

BASAS Annual Conference 2017: Call for Papers

19 - 21 April 2017, University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University

The British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS) will hold its annual conference from 1:30 pm Wednesday, 19 April, to 12:30 pm Friday, 21 April 2017, at the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University. The conference is hosted by Nottingham University's Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies (IAPS) and Nottingham Trent University's Postcolonial Studies Centre. The keynote speaker is Urvashi Butalia, sponsored by IAPS.

We are now accepting panel and paper submissions for the 2017 conference. This year there is no specific theme for the conference - we invite proposals for both panels and independent papers from all humanities, arts, and social science disciplines, covering research on the breadth of South Asia and its diaspora. As always we welcome bold, innovative, and interdisciplinary approaches.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit your panel and paper proposals to the conference organisers at basas2017@nottingham.ac.uk by the dates shown below.

Panel proposals (150-200 word abstract). Panels will last for 90 minutes, and it is advisable that proposals allow sufficient time for the presentation of papers as well as discussion.

Independent papers (100-150 word abstract).

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30 November 2016

Please provide full contact details (mailing and emailing addresses) for your paper and/or for each member of your panel.

Note on panel proposals: Panel proposals are to be accompanied by individual paper abstracts for each of the proposed panel members (100-150 words). The panel organiser(s) should also arrange for a chair (who can be a panellist).

Please note: Incomplete panel proposals will not be accepted. Panel organisers are expected to have confirmed speakers and chair prior to submitting. The conference organisers may seek to add additional individual papers to accepted papers, in discussion with panel organisers.

Funding: There will be a limited number of bursaries to the value of **£50** available to students and unwaged participants. Those who wish to be considered for these bursaries should include a covering note in support of their request, detailing any additional institutional support for conference participation for which they may be eligible. This must be submitted by the deadline of **30 November 2016**.

Registration will open in January 2017.

Registration deadline: 15 March 2017

Registration fee (up to 15 March 2017): £150 waged (teaching and research staff on salaries); **£90 unwaged** (students, unemployed, pensioners, academics on hourly paid or sessional contracts). **Please note that the delegate rate includes a conference dinner on 20 April, one lunch (on 20 April), a drinks reception, and tea and coffee between sessions.**

Advanced registration is strongly encouraged to ensure a place at the conference. Late registrations, after the 15 March deadline, will attract an additional charge, and places may not be guaranteed.

You must be a BASAS member in order to register for the conference. To become a member, visit <http://basas.org.uk/become-a-member/>.

BASAS paper prize for graduate students: An award of £250 will be made for the best paper presented at the Annual Conference. Entries should be full draft papers no longer than 7000 words and submitted no later than **15 March 2017** to the conference organisers at basas2017@nottingham.ac.uk. A panel of judges comprising the conference organisers and council members will make the final decision based on the paper. The winning paper may be considered for publication in one of BASAS's associated journals, *Contemporary South Asia* or *South Asian Studies*.

Visas: Delegates requiring visas must register to attend the conference before a visa letter can be issued from the conference organisers. If you require a visa please contact basas2017@nottingham.ac.uk including a copy of your registration receipt, which should feature your name and address. Please also note your Nationality and your Passport Number. A personalised PDF Visa letter will be emailed to you promptly.

Conference organisers:

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