The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH

on Friday 25th November 2011

at 5:30 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 6.00 p.m.

to hear a lecture titled:

“Why South Asians Don’t Write Good Biographies, and Why They Should”
delivered by
Dr Ramachandra Guha, London School of Economics

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COUNCIL’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011

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 Association 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 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.

The Association also has sponsored 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 Association 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 Association 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,
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.

Executive Officers

The Executive Officers who served during the year ended 31st March 2011 were:

Prof. Kunal Sen  Chairman
Dr. Emma Tomalin  Treasurer
Dr. Lawrence Saez  Secretary
Prof. Adam Hardy  South Asian Studies Journal 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 Association’s projects.

Members of Council

The following served on Council during the year ended 31st March 2011:

Dr. Tina Basi (from January 2007)
Dr. Deepta Chopra (from November 2009)
Professor Robin Dennell (from November 2008 until November 2010)
Professor Gurharpal Singh (from March 2010)
Professor Barbara Harriss-White (from November 2008)
Professor Patricia Jeffery (from November 2009)
Dr. Apurba Kundu (from January 2007)
Dr. Michael Petraglia (from November 2010)
Dr. Nitya Rao (from November 2010)
Dr. Kanchana Ruwanpura (from November 2010)
Dr. Philippa Williams (from November 2010)
Mr. Arif Zaman (from November 2008)
Members of the Council constitute the Trustees of the Association 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 Association at the Annual General Meeting.

**Reserves Policy**

Council reviews regularly the Association’s activities and future commitments. It has been established that, if the annual grant to the Association were to be terminated, 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.

**Risk management**

The major risk that the Association 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 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 and the Association’s accounts are audited annually.

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 organization. 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. The Council continues to rely on the external auditor for an objective overview of the financial activities on an annual basis.

Advisers

Auditors
Thornton Springer LLP
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

67 Westow Street
Upper Norwood,
London SE19 3RW

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

The Association 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 Association throughout the year.
This past year BASAS has experienced a remarkable period of growth, both in terms of its membership and the level of the Association’s achievements. Our annual lecture, delivered by Professor Rachel Dwyer, was as informative as it was amusing. The audience learnt a great deal about the inner workings of movies about India. The audience was then treated to a wine reception hosted by the Politics of South Asia Specialist Group of the PSA. We also held a very successful annual conference at the University of Southampton. The conference convenors —Professor Ian Talbot, Dr Kanchana Ruwanpura, and Dr Stephanie Jones— did a wonderful job of highlighting the twenty-fifth anniversary of the BASAS annual conference. We screened the new BASAS promotional video which was very well received. Southampton proved to be a fantastic place to hold a conference. Moreover, it is a pleasure to see that the annual conference is attracting such a high level of participants.

This year also represents the end of a cycle of transition for the Association. It would be an understatement to say that when I took over as Secretary a few years ago, there were many structural and operational issues that needed to be addressed urgently. To use an example, BASAS had two websites and three webmasters. I knew that the merging of two academic associations —each with distinct rituals and protocols— would represent a major investment in time and effort. This was the reason why I decided to take on this role. I am very lucky to have shared this experience with Professor Kunal Sen. We have known and respected each other for many years. As BASAS Chair, Kunal has demonstrated great leadership skills, particularly as we had to conduct battle in close quarters. When he took over as Chair, we identified the major problems that we had to fix and we made a ‘blood pact’ to fix them within a three year time period. We also pledged to step down from our posts after one term in office. This three year time period has now come to an end and true to our word we have decided to step down from our respective leadership roles in the Association. Kunal and I are confident that Ian Talbot and Philippa Williams will carry on the good work as Chair and Secretary respectively.

Two key people have made significant contributions to making the Association work as effectively as it does. First of all, I want to thank Emma Tomalin for her superb job as Honorary Treasurer. BASAS is really lucky to have someone with
her pragmatism, transparency, and trustworthiness as its Treasurer. Despite government-led cuts to the British Academy and beyond, the Association’s finances are healthier than they have ever been. Another person who has been an extraordinary asset to the Association is our Assistant Secretary, Nageela Yusuf. Since she took this role, Nageela has injected the national office with enthusiasm and great ideas. Her positive responsiveness to the demands of the work, her competence, and her technical expertise have completely improved the effectiveness of the national office. Finally, I want to thank all the members of the BASAS Council, which is now a body that combines a balanced mixture of senior and junior scholars. More importantly, each Council member brings to the Association a special energy that has been instrumental to the success of BASAS. I am very proud to see what can be achieved when all members of the Council pull in the same direction. We should not forget that, at present, BASAS serves as the model for other South Asian studies associations to follow.

