ANNUAL REPORT

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

THE BRITISH ACADEMY
10 CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE
LONDON SW1Y 5AH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2008

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Royal Asiatic Society, 14 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD on Monday 3 November 2008

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:

‘What a Long, Strange Trip It’s Been: Reflections on India’s Economic Growth in the Twentieth Century’

by

Prof. Kunal Sen, The University of Manchester
THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION
FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

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COUNCIL’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2008

Significant information

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

BASAS is one of the world’s leading learned societies for the study of South Asia. It is the largest UK academic association for the study of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and the South Asian diaspora. The Society was first established in 1972 as The Society for Afghan Studies. The Society 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 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 Society 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 sponsors research projects in South Asia, as well as programmes of exchange and training. It produces South Asian Studies, an annual journal, in which it publishes some of the research it has funded. The Society also organises an Annual Conference, workshops and lectures, held at different locations each year in the UK, and publishes a series of monographs and occasional papers.

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 British Association for South Asian Studies, 14 Stephenson Way, Second Floor, London NW1 2HD.
Organisation and Structure

The Society 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.

Executive Officers

The Executive Officers who served during the year ended 31st March 2008 were:

Prof. Peter Robb
Prof. Graham Chapman
Mr. Diccon Pullen
Prof. Javed Majeed
Dr. Lawrence Saez
Dr. Adam Hardy
Dr. Michael Willis

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Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Secretary
Journal Editor
Monographs & Occasional Papers Editor

All Executive 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.

Members of Council

The following served on Council during the year ended 31st March 2008:

Dr. Tina Basi (from January 2007)
Dr. Shailendra Bhandare (from January 2004)
Dr. William Gould (from January 2007)
Dr. David Hardiman (from January 2006)
Dr. Apurba Kundu (from January 2007)
Prof. Javed Majeed (from January 2004)
Dr. Emma Mawdsley (from January 2004)
Dr. Caroline Osella (from January 2007)
Prof. Peter Robb (from January 2005)
Prof. Kunal Sen (from January 2007)
Dr. Alison Shaw (from January 2006)
Dr. Carole Spary (from January 2007)
Mrs. Susan Stronge (from January 2004)
Dr. Maya Unnithan (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, Secretary and respective Editors are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting under Rule 16 of the 2007 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 British 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.

The Society faces another risk in common with many smaller charities where the week to week financial activities of the Society 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 organization. However in recognition of this risk, the Council has determined that all payments from the Society’s bank account of over £5,000.00 should bear the signatures of two Council Members. The Council continues to rely on the independent bookkeeper and the external auditor for an objective overview of the financial activities on an annual basis.

Advisers

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Upper Norwood, London SE19 3RW

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West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ
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 2008

This past year brought much change to the structure and operation of The British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS). The principal source of these organisational changes emerged as a result of the merger of two learned societies, The Society for South Asian Studies and The British Association for South Asian Studies. From all fronts, the merger has been a seamless process.

In close consultation with British Academy initiatives, the Society has continued to offer support for four types of grants. These include:

1. Flagship project grants designed to complete existing projects or launch new projects in partnership with other funding bodies;
2. Seed Project Development grants designed to assist in the formulation and development of research initiatives that have good chance of maturing into large-scale, multi-sponsored research projects;
3. South Asia Conference Grants to support workshops, seminars and conferences in South Asia organised by UK-based scholars in collaboration with their research partners in South Asia;
4. Language Training Grants for post-graduate language acquisition in South Asia

Full details about the scope of these grants are mounted on the Society’s website.

The Society’s direction and programme of activities are carefully laid out in the Corporate Plan 2008-2011. A copy of this document is mounted on the Society’s website for ready reference. In essence, the Corporate Plan 2008-2011 introduces the Society’s vision for the ways in which we anticipate that we can benefit research in virtually all aspects of South Asian culture. The Society is in the process of implementing the range of academic initiatives and projects being proposed.

