 for core costs and a further £15,000 specifically for the completion of the Tibetan Digitisation Project, which represented a considerable reduction in our grant. The BA specifically asked that the two societies consider merging.

At the AGM of November 13th 2006, the Chairman discussed the letter of the British Academy with regards to the Society’s cut in funding and its repercussions. Members were asked to empower Council to discuss with BASAS the merger of the two bodies; this was granted. To this end there have been a number of meetings between January and March of this year involving the Council Officers of SSAS and the BASAS Executive Committee, in which the framework of the merger was defined. October 1st 2007 was set as the date for the completion of the merger, and at the time of writing, this merger is proceeding according to plan. There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting on September 26th 2007 to ratify the change of rules and the change of name, if any (the latter is being decided by a poll of members of both societies), of the merged society.

In the meantime, the Society met its ongoing commitments as best it could as well as made some new grants. During this year, six Language Training Grants were awarded (for Sanskrit, Tibetan and Urdu). These grants continue to play a crucial role in enabling promising PhD students to enhance their knowledge of a South Asian language needed for research purposes, typically taught at partner institutions in South Asia. The Society also awarded four Project Development Grants to high-calibre projects. These were to Professor Dilip Chakrabarty (The Harappan Tradition in Haryana and Punjab), Dr. Cameron Petrie (Exploring the Archaeology of the Bala Hisar at Charsadda and the geography and environment of ancient Gandhara), Dr. William Crawley (Media and Law in South Asia) and Dr. Katherine Adeney (Governance, democracy and identity politics in Pakistan). In addition we also made two conference grants and two fieldwork access grants. We supported a number of research groups, such as Landscape, Demography and Subsistence in the Prehistory of the Middle Ganges and Adjacent Vindhyas (Dr. Dorian Fuller), Kashika: The Encyclopaedic Grammar of the Sanskrit Language (Dr. Pascale Haag), Relics and Relic Worship in the Early Buddhism in India and Burma (Dr. Janice Stargardt), Indian Arms and Armour in Museums and Armories in India (Dr. Robert Elgood) and South Asian Medicine (Dr. Dominik Wujastyk). Finally, during this period the Society continued to support a number of ongoing projects, including Tibetan Buddhist Literature: The Electronic Kangyur (Mr. Burkhard Quessel and Professor David Germano), A Critical Edition of the Kāśīkārvītī (Dr. Pascale Haag), A World Corpus of Amaravati Sculpture (Dr. Akira Shimada), and War Babies and the Boundaries of Blood (Dr. Nayanika Mookherjee). The range of these topics is testimony to the Society’s commitment to support high-level scholarship on South Asia, both contemporary and historical, which the merged society will hope to build upon and develop even further.
In 2006 the Society’s annual lecture was given by Professor Phillip B. Wagoner of Wesleyan University, Connecticut. This was an insightful exploration of the Chalukyan period in the Deccan, with instructive visual displays, entitled ‘Reviving the Chalukyan Past in the 16th-Century Deccan: Archaeological and Literary Perspectives’.

In November 2006 Mr. Diccon Pullen joined the Council as Honorary Treasurer. Thanks are due to him and the other Officers of the Council, the Assistant Secretary, and the Chair of BASAS for their hard work during this period of transition for the Society.

Professor Javed Majeed
Secretary
REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY PROJECTS

Listed below are the research projects currently supported by the Society for South Asian Studies. The full version is available on the Society’s website at: http://www.britac.ac.uk/institutes/SSAS/index.html

Critical Edition of the Kashikavrtti
Directors: Dr. T. Proferes, School of Oriental and African Studies, London; Dr. Pascale Haag, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris

The funding allotted by the SSAS has enabled us to organise three missions of one month each in India for Vincenzo Vergiani (working session with the Pune team in September 2006), Corinne Lagarde-Chapdelaine (manuscript collection in Jammu, Lahore and Srinagar) in November-December 2006 and myself (Pascale Haag) (working session in Pondicherry in January 2007). Thanks to these missions some more manuscripts have been collected in India and the preparation of the publication of the edition and translation could be completed.

