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on
**South Asia in Global Perspective: Democracy,
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The South Asian subcontinent has experienced profound social, political, economic and cultural transformation after globalisation in the past two decades. South Asia has become a primary stage of concern globally because of its important strategic location, a big consumer market for MNCs, young work force, natural resources, variety of cultural attributes and so on. These countries share a common past, heritage, similar problems and common issues and challenges. The conference emphasises three important issues in the region. First is democratic process and its actual functioning in the region. Democratic process continues to be either torn by conflict and military interventions in politics in this region or challenged by corruption and terrorism. The instability has provided rationale for the countries to keep large armies, which have undermined democracy. Wide spread political corruption and increased instability has turned the countries towards military rule. Recent elections in some countries of South Asia signal a move towards greater and better democracy. Second is the human rights issue because it is related to the life and dignity of the individual. The international human rights movement with UNO, NGO's and individuals has mounted transnational campaigns to promote human rights norms. Although there have been large number of human rights violation cases in South Asia, there are some Asian values distinct from those of the West. The conscious theorizing about tolerance and freedom is substantial and important part of our traditions. Third is Nation Building as this is a dynamic and continuous process. It involves development of behaviours, values, language, institutions and physical structures that elucidate history and culture, concretise and protect the present and ensure the future identity and independence of a nation. The countries of South Asia have been shaken by ethnic disturbances from time to time.

South Asia comprises of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. India, as the largest country in terms of area and population and sharing a common boundary with most of the South Asian countries, has a very important presence. The first regional organisation of the region SAARC has remained a frame work for low key regional interactions in a few selected areas of social and economic activity. If it has really to take off and become a meaningful organisation, it must be provided with a definite political push.

The Department of Political Science, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur, India and The Research Committee on Asian and Pacific Studies (RC18) of the International Political Science Association, headquartered in Montreal, Canada will be jointly organising the UGC sponsored International Conference in Jodhpur, India on 21-22 February 2014. The theme of the conference is "**South Asia in Global Perspective: Democracy, Human Rights and Nation Building**". This conference seeks to explore and capture these changes through a wide range of analysis. The following are suggested sub-themes on which the papers are welcome. The conference is open to thought-provoking aspects related to the following subjects:

- Democratic values, processes, institutions, culture and power politics in South Asia
- Protection of Human Rights : issues, problems, mechanisms and challenges
- Nation building process after the end of cold war : ethnic disturbances, questions of minorities and weaker sections, people's movements

- Role of SAARC in development, cooperation and integration of the region, other regions of the world
- External forces affecting the region specially the US and Chinese presence
- Structures and processes in politics, economy, law and society
- Women as actors of change and gender issues.
- Key challenges threatening the region; population, poverty, food security, unemployment, education, health, sanitation, environmental degradation, disaster management and sustainable development
- Impact of international law, institutions, NGOs, IGOs and UNO
- Border disputes, water disputes, terrorism and violence
- South Asian fraternity: some measures for peace and cooperation in global perspective

Today, the South Asian region is emerging as a centre of power in new world order. This region must develop new systems and meet new challenges in global perspectives. In this back drop the present International Conference will be an enabling forum for better understanding the theme through study, research, discussion, lectures, exchange of ideas and information from all over the world. The deliberations are likely to enhance the knowledge and concepts in theory and practice.

About Jodhpur (popularly known as Sun City):

Jodhpur is the second largest city of Rajasthan. This walled and colourful, traditional city, the old town where of is a maze of Blue Streets, Clock Towers the dramatic sand stone Meherangarh Fort and Umaid Bhawan Palace. Some major tourist attractions nearby and around the city are there. It is well connected with other tourist attraction of Rajasthan, mainly Jaipur, Udaipur, Bikaner and Jaisalmer.

Call for Paper & Important Dates:

Papers are invited for this International Conference. The paper givers are suggested to send their abstracts and full paper by E-mail to the following: directormb2014@gmail.com and secretaryism2014@gmail.com

Abstract Submission deadline
Acceptance and Circulation of details
Final Paper Submission deadline

January 15, 2014
January 20, 2014
January 31, 2014

Registration fee for Participants:

Up to	Participants		Accompanying Person		Research Scholar/Student	
	From India	Overseas	From India	Overseas	From India	Overseas
December 31, 2013	1500 INR	50 USD	1500 INR	50 USD	1000 INR	30 USD
January 31, 2014	2000 INR	70 USD	2000 INR	70 USD	1200 INR	40 USD
Spot Registration	2500 INR	80 USD	2500 INR	80 USD	1500 INR	50 USD

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It would be a privilege for all of us to have you here for the conference. Delegates are advised to reserve their tickets in advance and inform us the program so that we can ensure there your comfortable stay in Jodhpur.

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