The Society is keenly aware about the importance of the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit. In its advancement of research, education, arts, and culture of South Asia, the Society has undertaken significant activities relating to knowledge transfer about South Asia. As will be noted in other parts of this report in greater detail, the Society hosted its Annual Conference in the city of Leicester. The conference included an art exhibit from local artists and a musical performance by a South Asian musical group. Moreover, we have modernised our public outreach efforts. For instance, we have substantially revamped the Society’s website to make it more user-friendly for individuals who are interested in learning about South Asia. Finally, the Society has launched a blog. Although only members of the Society have restricted rights to post to the blog, the site itself is available for public viewing. The response to these initiatives by our Society’s members has been very positive.

On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank those individuals who have personally been involved in making the merger between The Society for South Asian Studies and The British Association for South Asian Studies such a great success.

Dr. Lawrence Saez
Secretary
REPORT FROM THE DIRECTORS OF FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

Listed below, by geographical region, are the flagship projects currently supported by The British Association for South Asian Studies. In a departure from previous conventions, because the Society is moving towards a more unified project structure, this Annual Report no longer distinguishes between BASAS Projects and BASAS Aided Projects. An expanded version of the project descriptions is included in the Corporate Plan 2008–11. The full version is available on the BASAS website at: http://www.britac.ac.uk/institutes/SSAS/index.html

Changing global geographies of power and development: contemporary Indian-East Africa relations
Project director: Dr. Emma Mawdsley, University of Cambridge

The rationale behind this project was that the growing and changing interactions between India and East Africa were being unduly over-shadowed by policy, commercial and academic interest in China-Africa relations. Notwithstanding China’s very significant investment, trade and impacts, Indian-East African interactions have been growing, and are also marked by differences in style, trends, opportunities and problems. Since the BASAS-BIEA project started, news of diplomatic visits, trade initiatives and private sector developments between India and East Africa appear to endorse the timeliness and importance of this project.

The project has developed with two key features: First, despite relatively modest resources, the project has been able to support ten research individuals/teams based in the UK, India, Kenya and South Africa. Some of these projects consist mostly of desk-based analysis, but over half include a direct fieldwork component. The second feature of the project is the commitment to a wide range of disciplinary areas (see below). We suggest that there are synergies and inter-connections, tensions and contradictions, within the cultural, economic and geo-political dimensions of Indian-East African relations. What audiences make of Bollywood films in Dar Es Salaam is as revealing about, and indeed constitutive of, the changing geographies of globalisation as investment in infrastructure, or foreign aid relations. The projects therefore cross a very diverse range of contemporary relations.

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<td>Dr. Dibyesh Anand and Dr. Nitisha Kaul</td>
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<td>Going beyond Roots and Routes: Multi-Racial Economy and Cultural Identities in Tanzania</td>
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<td>Centre for African Studies, Mumbai University</td>
<td>India-East Africa Relations: India’s Economic Co-operation with Kenya in the Pharmaceutical sectors.</td>
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<td>Dr. Jen Dickinson</td>
<td>St. Andrew’s University</td>
<td>Diasporas and legal identities – changing regimes in India and their effects in Kenya and Tanzania</td>
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<td>Prof. Rachel Dwyer</td>
<td>SOAS</td>
<td>Bollywood’s India: the view from the other side of the Indian Ocean</td>
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<td>Dr. Mary Kinyanjui</td>
<td>IDS, Nairobi, Kenya</td>
<td>The rise of India and its implications for Kenya</td>
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<td>Dr. Emma Mawdsley</td>
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<td>India’s development discourses and practices in Kenya</td>
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<td>Dr. Renu Modi</td>
<td>Centre for African Studies, Mumbai University</td>
<td>Contemporary India–East Africa Relations: African Health Tourists in India</td>
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<td>Ms. Sanusha Naidu and Ms Lucy Corkin</td>
<td>Centre for Chinese Studies, Stellenbosch, SA</td>
<td>India’s investments in East Africa’s infrastructure and construction sector</td>
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<td>Dr. Amrita Narlikar</td>
<td>Cambridge University</td>
<td>India’s Rise to Power: Where does East Africa fit in?</td>
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<td>Dr. Liz Watson and Dr. Bhaskar Vira</td>
<td>Cambridge University</td>
<td>Agricultural technology and new biofuel developments: Kenya – India connections</td>
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Funding for the project has been augmented on two fronts: Cambridge University’s Newton Trust has granted an additional £10,000 and BASAS was also awarded BASIS funding for a post-doctoral research associate on contemporary India-East Africa. In July 2008 we appointed Dr. Gerard McCann (who will start in October 2008 for 8 months), who was a simply outstanding candidate, and who should be in a position to seriously enhance the depth and outreach of the project. Other additions to the project include a research assistant for Prof. Dwyer, and one BIEA intern who will be able to assist across the range of projects between October 2008 and February-March 2009.