From November there will be website access at: http://linguistique-mondeindien.fr/inde/index.php?id=21

Landscape, Water and Religion in Ancient India
Principal Investigator: Dr. Julia Shaw, Institute of Archaeology, UCL, London.
Key collaborators: Dr. John Sutcliffe, Reading; Prof. Hans Bakker, University of Groningen; Professor W. Mike Edmunds, Oxford University Centre for the Environment; Dr. Anthony Beck, Universities of Durham and Leeds.
Under sanction from the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Archives, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, India.

Overview:
This project was initiated in 2006, with funding from a two-year Society for South Asian Studies Research Grant. It is aimed at building an integrated model of religious, economic and environmental history in central and western India through the documentation and study of key ritual sites and water-resource structures in their wider archaeological landscape. The key question is how did the spread and institutionalisation of Buddhist and Brahmanical religious traditions between c. 3rd century BC and 6th century AD relate to other key processes such as urbanisation, state-formation and innovations in agriculture? There are two major research themes – i) Religion in the Landscape; and ii) Water and Civilisation. These build on earlier seasons of the Sanchi Survey Project (SSP) (http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/staff/profiles/shaw.htm), and its various sub-projects including, ‘Mapping Settlements, Dams, and Monasteries in Central India’, and ‘The Sanchi Dams Project’, which were partly funded by the Society and developed with other members of the Vidisha Research Group.
Progress:

i) The Sanchi Survey Project

- Six workshop days involving Anthony Beck and Julia Shaw were held with the aim of consolidating the survey database and improving the project’s GIS structure.
- A monograph (Shaw In Press 2007) summarizing the last ten years of the Sanchi Survey Project was completed in May 2007. It will be published by the Society by the end of the year.

ii) Ramtek

The political and religious history of the Ramtek area during the reign of the Eastern Vakataka kings (c. 4th – 5th centuries AD), has been the focus of long-standing research of Hans Bakker, in collaboration with whom a two-week field season was conducted in December 2006. Field participants included Hans Bakker, Natasja Bosma (Groningen), Edward Cork (Cambridge), and John Sutcliffe (Reading). Fieldwork was aimed at relating the Brahmanical remains at Ramtek and Mansar to their wider ritual and social landscape through exploration of the surrounding 5 km² originally documented in the 1930s by T.A. Wellsted. GPS mapping was carried out of significant remains, including a dam mentioned in the Kevala Narasimha Temple inscription. The dam was subjected to combined archaeological and hydrological analysis using a similar methodology as that deployed for the SSP. The area offers interesting parallels to Sanchi due to evidence that water management played a major role in the administration and land policy of the Vakatakas, this time within the context of orthodox Brahmanical religion rather than Buddhism, as at Sanchi.

A pre-fieldwork meeting was held in Groningen in October 2006, followed by a one-day meeting and team training session in London in November 2006. Satellite imagery was purchased and processed in advance (with Anthony Beck), and a database structure developed using a similar approach to that used for the SSP.

Publications, Recent, In Press and In Preparation


Beck, A., and Shaw, J. In preparation. ‘The application of satellite imagery to the Sanchi Survey Project, central India’. For submission to *Antiquity*.

**Nayanika Mookherjee: ‘Boundaries of Blood: Genealogies of War Babies and the Bangladeshi Nation’**

**Director:** Dr Nayanika Mookherjee, Department of Sociology, University of Lancaster

In the last academic year (2006-2007) I had a lot of administrative responsibilities and have been concentrating on finishing my book ‘Specters and Utopias: Public Memories, Sexual Violence and the Bangladesh War of 1971’ which is contracted with Duke University Press. This book is based on my PhD dissertation and the project ‘Boundaries of Blood’ draws from it but is also distinct from it. This has been a busy year with me taking on the Directorship of Part II Undergraduate Studies in Lancaster Sociology, Co-organiser of a) an international inter-disciplinary conference ‘Melancholic States’, 27-29 September 2007 [http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/events/melancholicstates/registration.htm](http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/events/melancholicstates/registration.htm) b) Workshop on State, Violence and Subjectivities: Conversations with Prof. Veena Das c) South Asia Seminar series in the North (SASIN) and d) Co-awarded the ESRC ethics training network [http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/ihr/events/esrcResearchTrainingProgramme.html](http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/ihr/events/esrcResearchTrainingProgramme.html)

