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## THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

REPORT WITH SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS TO FOLLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

**31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2015**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association  
will be held at room PK 1.23, Park Building, University of Portsmouth

King Henry 1 Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2DZ, UK  
on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**at 4:30 p.m.**

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

# THE COUNCIL 2014/2015

## CHAIR

PROFESSOR IAN TALBOT (until Nov. 2014)  
PROFESSOR PATRICIA JEFFERY (from Dec. 2014)

## TREASURER

DR. KANCHANA RUWANPURA

## SECRETARY

DR. PHILIPPA WILLIAMS

## SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES JOURNAL EDITOR

PROFESSOR ADAM HARDY

## CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA JOURNAL EDITOR

DR. JOHN ZAVOS

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DR. DEEPTA CHOPRA (GEC) (until November 2014)  
DR. ROHINI CHATURVEDI (GEC) (until November 2014)  
DR. MEENA DHANDA (until November 2014)  
DR. ELISABETH LEAKE  
PROFESSOR NITYA RAO  
DR. RAJESH VENUGOPAL

# COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

## Significant information

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

BASAS is one of the world's leading learned societies for the study of South Asia. It 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 Association expanded its remit from 1979, becoming The Society for South Asian Studies. On 1 October 2007 the Society merged with The British Association for South Asian Studies. The new organisation combines the grant-giving and overseas research project roles of The Society for South Asian Studies with the representative and advocacy roles of The British Association for South Asian Studies. The aim of the new merged Association is to advance, encourage, support and undertake the study and research of the geography, economics, politics, history, antiquities, archaeology, sociology, ethnography, languages, literature, art, culture, customs, and inter-disciplinary study of the countries and people of South Asia.

The Association has also 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.

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

## Organisation and Structure

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

### Executive Officers

The Executive Officers who served during the year ended 31st March 2015 were:

Prof. Ian Talbot	Chairman (until Nov. 2014)
Prof. Patricia Jeffery	Chairman (from Nov. 2014)
Dr. Kanchana Ruwanpura	Treasurer (from Mar. 2013)
Dr. Philippa Williams	Secretary (from Nov. 2011 – until Apr. 2015)

The ex officio officers who served during the year ended 31st March 2015 were:

Prof. Adam Hardy	<i>South Asian Studies</i> Journal Editor
Dr. John Zavos	<i>Contemporary South Asia</i> 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 2015:

- Dr. Rohini Chaturvedi (from Nov. 2011- until Nov. 2014, GEC representative\*)
- Dr. Deepta Chopra (from Nov. 2009- until Nov. 2014, GEC representative)
- Dr. Meena Dhanda (from Nov. 2011- until Nov. 2014)
- Prof. Patricia Jeffery (from Nov. 2009, as Chair from Nov. 2014)
- Dr. Apurba Kundu (from Jan. 2011- until Jan. 2014)
- Dr. Elisabeth Leake (from Jan. 2014)
- Prof. Nitya Rao (from Nov. 2010)
- Dr. Kanchana Ruwanpura (from Nov. 2010, as Treasurer from Mar. 2013)
- Dr. Edward Simpson (from Nov. 2011)
- Dr. Rajesh Venugopal (from Nov. 2013)

Dr. John Zavos (Contemporary South Asia Editor)  
Prof. Adam Hardy (South Asian Studies Editor)  
Prof. Sarah Ansari (as conference convener 2014)

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

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

The Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and respective Editors are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting under Rules 15 and 16 of the 2007 Rules.

Members of the Council are elected in terms of Rules 15 and 16, with vacancies being filled by vote upon nominations.

### **Reserves Policy**

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

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

## **Risk management**

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

The Association faces another risk in common with many smaller charities where the week-to-week financial activities of the Association are dealt with by the Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary alone. With no staff, it is not possible to expect the level of internal financial controls, particularly the division of duties, to match those that would be expected within a larger organisation. However in recognition of this risk, the Council has determined that all payments from the Association's bank account of over £1,000.00 should bear the signatures of two Council Members.

## **Bankers**

Bankers:

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

## **Accounting Matters**

Accounts independently examined by Professor Ned Bertz (Associate Professor) and professionally certified accountant at the University of Hawaii:  
<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/history/people/ned-bertz>

The Association would like to express its gratitude to The British Academy and its staff for the continued support on the ECAF programme activities of the Association during the financial year.

## REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2014

In a move to streamline the Association's business we are aligning the reporting year with the Annual Conference, this 'Annual Report' therefore represents an interim report of the Association's activities since November 2014. During this time we have said farewell to a number of Council members who have played a significant role within the Association in recent years. Professor Ian Talbot stepped down as Chair following a successful term in office during which he carefully steered the Association through changing financial times. Dr Deepta Chopra retired from the Council after 5 years. She was instrumental in setting up the Graduate and Early Career (GEC) network and subsequently leading a number of GEC initiatives including GEC focused panels at our Annual Conferences. Dr Rohini Chatuverdi joined the Council as a second GEC council member in 2011 and stepped down in November 2014 to pursue new adventures in New Delhi. Finally, Dr Meena Dhanda leaves the Council after a productive term during which she played an important role in drafting the new 'Equality, Diversity and Dignity' policy for the Association. We are grateful to all retiring Council members for their energy and commitment to BASAS over the years.

In the meantime we have welcomed a new Chair, Professor Patricia Jeffery and a new Graduate and Early Career (GEC) representative to the Council, Dr Luke Heslop. Patricia has been involved with BASAS since its early days and attended her first conference at SOAS in 1981. Since then she has convened a number of conference panels, presented a conference plenary and papers and participated as a member of the council since 2008. It is a pleasure to welcome such an experienced member of the Association into the role of Chair. Luke recently completed his doctorate in Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh and is already involved in expanding the GEC networks and hosting GEC panels at the forthcoming Annual Conference. Further Council elections are scheduled for June 2015 when we look forward to building the Council representation in strategic areas.

In November 2014 BASAS held its Annual Lecture, this was aptly delivered by the incoming Chair, Professor Patricia Jeffery and titled "Only connect ..." Interdisciplinarity, South Asian Studies and Gender. The Annual Lecture was kindly hosted by Professor Michael Hutt and the SOAS South Asia Institute and proved to be a very stimulating evening. It is with some sadness that Council have decided to move the Annual Lecture to coincide with the Annual




Conference for reasons of cost. We recognise the popularity of the Annual Lecture and the important role it served in bringing the BASAS community together outside of the Annual Conference and are exploring alternative more sustainable ways of doing this.

As I write, we are looking forward to the 28th Annual Conference at the University of Portsmouth, hosted by Dr Tamsin Bradley and her team. This conference offers an excellent opportunity to build relations between BASAS and Portsmouth where there is a small but growing group of committed researchers working on a variety of issues across the region including; education, fertility, migration and gender based violence. The conference is supported by the Centre for European and International Studies Research and will also provide a great opportunity for the institution and centre to show case its researchers working within South Asian Area Studies. The conference theme is The Securitisation of South Asia with a keynote address by Professor Johnathan Spencer, University of Edinburgh on 'Securitisation and its Discontents: The End of Sri Lanka's Long Postwar?'

With the ongoing support of the British Academy in association with the European Consortium for Asian Field Study (ECAF) BASAS was pleased to offer research fellowships once again this year. The level and number of applications was high and 3 awards were made to Dr Deborah Sutton, University of Lancaster and Dr Simona Vittorini, SOAS who will be based in New Delhi and Dr Emma Dawson-Varughese, Leeds Beckett who heads to Pune. We are delighted to say that the scheme will continue for 2015-2016, with opportunities for fellowships in New Delhi, Pondicherry, Kathmandu and Pune and the application round due to open in September 2015.

This is my last report as Secretary. A period of imminent parental leave marks a suitable juncture for me to step down from the role. It has been a huge pleasure and a privilege to work as Secretary over the past four and a half years with colleagues at BASAS and amongst the Association more widely. During this period we have moved from our office at Stephenson Way, London to a more cost effective virtual arrangement, have continued to develop the website, hosted four conferences and annual lectures, overseen 4 rounds of the BA-ECAF fellowships, and more recently launched our 'Equality, Diversity and Dignity' policy. This document represents an opportunity to codify and protect the values long held by BASAS and its members concerning the Association's inclusive



community. It was the Association's warm and welcoming atmosphere that I first experienced as a PhD student at the Annual Conference in Leicester that attracted me to return. And, it is this collegial atmosphere that spans generations of scholars and researchers, which I have been particularly eager to see continued.