Outputs from the project will include:

A half day workshop to be held at The British Academy on Thursday 20 November 2008, which will be directed at a mixed academic, policy, diplomatic and private sector audience. Initial results from the various projects will be presented, and a short briefing document handed out (for more details, please contact Emma Mawdsley).

Each project group will produce a chapter for an edited collection by January 2009. We are in discussion with a publisher at present. Dr. Faisal Devji (New School, New York) has kindly agreed to write a forward to the collection.

Thereafter, all participants are encouraged to write additional papers and other suitable outputs, noting the support of BASAS-BIEA.
Traditional Craft in Context  
Project Director: Dr. Lucy Blue, University of Southampton

The final season of the 'Traditional Craft in Context' project was conducted over a four week period between September and October 2007. The survey was completed as planned and the variety and detail of over three hundred kattumaram fishing craft over a distance of 2000 km of coastline between Palk Bay in Tamil Nadu to Paradeep in Orissa, was recorded. Four specific regional variations were identified and a thorough record of each type compiled, with detailed plans and reference photographs. A total amount of £8,060 was spent on the project against a total grant awarded of £8,910. We are most grateful to both our Indian colleagues, team members and the Society for all support provided.

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

The electronic Kangyur project funded by the SSAS and now by BASAS is nearing completion. In spite of delays during the last year, work in the text input Centre in Chengdu (China) got back on track and as of August 2008 input is almost complete. The following sections were added: Phal chen, (Skt. avatamsaka), dKon brtsegs (ramakuta), mDo sde (the complete sūtra section), and gZangs 'dus (dhārani). With these sections finished, only seven more volumes need to be entered, including the dKar chag which gives a detailed discussion of the contents of the canon and of the history of its printing in the Kingdom of Derge in Eastern Tibet.

At present, all volumes are Microsoft Word documents in Tibetan dbu can script (encoded in Unicode and marked up with customised styles) and are stored on an online worksite at the University of Virginia. Everything has also been romanised using the Wylie transliteration system and made available to a selected number of Kangyur specialists for assessment.

For the finishing phase of the project work will shift to the University of Virginia where Prof. Germano’s team will clean up the files, check milestone mark-up (page/line), metadata and special Unicode glyphs, do spot-checks and record the quality assessment of each volume. The files will then be converted to their final XML format. The result will be an electronic version of the Derge Kangyur, based on single input and in original script. Each page will be linked to a scan of the original print and an online public catalogue of the Derge Kangyur at the University of Virginia. The online catalogue is planned to go live at the beginning of 2009 and will make the material available to the scholarly world.
Udayagiri and the Establishment of the Gods
Project Director: Dr. Michael Willis, British Museum

This project is focussing on Udayagiri in central India, the only surviving site connected with the imperial Gupta dynasty (c. 320-500 CE). A monograph based on the research is in preparation and will be titled: *The Archaeology of Hindu Ritual: Temples and the Establishment of the Gods*. In the last year, a publication proposal for this book has been accepted by Cambridge University Press.
REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF THE SOCIETY’S JOURNAL

The following articles and book reviews were published in South Asian Studies 23 (2007):