So having worked actively on these other commitments, I intend to focus on the Boundaries of Blood project in the next academic year. I also intend to go for a research trip to Bangladesh in December 2007. Nonetheless, in the last academic year, I did present various papers based on the project in the following conferences: Treason and the Art of Politics (December, Edinburgh University), Birth (March, Lancaster University), State Workshop (April, Lancaster University). The following publications are also based on this project:

Forthcoming

Under preparation
“Unoccupying the Womb: Sexual Violence in Wars, Sovereign Performatives and the Bio-Political Modalities of Reproduction in Bangladesh”.

Paithan Excavation Project
**Director:** Dr. D. Kennet, Durham University
**Collaborators:** Dr. M. Kasturibai, Dr. J.V.P. Rao†

A grant from the Society allowed me to be relieved of teaching duties at Durham University in order to spend three and a half months, between October 2006 and mid January 2007, in Dharwad working with my two collaborators (Dr. J.V.P. Rao and Dr. M. Kasturibai) on the final publication of the Paithan excavation project.

Unfortunately, Dr. J.V.P. Rao was very sadly killed in a car crash shortly before my arrival and this made the work much more difficult. Nonetheless, excellent progress was made and an almost complete text of the eventual report was produced by the end of my stay. Only two chapters were left outstanding: the first a historical review of Paithan through the Early Historic period and the second an report on the palaeobotanical assemblage from the site. The historical chapter has since been completed by Dr. S. Bhandare. Dr. D. Fuller has promised the palaeobotanical chapter by the end of September this year. Once this chapter is received and has been edited, the text of the monograph will be sent to the ASI for publication in their monographs series.

Tibetan Buddhist Literature: the Electronic Kangyur
**Directors:** Burkhard Quessel, The British Library, London; Prof. David Germano, University of Virginia

After finishing the Vinaya section of the Kanjur at the end of last year staff in Chengdu (China) has now completed the three Tantra sections of “Tantras” *(rgyud)*, “old Tantras” *(rnying rgyud)*, and “Wheel of time tantras” *(Kālacakra)*, and is continuing with the “Perfection of Wisdom” *(Prajñāpāramitā)* section after the summer break. Input quality is good and files of the first input — both in Unicode Tibetan and Wylie transliteration — are now available at the British Library in London.
Traditional Craft in Context
Dr. Lucy Blue, University of Southampton

Due to delays in acquiring visas to conduct research in March 2007 as planned, the final season of the project has been postponed until September-October 2007. During this period we hope to complete the survey of traditional craft specifically *kattumaram* fishing craft, that currently operate along the coast between northern Tamil Nadu and southern Orissa. The project plans are already well advanced and locations identified (with some thanks to Google earth!) where the fieldwork will be conducted. We hope to report back to the Society by the end of the year and look forward to compiling the final publication. As ever we are most grateful to the Society for all its support.

Udayagiri and the Establishment of the Gods
Dr Michael Willis, British Museum, London

Over the last year Dr. Michael Willis completed the second chapter of his monograph on the Gupta-period site of Udayagiri and the establishment of Hindu deities as juridical personalities in early Hindu India. The write-up is expected to be complete in 2007-08.