Dr. Lawrence Saez
Honorary Secretary
REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

In the period under review two issues of South Asian Studies were published. Volume 26.2 (September 2012) contained the following articles: Stéphanie Roy Bharath on the photographs of Linnaeus Tripe and Edmund David Lyon; Sheila Hoey Middleton on a bronze Buddha from Dhanesar Khera, India; Amita Kanekar on two temples of the Ikkeri Nayakas; Mehrdad and Natalie Shokoohy on architectural remains in Diu; Upinder Singh on the reinvention of Buddhism and Buddhist sites in modern India; and Sraman Mukerjee on the ASI centenary celebrations of 1961. Volume 27.1 (March 2011) carried articles by Luca Olivieri on archaeological finds from Bir-kot-ghwandai, Swat, Pakistan; Marika Sardar on the fort Golconda; Ashutosh Sohoni on the Maratha temple of Tasgaon, Maharashtra, India; Samra Khan and Aisha Imdad on chini-khanas (‘china alcoves’) in Peshawar havelis; and Kurupa Rajangam on the late nineteenth-century Anglo-Indian planned village of Whitefield, near Bangalore.

Prof. Adam Hardy
Editor, South Asian Studies
REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA

During this period, CSA published three of the four issues of volume 18, and issue one of volume 19. Two of the issues in volume 18 during this period were special issues. Issue number 3 (September 2010) was focused on ‘Rhetorics of Change in South Asia’, guest edited by Ben Campbell. Issue number 4 (December 2010) was focused on ‘South Asian Media in the Noughties’, guest edited by Marta Bolognani. The first issue of volume 19 was the annual BASAS conference issue, drawing on papers presented at the 24th Annual Conference, held at the University of Warwick in March 2010. The BASAS issue, guest edited by Carole Spary, was focused on ‘Contesting South Asian modernities’. The 2011 conference issue was also the first to be presented in our new purple cover design, which we have introduced in order to give the journal a more contemporary feel.

A key development during this period has been a strengthening of ties between CSA and BASAS. Membership of BASAS now includes automatic subscription to either CSA or the visual studies journal, South Asian Studies. Together CSA and SAS are now considered the ‘house journals’ of BASAS. To reflect this, some BASAS information now appears on CSA publicity, and the BASAS logo appears on the cover of the BASAS special issue of the journal each year. The President of BASAS is now an ex-officio member of the CSA Board. In addition, the editor of CSA is being co-opted onto the BASAS Council as an ex-officio member.

We held our 2010 Editorial Board meeting in Bonn at the European Conference on South Asian Studies, on 28th July 2010. During the April 2010 – March 2011 period, we welcomed the following onto the Editorial Board: Masooda Bano, Julia Hegewald, Kunal Sen and Margret Frenz. Peter Lyon and Thomas Thornton left the Board with the thanks of the whole editorial team for their contribution to the journal.
ANNUAL LECTURE AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association actively supports the spread of knowledge about South Asia. To this effect we have sponsored the following lecture:

Prof. Rachel Dwyer
'The Case of the Missing Mahatma: Gandhi and the Hindi Cinema'

The Association’s 25th Annual Conference was held at the University of Southampton on 11-13th April 2011. Convened by Professor Ian Talbot, Dr Kanchana Ruwanpura, and Dr Stephanie Jones it attracted over 150 scholars from around the world, featured 39 panels, and a keynote speech from Shireen Huq (Naripokkho, Bangladesh.)

Deborah Johnson (University of Zurich) won this year’s BASAS Annual Prize with her essay on “A Divided Church in a Divided Polity; the Brokerage of a Struggling Institution in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka”. The Annual Prize is a long standing feature of the Association’s conference and is awarded to the best paper and presentation given by a post-graduate student.

Dr. Lawrence Saez
Honorary Secretary
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership/renewal comparison between 2010 and 2011

Income generated from membership fees continues to grow and this year’s membership is up by 57, from last year’s 160. There have been substantial increases in both the academic and early career researcher member groups.

Membership type by profession

- Independent category includes retired academics, independent researchers, those engaged in policy making, and those interested in South Asian art, history, and culture

- Graduate and Early Career researchers (GEC) category includes post graduates and early career scholars i.e those who finished their PhDs less than 3 years ago

- Academic category includes lecturers, readers, and professors
NEWS FROM SOME RECENT LANGUAGE TRAINING GRANT RECIPIENTS

Since 2005 the association has awarded a total of 45 language training grants amounting to £62,431.