Retrieving the Chalukyan Past: The Politics of Architectural Reuse in the Sixteenth-Century Deccan, Phillip B. Wagoner
Three-headed Śiva on the Reverse of Vima Kadphises’s Copper Coinage, John Perkins
Copying Ajanta: A Rediscovery of Some Nineteenth-Century Paintings, Divia Patel
The Gupta Temple at Behti: A New Find, Meera I. Dass, Michael Willis
The British Museum Stone Inscription of Mahendrapāla, Gouriswar Bhattacharya
The Dynamics of Late Prehistoric Ceramic Production and
Distribution in the Banu and Gomal Regions, NWFP, Pakistan, C.A. Petrie, J.C.
Morris, F. Khan, J.R. Knox and K.D. Thomas
Some Important Stone Images from Uttarakhand Himalaya, Rakesh Tewari
Śaiva Monastic Complexes in Twelfth-Century Rajasthan:
The Pāśupatas and Cāhamānas at Menāl, Tamara Sears
In Memory of Gods and Kings: Power, Politics and the Role of the Past in Royal
Kachhawaha Cenotaphs, Melia Belli
The Town of Diu, its Churches, Monasteries and Other Historic Features, Mehrdad
Shokoohy and Natalie H. Shokoohy
Contemporary Tribal Settlement in Bengal: A Case Study of Chowkapathara, Tarak
Nath Mazumder and Sujoy Kumar Das

Book Reviews:

Isabella Nardi, The Theory of the Citrasutras in Indian Painting: A Critical Re-
Evaluation of their Uses and Interpretations, 2006 (Parul Dave Mukherji)

Perween Hasan, Sultans and Mosques: The Early Muslim Architecture of Bangladesh,
2007 (George Michell)

Deborah Hutton, Art of the Court of Bijapur, 2006 (George Michell)

Peter Scriven and Vikramaditya Prakash (eds), Colonial Modernities: Building,
dwelling and architecture in British India and Ceylon, 2007 (Giles Tillotson)

Dr. Adam Hardy
Journal Editor
REPORT OF THE MONOGRAPHS AND OCCASIONAL PAPERS EDITOR

During the last year, the Society published Julia Shaw, *Buddhist Landscapes in Central India*; the outcome of a long-standing research project supported by the organisation.

We also published two volumes in the Occasional Papers series: *Temples in South Asia*, edited by Adam Hardy and *Religion and Art: New Issues in Indian Iconography and Iconology*, edited by Claudine Picron-Bautze.

All volumes are available through Arthur Probsthain, Great Russell Street, London and can be ordered online by following this link: [http://www.oriental-african-books.com/](http://www.oriental-african-books.com/)

Dr. Michael Willis
Monographs and Occasional Papers Editor
LECTURES, ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BASAS WORKSHOP

The Society actively supports the spread of knowledge about South Asia. To that effect we have sponsored the following lectures:

Prof. Chris Fuller “Traditional Hierarchy of Modern Technology: Engineering, Information Technology, and Caste in South Asia”

Dr. Vishvajit Pandya “Signifying Practices: The Violent Other in Placeless-Place”

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

Prof. Nicholas Sims-Williams ‘The Sasanians in the East: a Bactrian archive from Afghanistan’

Prof. Werner Sundermann ‘Zoroastrian tales in non-Zoroastrian Transmission and Transformation’

Prof. Gregory Possehl ‘Magan and Meluhha: new insights from Bat in the Sultanate of Oman’

Dr. Eleanor Sims The Ninth Toby Falk Memorial Lecture: ‘The "Cartier" Khamsa: Timurid Ancestor, Safavid and Mughal Offspring’

Dr. T. Richard Blurton ‘On the History of Bengali Orally Transmitted Narrative and the Visual Accompaniments’

Dr. Cameron Petrie ‘Perspectives on the 4th millennium BC in South West Iran’

Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur ‘Historiography of State in Pre-Mughal India and State Formation in Mewar (7th-15th Centuries AD)’

Dr. Clare Harris ‘The Tibet Album: British Photography in Tibet 1920-1950’

Dr. Laura E. Parodi ‘Princes of the House of Timur” and Early Mughal Ceremonial

Dr. Partha Mitter ‘The Triumph of Modernism: Indian Artists and the Avant-Garde 1922-1947’
Dr. Crispin Branfoot  ‘Building Sacred Space in Early Modern Tamilnadu: innovation and commemoration at Krishnapuram’

Dr. Vincent Lefevre  ‘Masterpieces from the Ganga Delta (the forthcoming exhibition on masterpieces from the Bangladesh museums at the Musée Guimet)’