My work as Secretary would not have been possible without the close support of a few key people, in particular Professor Ian Talbot, Dr Kanchana Ruwanpura, and more recently Professor Patricia Jeffery. As ever, our Assistant Secretary, Nageela Yusuf has been an invaluable member of the BASAS team in conducting the daily business of the Association and offering a crucial point of continuity in supporting Council members in a huge variety of ways. We are grateful to Professor Nitya Rao who will act as Secretary until the post can be filled later in the year. Finally, my heartfelt thanks to all members of the BASAS Council. The Council involves early career and more established scholars from institutions across the UK, representing a range of academic disciplines including Philosophy, International Development, History, South Asian Studies and Geography. The enthusiasm, care and generosity that everyone contributes to the governance and management of the Association is crucial to the ongoing vitality of BASAS today.

Dr. Philippa Williams  
Honorary Secretary

## SUMMARY OF PUBLICATIONS IN SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

South Asian Studies 30.2 ( September 2014) was a special issue focusing on 'Politics, Ritual and Religion', and featured the following articles:

- The Dhanesar Kherā Buddha in the British Museum and the 'Politische Strukturen' of the Gupta Kingdom in India  
Michael Willis
- Nandivardhana and Nagardhan: Preliminary Analysis of the Surface Evidence from Nagardhan and Hamlapuri in the Eastern Vākāṭaka Territory near Rāmṭek, Maharashtra  
Harriet Lacey
- Invoking the Powers that Be: The Śivadharmā's Mahāśānti Mantra  
Peter Bisschop
- Seeking the 'Lord with a Club': Locating Lakulīśa in the Early History of Pāśupata Śaivism (sixth to ninth century CE)  
Elizabeth A. Cecil
- We do not fully understand the learned poet's intention in not composing a twentieth canto': Addiction as a Structuring Theme in the Raghuvamśa  
Csaba Dezső
- A New Piece of the Early Rāṣṭrakūṭa Puzzle from Jamkhed  
Dániel Balogh
- Pawāyā: An Early Terraced Brick Temple  
Laxshmi Greaves
- Spoiled for Choice? The Sacred Landscapes of Ancient and Early Medieval Banavasi  
Uthara Suvrathan
- Floods, Taxes, and a Stone Cow: A Jain Apocalyptic Account of the Gupta Period  
Paul Dundas
- Changing Religious Landscapes in Gupta Times: Archaeological Evidence from the Area of Baḍoh-Paṭhāri in Central India  
Anne Casile
- Married Monks: Buddhist Ideals and Practice in Kroraina  
Sam van Schaik

*South Asian Studies*

## SUMMARY OF PUBLICATIONS IN CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA

Contemporary South Asia 22.4 featured the following articles:

- From Guru Gama to Punci Italia: changing dreams of Sri Lankan transnational youth  
Bernardo E. Brown
- Celebrate at home: post-millennial Indian fiction in English and the reception of 'Bharati Fantasy' in global and domestic literary markets  
E. Dawson Varughese
- Reading Malir Cantonment in Karachi, Pakistan: some notes on residential barracks and spatial dynamics  
Muhammad Ali Nasir
- Social support at a Sufi lodge in Punjab, Pakistan  
Uzma Rehman & Peter Lund-Thomsen
- Women's 'double day' in middle-class homes in small-town India  
Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt & Pallabi Sil
- Regulating international labour migration: issues in the context of recruitment agencies in India  
Ellina Samantroy

Contemporary South Asia 22.3 featured the following articles:

- Faction-building in Pakistan: Sir Francis Mudie and Punjab politics, 1947–1949  
Ilyas Chattha
- Transimperial connections: East African Goan perspectives on 'Goa 1961'  
Margret Frenz
- Exploring the 'Other': inter-faith marriages in Jodhaa Akbar and beyond  
Meraj Ahmed Mubarki
- Multidimensional poverty approach and development of poverty indicators: the case of Bangladesh  
Tamgid Ahmed Chowdhury & Pundarik Mukhopadhaya
- International aid and cyclone shelters in Bangladesh: adaptation or maladaptation?  
Subas P. Dhakal & Muhammad N. Mahmood