Our members have received language training far and wide and have travelled to: Sarnath, Darjeeling, Mysore, Trivandrum, Bhopla, Orissa, Nepal, Tibet, Islamabad, Dhaka, Colombo, Pune, Thimphu, and New Delhi.

The Association has awarded £77,791 in post graduate research fellowships

Pragya Dhital (SOAS)

I am doing a PhD in politics at SOAS, which looks at north Indian print media, with a special focus on the Urdu newspaper business. My research involves content analysis, interviews and ethnography, and therefore requires strong language skills.

With the scholarship I received from BASAS, I studied Urdu with Dr Arjumand Ara in Delhi, and Dr Timsal Masud and Azhar Masud in Lucknow. All three teachers have excellent command of Urdu and English, and an interest in language and translation. Dr Ara is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Urdu, Delhi University, who has done translation work with Ralph Russell and for William Dalrymple and Mushirul Hasan. Dr Masud wrote his PhD thesis on translations of Persian short stories, used to teach Urdu at the American Institute of Indian Studies in Lucknow, and now works on his own translations and writing. Azhar Masud worked at the Urdu Academy in Lucknow for a number of years before his retirement, and has written articles on Urdu language and literature for newspapers and periodicals. Because my instructors in Delhi and Lucknow were familiar with the Urdu literary scene in those cities, I was able to attend poetry readings and literary events and introduced to Urdu writers and journalists.
Classes were conducted in Urdu and structured around the requirements of my research: to read newspapers, talk about their contents and do interviews. My teacher and I would select relevant literature to read together and discuss; usually newspaper articles, but some literary material was included in order to develop a range of vocabulary. I also sat in on the early morning certificate level classes taught by Dr Imtiaz Ahmed at Delhi University. These classes helped improve my reading speed and familiarize me with the poetic diction and imagery that sometimes appear in newspaper editorials, as they involved reading literary texts alongside Urdu speakers who had recently learnt nastaliq script. By the end of the training I could read newspapers, understand news broadcasts, conduct interviews and participate in political discussions.

Alastair Gornall (University of Cambridge)

Thanks to the language training grant of £1224 awarded by BASAS I was able to travel to Pune, India to study traditional Pali grammar with Prof. Mahesh Deokar.

The language training I received was essential for carrying out my PhD research. My research broadly entails understanding the interaction between Buddhism and the production of Pali grammars in 12th century Sri Lanka. I seek to understand why many Pali grammars were produced during this period and how the authors of these grammars sought to shape the religious and literary identities of the Sri Lankan monastic communities. For this project, it was essential to be able to learn the
traditional methods and terminology of the Pali grammatical texts so that I can read
the grammars for my PhD research. I studied for a total of 22 hours with Prof. Deokar
and obtained a thorough working knowledge of traditional Pali grammar and its
methods. The University of Pune is unique in offering courses on traditional Pali
grammar and Prof. Mahesh Deokar is one of the only experts in the field. Alongside
taking lessons from Prof. Deokar, I also worked with his PhD student, Ritesh Ojhwal, on
various Pali grammatical texts.

Early on in my stay in Pune, it soon became apparent that I would also need to have a
background in traditional Sanskrit grammar to be able to work with the Pali texts.
Therefore, I took tuition in traditional Sanskrit grammar for three mornings every week
from Dr. P.S. Joshi, a retired grammarian living in Pune. My study of Sanskrit with Dr.
Joshi supplemented my study of Pali with Prof. Deokar and allowed me to make
greater progress in my Pali studies than would have otherwise been possible. The
result of this language training is that I am now able to work more effectively with the
Pali grammatical literature I am required to read for my research. In addition, I have
brought back to the UK knowledge of traditional Pali grammatical methods, methods
which are the basis for the traditional grammars of the vernaculars of Sri Lanka and
South East Asia.

As an indirect by-product of the language training I received, I also managed to acquire
knowledge of the local language, Marathi. As part of my casual learning of the
language I have almost completed an initial translation of a Marathi grammar of
Sanskrit written by my Sanskrit teacher, Dr. P.S. Joshi. I translated this grammar
alongside Prof. Deokar’s PhD student, Ritesh Ojhwal. It is hoped that we will publish
the grammar with Ehipassiko Publications in Pune sometime next year.