Dr. Alka Hingorani  ‘All that is solid melts into... prayer”: Gods and god-makers in the Kullu valley’

The Society held its 22nd Annual Conference at the University of Leicester on 26-28 March 2008. The convenors of the Annual Conference were Dr. Prashant Kidambi (University of Leicester) and Dr. Clare Anderson (University of Warwick). The conference attracted over 100 scholars from around the world. At the conference there were 26 panels. In addition to the academic element of the conference, the Society sponsored a Presentation by London-based arts organisation Motiroti of 360°. Launched in November 2007, it is a programme of exchanges that will reveal a contemporary picture of cultural dynamics between the UK, India, and Pakistan. Sixty films, residencies and exchanges across borders, publications and a new collaboration will bring artists together to excite imaginations and progress the role that art can play in building alliances for intercultural dialogue and engagement. 60x60 Secs is the first project of the programme, offering sixty one-minute film commissions to artists from the South Asian Diaspora living in Britain, India and Pakistan.

The Society gave a prize to the best paper and presentation given by a post-graduate student at the Annual Conference. The winner of this year’s BASAS Annual Prize is Nico Slate (Harvard University) for his paper titled: ‘I am a coloured woman: Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya in the United States, 1939-1941’.

Finally, the Society has undertaken the initiative to promote high quality research on South Asia by also sponsoring an annual international workshop. This year’s workshop has been convened by Dr. Manali Desai (London School of Economics, LSE) and Dr. Lawrence Saez (School of Oriental and African Studies, SOAS) on the theme of ‘The Politics of Neo-liberalisms in India: Transformations in State and Citizenship.’

Dr. Lawrence Saez
Secretary
RECENT AWARDS MADE BY THE SOCIETY

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

Language Training grants:

- Mr. Frank Arthurs - £2,500 to study Tibetan
- Mr. William Barnes - £2,500 to study Sanskrit
- Ms. Catherine Bollinger - £1,700 to study Tibetan
- Ms. Emilie Medeiros - £1,000 study Nepali
- Ms. Maggie Morrison - £1,500 to study Sylheti
- Mr. Martin Saxer - £2,500 to study Tibetan

Flagship Projects:

- Dr. Lucy Blue: £3,285. Title project: Craft in context.
- Dr. Burkhardt Quessel: £7,250. Title project: Electronic Kangyur.

Project Seed Funding grants:

- Dr. Keith Richards - £2,900. Title project: River migration in Bengal
- Dr. Kanchana Ruwanpura - £4,000. Title project: The age of philanthropy? Post-tsunami aid flows and the micro-politics of development in Sri Lanka.

Support for Publications:

- Dr. Julia Shaw - Buddhist Landscapes in Central India: Sanchi Hill and Archaeologies of Religious and Social Change.
- Dr. Mehrdad Shokoohy and Dr. Natalie Shokoohy - Tughluqabad: A Paradigm for Indo-Islamic Urban Planning and Its Architectural Components.
THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2008

We have audited the financial statements on pages 2 to 6 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 4.

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 Council of 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 2008 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.

Thornton Springer LLP
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
67 Westow Street
London
SE19 3RW
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 March 2008

### INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources from generated funds:

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**TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES**

| | 78,238 | 20,000 | 98,238 | 89,396 |

### RESOURCES EXPENDED:

Charitable Activities:

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<td>3(a)</td>
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<td>4,443</td>
<td>43,282</td>
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<td>Publication costs</td>
<td>3(b)</td>
<td>7,084</td>
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<td>13,882</td>
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<td>2,573</td>
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**TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

| | 62,378 | 4,443 | 66,821 | 99,786 |

### NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

| | 15,860 | 15,557 | 31,417 | (10,390) |
| Total funds brought forward | 34,248 | | 34,248 | 44,638 |
| Total funds carried forward | 50,108 | | 50,108 | 65,665 |

| | | 50,108 | 15,557 | 65,665 |

The income relates to continuing activities.