Contemporary South Asia 22.2 was a special issue focusing on 'Innovation: Transformation Hierarchies in South Asia', and featuring the following articles:

- Innovation: transforming hierarchies in South Asia  
Minna Säävälä & Sirpa Tenhunen
- Katibs and computers: innovation and ideology in the Urdu newspaper revival  
Mark Allen Peterson
- Microcredit and building social capital in rural Bangladesh – drawing the uneasy link  
Mohammad Jasim Uddin
- Mobile telephony, mediation, and gender in rural India  
Sirpa Tenhunen
- Supply-and-demand demographics: dowry, daughter aversion and marriage markets in contemporary north India  
Patricia Jeffery
- Domestic violence made public: a case study of the use of alternative dispute resolution among underprivileged women in Bangladesh  
Laila Ashrafun & Minna Säävälä

### Annual Lecture

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


“Only connect ...” Interdisciplinarity, South Asian Studies and Gender  
delivered by Professor Patricia Jeffery, University of Edinburgh

This fascinating talk offered both a biography of Professor Jeffery’s rich and varied career conducting research primarily in north India and Pakistan and predominantly around gender issues, and an insight into the shifting and intersecting arenas of gender studies and South Asian Studies over recent decades. The title, borrowed from E.M. Forster’s epigraph in his novel *Howard’s End*, aptly captures Professor Jeffery’s academic endeavours over the years. Professor Jeffery embarked on her academic career as a sociologist in the 1970s when getting married meant she was no longer entitled to her ESRC grant and feminists were roundly vilified in the media. In this context she was determined not to let her study on women in Pakistan be consigned to Women’s Studies and subsequently dis-embedded from South Asia’s broader cultural political economy. And, vice versa, as Jeffery explained, she was one of a number of emergent scholars for whom it was paramount that gender issues be taken seriously and the intersectionality of gender, caste, class, ethnicity and religious allegiance be centrally recognised in South Asian studies. The talk shared important and candid insights about how these scholarly challenges were encountered and negotiated through her teaching and research on gender politics and reproductive health in particular, as well as on communal politics and madrasah education in South Asia.

#### Speaker biography

Patricia Jeffery has been Professor of Sociology at the University of Edinburgh since 1996. Since 1982, she has focused on gender politics, childbearing, social demography, education, and communal politics in rural north India.

Her publications include ‘Migrants and Refugees: Muslim and Christian Pakistani Families in Bristol’ and ‘Frogs in a Well: Indian Women in Purdah’, (as first author) ‘Labour Pains and Labour Power: Women and Childbearing in India’,



'Don't Marry me to a Plowman! Women's Everyday Lives in Rural North India', 'Confronting Saffron Demography: Religion, fertility and women's status in India' and (as co-editor) 'Appropriating Gender: Women's Activism, Politicized Religion and the State in South Asia' and 'Educational Regimes in Contemporary India', as well as numerous articles. In 2009-2010 she held a British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship and Leverhulme Research Fellowship. She co-investigator with Ed Simpson of SOAS on the ESRC funded project on Rural Change and anthropological Knowledge in post-colonial India: A comparative 'restudy' of F. G. Bailey, Adrian C. Mayer and David F. Pocock. She has been a member of the Joint Committee on South Asia of the Social Science Research Council (New York)/American Council of Learned Societies, of the British Academy South Asia Panel and she is currently a member of the Council of the British Association for South Asian Studies.

A podcast of this annual lecture will be available on our website.

Dr. Philippa Williams  
Honorary Secretary

## NEWS FROM RECENT FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Since 2011 BASAS has been administering the British Academy-BASAS ECAF Visiting Fellowships which support the research visit of a UK based academic to an ECAF operated field centre in South Asia.

ECAF field centres based in South Asia:

- Delhi, India
- Kathmandu, Nepal
- Pondicherry, India
- Pune, India

The maximum value of a fellowship is £5, 000 and the purpose of the initiative is to advance the scholar's personal research, build his/her wider network, and enable him/her to contribute to the academic life of the centre. Below, some of our recent fellowship recipients share their experiences with us.

