



European Association for South Asian Studies

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1. Membership in EASAS

Firstly, we would like to ask every member who has not yet paid their membership fee for 2012 to do so **by 15 May 2012**. Members who wish to receive a receipt for their membership payment should please send an email to the treasurer, Professor Ulrike Müller-Böker at EASAS.Treasurer@ed.ac.uk, requesting one. Secondly, in the past months, there have been several changes and improvements to the payment options for membership. It is now possible to pay your membership via PayPal on our website: <http://www.easas.org/membership>. Due to the heavy handling costs, the option of paying your membership via cheque has had to be ended.

2. News on the ECSAS Conference, Lisbon, July 2012

ONLY members of EASAS can take part in the Lisbon conference. So please update your membership before 15 May 2012 (see 1). At the end of April the current state of registrations for the conference was 359 papers in 49 panels, so the conference organisation team would expect about 400 registrations by the time of the conference. At the end of early-bird registration, however, the conference team had received and invoiced 200 registrations only.

The programme – see the website <http://ecsas2012.iscte.pt/> – has a strong academic profile, with plenary speakers in addition to the panels. Besides a film screening, several social events have been organised for the evenings. **18 May 2012** is the deadline for your registration if you wish your details to appear in the conference programme.

3. SAMAJ-EASAS publishing opportunity

As a result of an agreement between EASAS and SAMAJ – the South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal, <http://samaj.revues.org/index142.html> – conveners of panels at the Lisbon conference have been offered the opportunity of submitting a proposal for a special issue in 2013 or 2014. Papers should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words, and special issues of the journal usually include 6-8 papers. The deadline for confirming an interest in a special issue is 3 August 2012. If you wish to take up this offer, please express your interest by sending a 500-word concept note, describing your panel, with an outline of the likely papers, to Stéphanie Tawa Lama-Rewal at tawalama@ehess.fr, Margret Frenz at mgf3@le.ac.uk, Nicolas Jaoul at jaoul.nicolas@gmail.com and Roger Jeffery at r.jeffery@ed.ac.uk.

4. Upcoming events

South Asian Anthropologists Group: in Edinburgh, 5-7 September. Contact: 2012saag@gmail.com