The Notes on pages 21-23 form part of these accounts.
THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 2008

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**CURRENT ASSETS**

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<td>Cash at bank and in hand</td>
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<td>72,315</td>
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<td>74,395</td>
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<td>Creditors - amounts falling due within one year</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>(10,379)</td>
<td>(16,774)</td>
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**NET CURRENT ASSETS**

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**NET ASSETS**

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Financed by Capital Funds:

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<td>Restricted Fund</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>15,557</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Unrestricted Funds:</td>
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<td>General Fund</td>
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<td>19,748</td>
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<td>Designated Funds</td>
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<td>18,089</td>
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The Notes on pages 21-23 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements on pages 19 to 23 were approved on 29 September 2008
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 and included in designated funds 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 BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2008

3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

a). GRANTS PAYABLE:

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<td>Bangladesh War Babies</td>
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<td>Kashika</td>
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<td>Indology: Migration</td>
<td>583</td>
<td>1,326</td>
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<td>Traditional Craft</td>
<td>2,435</td>
<td>5,625</td>
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<td>Electronic Kangyur</td>
<td>7,250</td>
<td>14,500</td>
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<td>Kandahar</td>
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<td>7,200</td>
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<td>Monographs (2) (2006: 5)</td>
<td>8,283</td>
<td>5,971</td>
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<td>Post Graduate Research Fellowships</td>
<td></td>
<td>4,329</td>
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<tr>
<td>Conference grants (2) (2006: 3)</td>
<td></td>
<td>5,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Small grants to 6 individuals (2006: 11) for language</td>
<td>10,900</td>
<td>8,930</td>
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<tr>
<td>SA Landscape, water, religion</td>
<td></td>
<td>9,149</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cameron Petrie</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,994</td>
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<td>Governance Pakistan</td>
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<td>1,916</td>
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<td>SA Media &amp; Law</td>
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<td>Harrapan Tradition</td>
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<td>1,900</td>
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<td>Seed funding</td>
<td>9,400</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIEA Research</td>
<td>4,443</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grants refunded</td>
<td>(12)</td>
<td>(72)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>43,282</td>
<td>78,268</td>
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b). PUBLICATION COSTS

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<tr>
<td>South Asian Studies Journal</td>
<td>7,084</td>
<td>4,440</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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c). INDIRECT SUPPORT COSTS

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<td>Office and sundry expenses</td>
<td>10,340</td>
<td>11,145</td>
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<td>Bank charges and interest</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rent</td>
<td>2,938</td>
<td>3,063</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>550</td>
<td>486</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>14,794</td>
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d). GOVERNANCE COSTS

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<td>1,851</td>
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<tr>
<td>Council members’ travel expenses</td>
<td>669</td>
<td>434</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>2,285</td>
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4 FIXED ASSETS

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<th>Charge for year</th>
<th>at 31 March 2008</th>
<th>Net Book Value at 31 March 2008</th>
<th>Net Book Value at 1 April 2007</th>
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<tr>
<td>Computer and Office Equipment</td>
<td>13,227</td>
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<td>11,029</td>
<td>550</td>
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5 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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<td>Bank Accounts - interest bearing</td>
<td>72,315</td>
<td>49,237</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash in hand</td>
<td>83</td>
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| Total                                     | £72,315 | £49,320 |

6 CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)

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<td>Publication costs</td>
<td>7,500</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accruals and other creditors</td>
<td>2,879</td>
<td>9,774</td>
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| Total                                     | £10,379 | £16,774 |

7 TRUSTEES

No Trustee or their connected persons received any remuneration from the Charity in the year. Reimbursed travel etc expenses totalling £669 were paid to 7 Trustees. (2007: £434 to 8).

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The balance of £15,557 held within restricted funds has been designated for the collaborative research grant payable after the financial year end.

9 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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<th>Fund Balance c/f</th>
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<tr>
<td>Research Fellowships and other grants</td>
<td>£15,500</td>
<td>£2,589</td>
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10 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 BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

The British Association for South Asian Studies promotes and supports study and research into the humanities and social sciences of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. To this end it offers a range of research grants to applicants who are normally resident in the United Kingdom.

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**Subscription Rates 2008/09**

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Full Name ____________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________

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E-mail _______________________________________________

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