### ECAF reports

#### **Dr. Gerard McCann, Lecturer in Modern History, University of York**

The research trip was spent entirely in two archival repositories in New Delhi, the National Archives of India (NAI) and the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) - around two thirds of the time in the former and the remainder in the latter. Productivity was conditional on the usual challenges of archival work in New Delhi – that certain document requests, from the NAI especially, are '*Not Transferred*' from storage for a variety of reasons.

Having checked all references were correct and sometimes requested a single document 5 or 6 times, I ended up being able to view 84 documents out of a requested 270 in NAI and almost all of the 25 or so requested in NMML over the period of my trip. This was a little disappointing, although there was nothing more I could have done to improve matters in this regard. Moreover, the inability to digitally reproduce documents in both archives (as expected) limited the amount of data that could be gathered. However, those documents that I did get to see (and, given the lack of digital cameras, read properly!) were highly useful and interesting. I'm generally happy with what I was able to achieve in this timeframe – from perusing Nehru's personal handwritten notebook from the 1955 Bandung conference, to discovering a series of Afro-Asian literary magazines from the 1960s and, most crucially, seeing a wealth of correspondence from the Indian Ministry of External Affairs Africa Division from the 1940s-60s.





The research proceeded exactly as planned in terms of topic, if not copiousness of document. Around a quarter of the files seen pertained to the 1937 Zanzibar clove boycott, a major battleground of Indian imperial, diasporic and nationalist opinion on Indian legitimacy and African paramountcy in East Africa.

Perhaps half the total number of files viewed comprised correspondence between Indian High Commissioners in East Africa and the MEA from the late 1940s-60s on such topics as the precarious place of East African Asian communities in Africanizing societies; the proliferation of official Indian scholarships to African students; post-Partition communalist fallout in Kenya and Uganda; the fate of Indians in Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi; and more quotidian matters about the running of the Indian HC in Nairobi. I also found some interesting correspondence on India's organizational leadership of the Bandung conference and India's military adventure in the 1960s Congo Crisis within the context of New Delhi's non-aligned visions. Perhaps most surprisingly (and on the last day!) I happened across *Afro-Asian Writings – A Quarterly* (published by permanent Bureau of Afro-Asian Writers), a literary magazine first published in 1967 that tessellates very nicely with a similar Ugandan literary magazine (*Transition*) that I have been using as a means to talk about autochthony and historical contingency 1960s East Africa. Thus, the trip threw up mainly what I had expected – rich official correspondence about the difficulties of building a common Afro-Indian nationalist future given the divisions of East African colonial economy – but also some unexpected sources that do not drag my project in any new direction but do enrich it.

The amplitude of the wave of hope and soon disappointment in India's diplomatic endeavours in 1950s East Africa was quite surprising. It underlined how potentially important this region was to India's post-colonial foreign relations, if only for a moment, before India's African designs (such as they were) turned entirely to the seemingly less recalcitrant South African Indians fighting against apartheid.

- Dr. Gerard McCann

The major boon of the trip was the ability to map out the various positions taken by Indian elites on what New Delhi should do about two sets of actors – black African nationalists and East African Asian (mainly Gujarati) traders – who did not seem to be listening very intently to Nehru's proclamations about how to build East African multiracial society and a non-aligned Afro-Asian world. The palpable sense of frustration, especially for India's man on the ground Apa Pant, at the failure to make a dent in tense race relations and diasporic Indian ambivalence to colonialism is far more apparent in these closed documents than in Pant's autobiographies.

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What also became clear in looking at these documents is the amount of material (and perhaps historical hope pinned) on India's education scholarships as a tool of practical non-alignment and convivial African relations. When I have the opportunity to return to Delhi this material on African students in India will be my first port of call. The topic seems to be a notable lacuna in this topic, all the more apt now that resurgent Indo-African relations laud this historical connection to underline continuities of engagement today.

Future research plans fall into two camps. Most crucially and as the absolute priority, material is being fed into Part II ('Linkage, cleavage and the nationalist milieu') of my monograph *From littorals to liberalisation: East Africa and India over the twentieth century*, which I will be submitting to the publisher in summer 2016. I have also banked enough material to write up a discrete article entitled 'The 1937 Zanzibar

clove boycott and the embers of diasporic Indian nationalism’ and a final biographical piece on India’s first High Commissioner to East Africa, Apa Pant, entitled ‘Nehruvian visions, African realities: Apa B. Pant, multiracialism and the decolonization of East Africa, 1948-63’ (hopefully for Contemporary South Asia).