World Corpus of Amaravati Sculpture
Director: Dr. Akira Shimada, in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India
Project Assistant: Ms. Catherine Becker, University of California, Berkeley
Project Advisors: Mr. R. Balasubramanian, The Government Museum, Chennai; Prof. Dr. Jens-Uwe Hartmann, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München; Dr. Jennifer Howes, The British Library, London; Dr Janice Stargardt, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge; Dr. Michael Willis, The British Museum, London.

This project aims at collecting and preserving the available documentation of the Buddhist monastic site at Old Kandahar excavated by the British Institute of Afghan studies in 1976-78. The project stared in Oct 2005 and succeeded to collect the large number of materials preserved in London and Sydney. Based on this survey, the first draft of the excavation report was submitted to the SSAS in Sep 2006.
REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Distribution of archaeological sites in Haryana, March-April 2007
Director: Prof. Dilip K. Chakrabarti, Department of Archaeology, Cambridge.

The archaeology of Haryana has been dominated in recent times by the Harappan and related sites of the region. Historical sites have generally been neglected. The main purpose of our exploratory work in Haryana in March-April 2007 was to make an overall field-assessment of its archaeology with reference to its sites of all phases.

In all, 112 sites could be studied. Among the major historical sites we would highlight the significance of Amin (clear evidence of a Sunga period stupa and sculptures), Pehoa (the place where offerings are made to the ancestors on the bank of the Sarasvati - a large mound which has yielded Gupta period terracottas), Asandh (reputedly the first capital of the Kuru - traces of a large Dhamek-type stupa), Chanetti (a brick-built stupa with 4 central projections on 4 sides, possibly of the Mauryan period), Adi Badri (a Buddhist monastery of c.7th/8th century AD), Navrangpura (Yaudheya capital near Bhiwani), Jind, Hansi, Hissar, Rhotak, Agroha and Sirsa. Apart from Adi Badri which lies at the head of the channel which enters the plain as the Sarasvati, the historical sites of the region are oriented along two trade routes: the one which follows the modern Delhi-Karnal-Kurukshetra-Ambala alignment (Amin is located on this), and the one which comes from the side of Bahawalpur and goes in the direction of Delhi via Sirsa, Agroha, Hissar, Hansi and Rhotak. The latter route was possibly more important than the first one in the early historic period, as the size of the mounds by its side indicates.

The Harappan and related sites, of which there are many in the region, have yielded on the surface a large variety of painted sherds. Among the major sites, Banawali, Kunal, Bhirrana and Rakigarhi are well known, but we would highlight two more large regional Harappan sites: Nachar Khera and Mughalpura. Both these sites deserve large-scale excavations.

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Media Policy and Law in South Asia – the Media South Asia Project, formerly based at the Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, now at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London;
Directors: Dr. David Page and Dr. William Crawley

The Society is supporting the development of a project for an audit of Media Policy, Law and the Regulatory framework in the countries of South Asia. A research team from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan, set up by the Media South Asia Project has been reviewing the current practices and the existing state of knowledge in this field, with the aim of fostering national expertise, developing a regional perspective and in due course establishing a centre of excellence in one of the countries of the region. A preliminary report is due in October.
REPORT BY THE EDITOR OF THE SOCIETY’S JOURNAL

South Asian Studies has again attracted an international group of contributors, writing on a wide range of subjects. Volume 22 (2006) contains the following articles and book reviews:

A Buddha from Mathurā at the Hirayama Museum, Harry Falk
Caitiya Halls: Evidence of a Rock-Cut Architectural Tradition in the Vicinity of Karād, Southern Mahārāṣtra, David Efurd
Further Thoughts on the Harappan Issue in Western Uttar Pradesh: Sites in the Saharanpur-Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar Area, Dilip K. Chakrabarti, R.N. Singh, D.K. Lahiri Chaudhuri and Rakesh Tiwari
An Iconographic Note on a Mātrika Relief Sculpture in the National Museum of Pakistan, Karachi, Ibrahim Shah
Some Considerations on Organisation of Territory in Ancient India (seventh century BC - twelfth century AD) Based on the Sample Area between Farrukhabad and Shah Alampur, U.P., Annamaria Dallaporta and Lucio Marcato
Coastal Andhra and the Bay of Bengal Trade Network, Suchandra Ghosh
Ganja: The Game from Treasure of Mughal India, Simon Digby
Maharaja Ranjit Singh and Artistic Patronage at the Sikh Court, Susan Stronge
The Modern and the Ancient: 20th Century Re-Readings of Indian History, Rebecca M. Brown

