

South Asian Diaspora

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Aims & Scope

The South Asian Diaspora, shaped by dispersions of people, goods, ideas and beliefs that flowed from and through the Indian Subcontinent is currently one of the world's largest diasporas. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and the Maldives all anchor a sense of home for people who have moved outside the region through the centuries. These territories evoke emotional, social, political, economic, cultural and literary affiliations as well which find expression in multiple ways. The diaspora is also marked by struggles over meanings and tensions both amongst the diasporics and with people in the countries where the diasporics now inhabit. In this journal we aim to explore some of the issues that the South Asian diaspora presents for the contemporary world.

South Asian Diaspora invites original research articles from an interdisciplinary perspective that offer empirical research, substantive and theoretical analysis, case studies, and contributions to methodology. The journal provides a forum for the critical understanding of the cultural diversity, history, economics and politics of the South Asian Diaspora. Specific areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- the historical contexts of South Asian emigration;
- socio-cultural, religious, economic and political issues;
- communication and linkages between diasporas and homelands, including transnational formations, and formal and informal networks;
- research into the new cultural forms, including media and popular culture;
- micro-level ethnographic studies;
- comparative studies of creative writings;
- contributions of South Asian diasporas to the scientific, technological, administrative and industrial development of the host societies as well as to the countries of origin.

The journal also invites critical commentary on manuscripts and reviews of Ph.D. thesis, besides proposal for 'special issues' on South Asian Diaspora.

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