



EASAS Newsletter Spring 2014

1. General Meeting of EASAS

The EASAS General Meeting will be held on Thursday 24 July, starting at 17:30, at the Department of Geography, University of Zurich – Irchel, Winterthurerstrasse 190, CH-8057 Zürich. The current office-bearers of EASAS are all standing down this year. Please consider standing for office, or membership of the Council, yourself, or nominating someone else, to help lead EASAS over the next two years.

2. Update: 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies, 23-26 July 2014

The 23rd ECSAS is hosted by the Department of Geography and the University Research Priority Program (URPP) Asia and Europe, both at the University of Zurich. Conference convenors are Prof. Dr. Ulrike Müller-Böker, Department of Geography, and Prof. Dr. Angelika Malinar, Department of Indology. Conference registration is now closed: Full information, including the timetable and complete list of panels and abstracts is at <http://www.nomadit.co.uk/easas/ecsas2014/>.

a. EASAS Research Student Awards

One of the stated aims of the European Association for South Asian Studies is to encourage and support young scholars working in the field of South Asian Studies. In pursuit of this aim, the Association is offering awards linked to its biennial conference. Awards are to be made for the most outstanding papers by currently registered research students presenting at the conference. At the 23rd EASAS conference in Zurich, up to three awards of €300 each will be made. All current PhD students fully registered and presenting at the conference may submit their paper for consideration. The submitted papers will be considered by a panel of judges selected by the EASAS Council. It is hoped that by offering three Awards, the competition will reflect the full range of disciplines represented at the conference.

Details

Submission criteria:

- Authors must be currently registered PhD students.
- Papers must be delivered at the conference.
- Papers must be written in English.
- Papers must be a full and complete (including references and bibliography).
- Papers must be in the range 6000 to 8000 words.
- Papers must include an abstract up to 200 words.
- Papers must be submitted by email to r.jeffery@ed.ac.uk on or before the 30 June 2014.
- Please include the subject line 'EASAS Research Student Awards' in your email.

Assessment criteria:

- The papers will be assessed in terms of their contribution to the field, the quality of their research data, and their ability to convey ideas and arguments clearly and effectively.
- After these primary considerations have been taken into account, the panel will hope to make awards that reflect the full range of disciplines represented at the conference.
- A named panel of judges will assess the qualities of the papers under consideration.
- The awards will be made on the basis of the written paper, not its presentation (although the paper must be presented at the conference).

b. SAMAJ-EASAS special issues

The call for proposals for the third and fourth SAMAJ-EASAS special issues is now open. If you are organising a panel at the 23rd ECSAS in Zurich, your panel papers and an introduction to the special issue have to be submitted to SAMAJ-EASAS by 31 August 2014. Please use the link <http://www.easas.org/contact> to let the Council know if you wish to have papers from your panel considered for publication in this way.

3. 24th ECSAS (2016) in Warsaw

Planning is well under way for the 24th conference, to be held **27–30 July 2016**. As soon as other details are finalised they will be put up on the EASAS web-page.



4. Conference Organisation: 25th and 26th ECSAS (2018 and 2020)

Now is your chance to bid to host ECSAS. For more information, or to discuss your bid in advance, please contact the office-bearers by 30 June 2014 via the EASAS contact link at <http://www.easas.org/contact>.

5. European South Asia PhD workshop: Edinburgh Autumn 2014

Professor Crispin Bates (crispin.bates@ed.ac.uk) has agreed to host the workshop this year; please contact him if you have PhD students working on South Asia who might benefit from attending. From 2015 EASAS has plans to organize such workshops on a slightly different basis.