Concerning my accommodation and means of living in Pune, my host family provided
almost everything for me. I received full board as part of my rent and therefore did not
have to worry about food expenses. The family also took care of my travel expenses
and made living in Pune very easy and a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Irene Martin Alvarez (University of Manchester)

I visited Asia for the first time to study Tibetan language in Nepal. There, in the
Kathmandu valley and in the city of the same name there is a special place called
Bouddha. This is one of the neighbourhoods where Tibetans are, if not the majority, at
the least a very high percent of the population. Bouddha is full of Buddhist
monasteries and Tibetans have made it their adopted home. Everything is the town
turns around Buddhism, even their commerce, and of course the stupa Bouddha Nath
in constant coras (circumambulation around the stupas) takes a special place where all day monks, nuns and lay practitioners- Tibetan or any other nationality- show their devotion.

I studied at the Rangjung Yeshe Institute. They are connected to the University of Kathmandu. They not only offer summer courses like Sanskrit and Nepali but other ones during the year as well. I enrolled in 2010 in Tibetan Beginners from 14th of June until the 14th of August. The programme is run by Americans, at the monastery and the classes were taught between a Tibetan and, in my case, an American teacher. Both made an amazing combination.

I learned colloquial Tibetan and also how to read Tibetan. We had grammar classes, “drill” sessions (very useful and difficult at the same time) and one to one conversation and exercises with a Tibetan partner. The programme includes the lunch, very healthy always at the open terrace canteen that also offered amazing cakes and drinks and also some trips around and in the city of Kathmandu (Bhaktapur, Patan, Swayambhunath stupa). The programme also offers the possibility of staying with a Tibetan family.

I lived for the two months with a Tibetan family. I had breakfast and dinner with them. I love some of the food they prepare. That was a great opportunity to get completely in touch with their reality, their culture and religious experience. For me any incursion outside the Bouddha doors was an adventure. Kathmandu city is beautifully chaotic where cars, cows, dogs, people and motorcycles share its streets. During the reading week or the weekends you can also go to a monastery. I went with some friends to Namo Bouddha monastery. All these experiences made my summer in Nepal an
unforgettable one.

RECENT AWARDS MADE BY THE SOCIETY

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

Language Training grants:

- Ms. Eva Luksaite was awarded £2,350 to study Hindi in India
- Ms. Eleanor Tighe was awarded £1,757 to study Kannada in India

South Asia Workshop grant:

- Dr. Srila Roy and Dr Stephen Legg were awarded £2,078 to organise a workshop on “Sexuality and South Asia: New Directions” at the British Academy
WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

As Professor Frank Conlon, one of our long standing members, said in a recent interview; some of the greatest names in South Asian studies are involved in BASAS. Indeed these figures have been instrumental in developing South Asian studies as a serious area of research through their teaching programmes, research work, and supervision at various universities in the UK and beyond.

In particular we would like to thank Professors Graham Chapman, Barbara Harris-White, and Patricia Jeffery – who, despite retiring from their posts - for their respective contributions to the creation of such a thriving academic community. Despite retiring as lecturers each continues to work on important and exciting research projects.

Graham joined Lancaster University in 1994 - having spent many years as a Professor at the School of Oriental and African Studies; a Lecturer at the University of Cambridge; and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Chicago - and went on to become the Head of the Geography Department there shortly after joining. As a former Chair of BASAS he charted the Association, with determination and energy, through some choppy waters when membership growth was slow, and conferences did not have the same level of attendance as today. Graham is now a Visiting Professor at The Open University.

Barbara joined the University of Oxford in 1987 and during her time there has been the founder-director of the M. Phil in Development Studies, the director of Queen Elizabeth House and currently directs Oxford's Contemporary South Asian Studies Programme having established the new MSc in Contemporary India in the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies. A political-economist and field-economist, Barbara is now working on the politics of renewable energy and also holds a Professorial Research Associate position at The School of Oriental and African Studies.
Patricia joined the University of Edinburgh in 1973, working with colleagues she was instrumental in setting up the Centre for South Asian Studies in 1988, as well as in establishing a series of Gender-related undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the 1980s and 1990s. As Professor of Sociology in the School of Social and Political Science this year Patricia has also convened the new MSc programme in South Asia and International Development. With a primary focus on Gender and Development Patricia is currently involved in projects funded by DFID/ESRC and AHRC/ESRC and the British Academy/Leverhulme Trust.

