

EUROPEAN SCHOLARS OF SOUTH ASIAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (ESSAIR)

***Inaugural Annual Conference:
10 July 2020, Paris***



The European Scholars of South Asian International Relations (ESSAIR) are delighted to announce a Call for Papers for our Inaugural Annual Conference at the École Militaire, Paris on 10 July 2020.

We welcome abstracts from established academics, emerging scholars and postgraduate students concerning their research on South Asia under the wide aegis of International Relations and History, including political science, security studies, foreign policy, IR theory, comparative politics, and institutionalism. Research can relate to any specific state, bilateral or multilateral relationship within South Asia (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives).

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- send an Abstract of no more than 250 words, including five key words, and a recent CV to ESSAIR.contact@gmail.com with the heading “ESSAIR 2020” by **30 November 2019**;
- successful applicants will then be required to submit a 5-8,000 word draft of their papers one month in advance of the Conference date, to allow time for panel discussants to read them;

CONFERENCE FORMAT:

- **one day of specifically themed panels** with 3-4 participants each presenting for 15 minutes;
- **focused academic discussion / Q&A** in a supportive, open-minded & creative atmosphere, in which panellists will be able to present their advanced, in-progress or nascent research;
- there are **no fees to participate**, however any travel / accommodation costs associated with attending the ESSAIR Annual Conference must be met by individual scholars / institutions. There are currently no travel grants available; for these please contact your home institution;

ABOUT ESSAIR:

Established in 2018, and led by a Steering Committee consisting of Chris Ogden (University of St Andrews), Raphaëlle Khan (IRSEM, Paris), Nicolas Blarel (Leiden University), Arndt Michael (University of Freiburg) and Hannes Ebert (German Marshall Fund), ESSAIR serves to proactively:

- **establish an annual forum in Europe dedicated to scholars** working on the international relations of South Asia, at which established academics and policy experts, emerging scholars and current postgraduate students can meet to discuss, exchange and synthesise their ideas;
- **represent, promote and enhance the work of South Asian scholars** by building a durable research network based on existing specialist expertise and experience that will share academic best practices, including stimulating collaboration on research projects, funding and grants;
- **reflect a plurality of cutting-edge theoretical perspectives on the study of South Asia** under the wide aegis of International Relations and History; including political science, security studies, foreign policy, IR theory, comparative politics, institutionalism, & other approaches; &
- **pool together a Directory of Scholars working on South Asian IR**, to encourage sharing current regional knowledge and developments, especially for new students entering this field.

For more information, and to join the Directory of Scholars, email ESSAIR.contact@gmail.com