Book Reviews:
Hermione de Almeida and George H.Gilpin, Indian Renaissance: British Romantic Art and the Prospect of India 2006, Ashgate, Aldershot (Natasha Eaton).

Dr. Adam Hardy
Journal Editor
REPORT BY THE EDITOR OF THE SOCIETY’S MONOGRAPHS

During the last year, the Society published Crispin Branfoot, *Gods on the Move*. Tughluqabad, by Mehrdad Shokoohy and Natalie H. Shokoohy is in production and expected late 2007. Julia Shaw, *Buddhist Landscapes in Central India* is also in production.

The new funding arrangements with the British Academy now mean that monographs will be self-funded or included in the project budgets. Despite these changes SSAS is confident that we will continue to publish scholarly monographs of the highest calibre.

Dr. Michael Willis
Monographs Editor
LECTURES

The Society also supports the work of the Indian Art Circle, and members of the Society are entitled to attend lectures given under their auspices. The following lectures were supported by the Society:

Richard Blurton  'Narrative in the art of Bengal'

Vidya Dehejia Reception  'Beauty Revealed and Beauty Concealed: Issues of Creation and in the Sacred Bronzes of Southern India'

Ebba Koch  'Ornament and Symbolism of the Taj Mahal'

Michael Willis  Richard Blurton  'Recent work at the British Museum: Asia collections behind the scenes and the upcoming Bengal exhibition'
RECENT AWARDS MADE BY THE SOCIETY

The following awards were made by Council in the financial year covered by the report:

Conference Grants:

- Dr. Charles Allen - £600

Fieldwork Access Grants:

- Ms. Joanne Shoebridge - £600 project title: Upper Malwatu Oya Archaeological Exploration
- Mr. Christopher E. Davis - £900 project title: Hierachies and Settlement Planning in Sri Lanka

Language Training Grants:

- Ms. Claudia Businaro - £1200 to study Sanskrit at the Centre for Buddhist Studies in Boudhanath, Nepal
- Ms. Dawn Collins - £1,855 to study Tibetan at Tibet University, Tibet Autonomous Region, PROC
- Mr. Morgan Davis - £1200 to study Sanskrit at Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu University in Nepal
- Mr. Lewis Doney – £1845 to study Tibetan at the Manjushree Centre for Tibetan Culture, Darjeeling, India
- Ms. Katja M. Riikonen – £2,530 to study Urdu at the National University of Modern Languages Islamabad, Pakistan
- Dr. Jan C. Westerhoff - £1200 to study Sanskrit at Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Kathmandu University, Nepal

Project Development Grants:

- Dr. Katherine Adeney - £1,916. Project title: Governance, democracy and identity politics in Pakistan
- Professor Dilip K. Chakrabarti - £1,900. Project title: The Harappan Tradition in Haryana and Panjab
- Dr. William Crawley - £1,500. Project title: Media and Law in South Asia.
- Dr. Cameron Petrie - £2,994 Project title: “In the District of Pushkalavati” – exploring the archaeology of the Bala Hissar at Charsadda, N.W.F.P. Pakistan, and the geography and environment of Ancient Gandhara.
- Dr. Dorian Fuller - £1,000 Title project: Landscape, demography and subsistence in the prehistory of the Middle Ganges and adjacent Vindhyas: Towards an integrated research framework.
Project Grants:

- Dr. Lucy Blue - £5,625 Traditional Craft in Context
- Dr. Pascale Haag- £5,000 Kashika: The Encyclopedic Grammer of the Sanskrit Language
- Dr. Nayantaka Mookherjee- £5000 Boundaries of Blood: Genealogies of ‘War Babies’ and the National Imaginings in Bangladesh
- Dr. B. Quessel - £14,500 Tibetan Buddhist Literature: the Electronic Kangyur
- Dr. Julia Shaw - £9,149 Landscape, Water and Religion in Ancient India.
- Dr. Janice Stargardt - £1,000 Relics and Relic Worship in the Early Buddhism of India and Burma

Research Group Grants:

- Prof. K.G. Zysk – £1,000 The History and Social Understanding of Indigenous Medical Practice – Research Group: South Asian Medicine

South Asia Conference Grants:

Dr. Robert Elgood - £4,500. Study tour and conservation conference on Indian Arms and Armour in Museums and Armories in India.

The following publications were supported by the Society:

- ‘Gods on the Move’ – Dr. Crispin Branfoot
- ‘Tugluquabad’ – Dr. Mehrdad Shokoohy
- ‘Landscape, Water and Religion in Ancient India’ – Dr. Julia Shaw
THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2007

We have audited the financial statements on pages 20 to 26 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 22.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditor

The Trustees’ responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities.

We have been appointed auditor under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustees’ Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board (APB). An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity’s circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of APB Ethical Standards including APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Small entities in the circumstances set out in Note 9 to the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Trust’s affairs as at 31 March 2007 and of the incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

26 September 2007

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THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2007

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INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources from generated funds:

British Academy Grant 78,000 78,000 100,
Investment income - bank interest 2,259 2,259 2,

Incoming resources from charitable activities:

Subscriptions and publication sales 9,137 9,137 5,

TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES 89,396 0 89,396 108,

RESOURCES EXPENDED:

Charitable Activities:

Grants payable 3(a) 78,268 78,268 84,
Publication costs 3(b) 4,440 4,440 7,
Indirect support costs 3(c) 14,793 14,793 16,
Governance costs 3(d) 2,285 2,285 1,

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED 99,786 0 99,786 110,

NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES (10,390) 0 (10,390) (2,5

Total funds brought forward 44,638 0 44,638 47,
Total funds carried forward 34,248 0 34,248 44,

The income relates to continuing activities.

The Notes on pages 21 to 26 form part of these Accounts.
THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 2007

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<th>Notes</th>
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<td><strong>FIXED ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td>Tangible Assets</td>
<td>1,457</td>
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<td><strong>CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td>Prepayment</td>
<td>245</td>
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<td>Cash at bank and in hand</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>49,320</td>
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<td><strong>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</strong></td>
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<td>Creditors - amounts falling due within one year</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>(16,774)</td>
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<td><strong>NET CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
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Financed by Capital Funds:

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<td>General Fund</td>
<td>18,748</td>
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The Notes on pages 22 to 26 form part of these Accounts.

The financial statements on pages 19 to 26 were approved on 26 September 2007
THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 2007

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

   a. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities and the Charities Act.

   b. The stock of publications is not brought into account. The Council consider that to estimate the value of these items would be of no real benefit to the Society.

   c. Fixed assets abroad are written off in the year of purchase and are not capitalised in the accounts.

   d. Direct currency conversions are translated at the exchange rate at the time of transaction, other balances are converted at year end rates, any difference arising on exchange is written off in the year concerned.

   e. Fixed assets are depreciated at the following rates, in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful life: Computer Equipment: 25% reducing balance.

   f. The Society’s financial statements have been prepared to comply with “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), issued by the Charity Commission in 2005 and thus with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

   g. In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard number 1, no cash flow statement is included in these financial statements as the Charity is covered by the small entity exemption.

   h. The Charity is exempt from taxes on income and capital gains under the provisions of section 505 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. The Charity is not exempt from VAT; irrecoverable VAT is included within the expense heading to which it relates.

   i. Provision is made in the accounts for grants committed but unpaid at the end of the year, where a constructive obligation has been created. No discount is applied to the figures for grant commitments, in view of the relatively short period of time involved.

2. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES

Trustees’ responsibilities regarding the financial statements

   The Trustees accept that it is primarily their responsibility:

1. to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its financial activities during that year; and to achieve that end:

2. to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

3. to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

4. to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless that is inappropriate.
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and with the Society’s governing document.
THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2007

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES
a). GRANTS PAYABLE:

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<tr>
<td>Vidisha Project (Restricted Fund)</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Bangladesh War Babies</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<td>Kashika</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>Upper Ganges</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<td>Viti: Action Cinema</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Indology: Migration</td>
<td>1,326</td>
<td>4,312</td>
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<td>Migration in post-colonial Goa</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2,177</td>
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<td>Traditional Craft</td>
<td>5,625</td>
<td>1,500</td>
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<td>Electronic Kangyur</td>
<td>14,500</td>
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<td>Baptist and Hindu Conversions</td>
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<td>Kandahar</td>
<td>7,200</td>
<td>7,200</td>
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<td>Monographs (2) (2006: 5)</td>
<td>5,971</td>
<td>15,253</td>
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<td>Post Graduate Research Fellowships</td>
<td>4,329</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>Conference grants (2) (2006: 3)</td>
<td>5,500</td>
<td>11,800</td>
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<td>Small grants to 6 individuals (2006: 11) for language</td>
<td>8,930</td>
<td>12,316</td>
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<td>SA Landscape, water, religion</td>
<td>9,149</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Cameron Petrie</td>
<td>2,994</td>
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<td>Governance Pakistan</td>
<td>1,916</td>
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<td>SA Media &amp; Law</td>
<td>1,500</td>
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<td>Harrapan Tradition</td>
<td>1,900</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Grants refunded</td>
<td>(72)</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>78,268</td>
<td>84,695</td>
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b). PUBLICATION COSTS

South Asian Studies Journal | 4,440 | 7,320 |

b). INDIRECT SUPPORT COSTS

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<td>Office and sundry expenses</td>
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<td>12,990</td>
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<td>Bank charges and interest</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>3,063</td>
<td>3,244</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>486</td>
<td>647</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>14,793</td>
<td>16,951</td>
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d). GOVERNANCE COSTS

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<td>Audit fee</td>
<td>1,851</td>
<td>1,763</td>
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<td>Council members’ travel expenses</td>
<td>434</td>
<td>219</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>2,285</td>
<td>1,982</td>
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4  FIXED ASSETS

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<td>Cost at 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007</td>
<td>12,486</td>
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<td>Depreciation at 1 April 2006</td>
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<td>Charge for year</td>
<td>486</td>
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<td>at 31 March 2007</td>
<td>£11,029</td>
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<td>Net Book Value at 31 March 2007</td>
<td>£1,457</td>
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<td>Net Book Value at 1 April 2006</td>
<td>£1,943</td>
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5  CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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<td>Bank Accounts - interest bearing</td>
<td>49,237</td>
<td>63,369</td>
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<td>Cash in hand</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>£49,320</td>
<td>£63,418</td>
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6  CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)

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<td>Grants allocated but unpaid</td>
<td>4,450</td>
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<td>Publication costs</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<td>Accruals and other creditors</td>
<td>9,774</td>
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<td>£16,774</td>
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7  TRUSTEES

No Trustee or their connected persons received any remuneration from the Charity in the year. Reimbursed travel etc expenses totalling £434 were paid to 8 Trustees. (2006: £219 to 5).

8  DESIGNATED FUNDS

The following amounts have been designated by the Trustees from the general funds of the Society for specific purposes:
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<td>Research Fellowships and other grants</td>
<td>£17,250</td>
<td>£(1,750)</td>
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9 AUDITORS OTHER NON-AUDIT SERVICES

In common with many other charities of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.
THE SOCIETY FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

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Full Name

Address

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