Our deepest gratitude to the trio and keep up the good work!
THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 March 2011

Registered Charity No 264591
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2011

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 2011 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
THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2011

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<td>Total funds brought forward</td>
<td>31,637</td>
<td>665</td>
<td>12,096</td>
<td>44,398</td>
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<td>Total funds carried forward</td>
<td>£69,743</td>
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<td>£72,493</td>
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### THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

#### BALANCE SHEET

**as at 31 March 2011**

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<th>Notes</th>
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<td>Tangible Assets</td>
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<td>Prepayment</td>
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<td>Cash at bank and in hand</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>73,689</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>
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<td><strong>NET CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
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**Financed by Capital Funds:**

- **Restricted Fund**
  - 8
  - 0
  - 665

- **Unrestricted Funds:**
  - **General Fund**
    - 69,743
    - 34,235
  - **Designated Funds**
    - 2,750
    - 9,498

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The financial statements on pages 2 to 6 were approved on

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Members of the Council of Management
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 2011

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.
### 3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

#### a). GRANTS PAYABLE:

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<tr>
<td>Project seed funding grant -Dr Michael Collyer</td>
<td>2,600</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Project seed funding grant -Michael Willis</td>
<td>(415)</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mawdsley/McCann book</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Language training grants (3) (2010:2)</td>
<td>7,996</td>
<td>2,624</td>
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<td>Staff Project: ‘Identity Politics and Democracy in Pakistan.’</td>
<td>(283)</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Post Doctoral grant</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>31,000</td>
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<td>Flagship project ‘Subalterns. Religion and Migration within and beyond India, 1810-1865.’</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>9,000</td>
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<td>Flagship Project: ‘A Multi-disciplinary approach to the New Security Agenda in Northeast South Asia.’</td>
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<td>6,000</td>
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<td>Project Seed Funding: &quot;Songs of Porong: A Cultural Knowledge Exchange Project&quot;</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3,803</td>
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<td>SARIT (search and retrieval of Indic texts) project</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,499</td>
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<td>Conference on: &quot;Sexuality and South Asia: New directions&quot;</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,078</td>
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<td>Indology website</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>Staff project grant</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>9,336</td>
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<td>Conference Bursaries</td>
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<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Indian Ocean Project</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£11,398</strong></td>
<td><strong>£80,590</strong></td>
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#### b). PUBLICATION COSTS

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<td>South Asian Studies Journal</td>
<td><strong>£915</strong></td>
<td><strong>£(5,000)</strong></td>
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#### c). INDIRECT SUPPORT COSTS

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<td>Assistant Secretary</td>
<td>8,282</td>
<td>6,005</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>2,953</td>
<td>3,131</td>
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<td>Website expenses</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>517</td>
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<td>Postage &amp; stationery</td>
<td>2,239</td>
<td>1,549</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accountancy</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(500)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Legal fees</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>828</td>
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<tr>
<td>Couriers</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>266</td>
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<td>AGM &amp; meeting expenses</td>
<td>631</td>
<td>428</td>
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<td>Telephone &amp; internet</td>
<td>622</td>
<td>542</td>
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<td>Paypal fees</td>
<td>1069</td>
<td>653</td>
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<td>Bank charges and interest</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>65</td>
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<td>Subscription</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>402</td>
<td>535</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£16,388</strong></td>
<td><strong>£14,019</strong></td>
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#### d). GOVERNANCE COSTS

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<td>2,375</td>
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<td>Council members’ travel expenses</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£2,743</strong></td>
<td><strong>£4,174</strong></td>
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4 FIXED ASSETS

**Cost at 1 April 2010**

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<td><strong>Depreciation at 1 April 2010</strong></td>
<td>12,526</td>
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<td>Charge for year</td>
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<td><strong>at 31 March 2011</strong></td>
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**Net Book Value at 31 March 2011**

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<td><strong>Net Book Value at 1 April 2010</strong></td>
<td>£1,606</td>
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5 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

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<td>Bank Accounts - interest bearing</td>
<td>49,418</td>
<td>48,893</td>
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<td>Paypal</td>
<td>5,289</td>
<td>24,796</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>£54,707</td>
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6 CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)

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<td>Accruals and other creditors</td>
<td>£13,065</td>
<td>£2,400</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 £368 were paid to 5 Trustees. (2010: £1,558 to 11).

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

There were no restricted funds at 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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<td>Research Fellowships and other</td>
<td>£12,096</td>
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<td>grants</td>
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<td>£(9,346)</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.
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.

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APPLICATION FORM

All fields must be completed in order for your registration to be valid.

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