



Central University of Punjab Bathinda
**Department of South and Central Asian Studies (Incl.
Historical Studies)**



Two Days National Seminar, March, 15-16, 2018

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India in South Asia: Changing Perspectives in the 21st Century

Concept Note

Impressive economic growth has turned India into an important player in international political system in the 21st century. Its changed profile has started influencing the course of politics at the regional as well as global level. Being substantially a huge country in terms of geography, natural resources, economy and population, it has become a decisive factor in shaping South Asian identity in global politics. The rise of India along with other developing countries has the potential to reshuffle the existing international order. India along with other emerging economies is raising concerns regarding the interests of developing countries such as climate change, agricultural subsidy issue in World Trade Negotiations along with other alarming concerns such as environmental issues, terrorism, human and drug trafficking, weapons of mass destructing etc. generally associated with recent developments in science and technology before the international fora. The response of states to these developments can be seen in the process of internal and external adjustment in all spheres-social, cultural, economic and political. The dimension of external adjustment is manifested in the process of regional associations such as SAARC. India as well as some other developing nations have started claiming their position in the international political structure. The rising India will have multifaceted effects in the global politics particularly in the South Asian Politics. As a responsible player India is cooperating with other rising powers in the newly created institutional mechanisms such as BRICS, IBSA, New Development Bank etc. to create due space for them in the world politics. All this has given rise to a general apprehension worldwide that the new dispersion of power in international politics may lead to competition, conflict and tension between and among nation states. Apart from this there are various issues existing in the region obstructing in building benevolent and cooperative political environment in the region.

All these complex and emerging trends necessitate discussion on a whole lot of issues both at the domestic and regional fronts. The seminar is conceived as a platform to discuss these issues among eminent scholars and practitioners in the concerned fields.

Sub-themes: The below-mentioned sub-themes are subject to change depending on the receipt of abstracts.

- 1- South Asia: Reflections from History
- 2- Socio-cultural mooring in South Asia: Continuity and Change
- 3- South Asia: Emerging trends in Politics
- 4- Political Economy at the Crossroads
- 5- Politics of Ecology, Science & Technology in South Asia

- 6- Changing Trends in Global Politics: India in South Asia
- 7- Conflict Resolution in South Asia: Role of International Law

Guidelines for Abstract and Paper Submission

1. Abstract should be written in 200 – 300 words with clearly mentioned keywords.
2. Paper should be written in English and not published elsewhere in any form.
3. Paper should be written within 4000-5000 words.
4. Paper should use end note, references in alphabetical order at the end of the paper followed by APA style.
5. Paper should be written in MS Word; Line Space: 1.5; Size: 12; Font: Times New Roman.
6. The contributor/s should mention their name/s and affiliation etc.
7. Abstract and full paper should be sent in the following e-mail id: E-mail ID: **nationalseminar2018cupb@gmail.com**

Central University of Punjab

Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (CUPB) was established in 2009 along with 12 other Central Universities by the Act of Parliament (No. 25, 2009). The University has a mission of providing wide range of institutional and research facilities across integrated and cross-disciplines, promote innovation in teaching, learning and research and cross-pollinate new ideas, new technology and new world- views. Currently CUPB has 19 departments over 9 schools in areas comprising Social Science, Law, Humanities, Education, Science and Technology. The University has been accredited with 'A' grade by NAAC on various research parameters.

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The evolving connotation of South and Central Asian region as a 'transformation driver' has irresistibly driven not only the great powers to reconsider their strategic and economic priorities, but also a major realm of academia to review the previous drift of learning. Such a challenging task has been undertaken by CUPB in the form of a specialized Centre for South and Central Asian Studies. The centre being the founding pillar among the four centres under School of Global Relations is unique and innovative in its focus and is committed to cutting edge research. The centre seeks to promote, conduct and disseminate interdisciplinary studies in the key areas of South and Central Asian history and Archaeology, Culture and society, polity, economy, geopolitics, and the environment. The historical and contemporary connections between the two regions alongside multiple forms of exchange among them always attract scholars to explore the region. With a firm emphasis on research based learning and knowledge creation, the centre brings all aspects relating to the region under the academic purview. The centre is in the process of expansion with the experienced four faculties having a commendable publication record and research experience. Over the years, the centre has received four research grants of 20 lakh rupees. The Centre is devoted to promoting and strengthening inter-regional and intra-regional ties among South and Central Asian region.

Indian Council of Social Science Research

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) is a council in India which promotes research in the field of social sciences. It was established in 1969 as an autonomous body under Government of India with their office in New Delhi. In the same year it started a division called National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC), whose primary aim is to provide library and information support services. The organization supports a network of 29 research institutes, of which 24 are directly funded by ICSSR and 5 are recognized by ICSSR.

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Registration Fee

Faculty and business practitioners (Paper presenter): 500 INR

Student/Research Scholars (Paper presenter): 300 INR

Participants: 100 INR

The Seminar organising committee will not provide travel allowance and accommodations. The paper presenters and participants have to manage their own.

Important Dates:

Extended last date of abstract submission: 19 February, 2018

Last date of abstract submission: 12 February, 2018

Notification for acceptance of Abstract: 16 February, 2018

Submission of full Paper: 09 March, 2018

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