Both works stem from similar material to the Hurst book. The first essay looks to the ways in which Indian diasporic groups provided meaningful rhetorical and material capital to buttress the growth of globalized Indian nationalism into the late 1930s, an era when transnational political connection between seemed to be on the wane. The second piece concerns (failed) Indian attempts to provide diplomatic guidance to emerging East African nationalists and discipline East African Asian communities into acting as vanguards of Nehru’s visions of multiracial anti-colonial futures. Both are based primarily on archival material from New Delhi, much of it gathered with this support.

## RECENT AWARDS MADE BY THE ASSOCIATION

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

### BA-BASAS ECAF Fellowships:

- Dr. Deborah Sutton was awarded £3,056 to travel to India to conduct field research looking at the occupation of structures registered as protected monuments in the cities of Delhi by collecting materials at occupied urban monuments and from the municipalities and archaeological department.
- Dr. Emma Varughese was awarded £1,995 to travel to India to access mentoring and training in Vedanta, Nyāya, Sanskrit terms and Indian philosophy as well as some Hindi language training to enhance her current proficiency in Hindi in order to conduct research for her manuscript titled: *Genre Fiction of New India: post-millennial receptions of ‘weird’ narratives.*
- Dr. Simona Vittorini was awarded £4,002 to travel to India to carry out research on the spectacular and performative aspects of the Modi government.

## PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTION

We are pleased to announce that the Association has made arrangements to support the dedicated distribution of its publications.



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

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11 Main Street  
Germantown, NY 12526  
USA

00 1 518 537 4700  
psc@periodicals.com  
www.periodicals.com

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

Left Coast Press, Inc.  
1630 N. Main Street, #400  
Walnut Creek, California 94596  
USA

00 1 925 935 3380  
explore@lcoastpress.com  
www.lcoastpress.com

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

Arthur Probsthain Bookshop  
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44 (0)207 636 1096  
www.apandtea.co.uk/bookshop.html  
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Arthur Probsthain also manage a pop-up bookstore at SOAS, University of London.

**BASAS Income and Expenditure Statement 2014/15**

	budgeted	actual
<b>Incoming:</b>		
Individual Membership Subscriptions	14,502.83	10,553.03
CAF Bank Account Interest	61.54	5.88
Publications - T&F (CSA etc)	5,527.51	5,347.53
Conference (BASAS - RHUL Annual Conference)	4,238.63	2,563.83
Refunds (ECAF grant recipient)	1,468.96	405.00
Donations	1,001.00	281.24
ECAF fellowship, British Academy		10,318.16
	26,800.47	29,474.67
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
<b>Core</b>		
<b>Administration:</b>		
Assistant Secretary	10,526.30	8,156.40
Office Rental	750.03	363.03
Telephone/internet	106.89	119.84
Other Office Costs	610.40	
Bank Charges	20.00	23.00
<b>Good Governance:</b>		
Annual Audit	-	-
2013 Annual Report, AGM with Lecture		-
Room Rental For Meetings		-
Travel to Meetings	1,821.66	321.49
<b>Communications and Activities:</b>		
Other Administrative Expenses		
Conference Keynote	44.30	
BASAS Websites Annual Maintenance	407.86	
EASAS membership	100.00	
UKCASA membership	50.00	
Bursaries and conference prize, RHUL	1,075.00	700
Payment to Informa for journals (unpaid invoice from 2011)	7,183.75	795
	22,696.19	10,478.76
<b>Sub Total Core</b>		18,980.91
<b>Research</b>		
ECAF Fellowships	15,000.00	13,930.42
	15,000.00	13,930.42
		10,478.76
		13,930.42
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>24409.18</b>

## **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.

Details of the Association's programmes are available on the Association's website. As grant programmes and other funding initiatives are approved by The British Academy, further particulars and application forms will be made available on the Association's website.

### **The Assistant Secretary**

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## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BASAS COMMUNITY

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