



*European Association for South Asian Studies*

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## EASAS Newsletter Winter 2025

### 1. Greetings from the Executive Board

Dear EASAS Members,

At the dawn of 2025, we - Alessandra Consolaro, Johanna Buss, and Ute Hüsken - are delighted to send our warmest wishes to all members of the European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS). May the winter break be restorative and relaxing, and may the new year bring happiness, health and peace in the whole world.

As your representatives on the EASAS executive board, we are dedicated to the rich complexity of South Asian studies, striving to nurture scholarly dialogue within our community. For many years, EASAS has served as a vital hub for academics exploring the diverse disciplines and scholars committed to study South Asia.

Please take especially note of the **Calls for Proposals for EASAS PhD Workshop 2025** and the **Call for Proposals for EASAS Academic Workshop 2025**, which you find under 4. and 5. in this Newsletter. Please distribute this announcement widely in your networks.

We are sure you are anticipating with us the **28th ECSAS 2025 at Heidelberg University, Germany, from October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> 2025**. Remember, the deadline for paper submissions is January 30, 2025. You can find the list of accepted panels [here](#). Please notice that you have to be a regular member of EASAS (that is, you should not have any unpaid invoice) at the moment of submission.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the European Association for South Asian Studies - we are enthusiastic about the collaborative endeavors that lie ahead in 2025.

Warm regards,

Alessandra Consolaro (President)

Johanna Buss (Treasurer)

Ute Hüsken (Vice President)

Executive Board European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS)

## **2. New Administrator at the EASAS Office in Bonn**

We warmly welcome Mrs Nora Warmer, who joined the EASAS office in Bonn, Germany, in June 2024 as the new administrator. She will help EASAS members with any kind of enquiry and assist with issues regarding the administrative aspect of EASAS.

## **3. Invitation to Join the Editorial Board for the Upcoming Series of Edited Volumes**

We are excited to share that EASAS is planning to go back to publishing collected volumes with input from selected ECSAS panels in collaboration with HASP publishers from Heidelberg. These volumes will showcase the breadth of research and scholarship within the EASAS community, providing a valuable platform for both established and emerging voices in the field of South Asian studies.

Monika Browarczyk, member of EASAS advisory board, is coordinator of the editorial project

As we move forward with this project, we are seeking dedicated and knowledgeable individuals to join the editorial board. To ensure that the publications reflect the diversity and depth of our field, we are particularly looking for members who represent different disciplines across our association.

The role of the editorial board will be to:

1. Help shape the direction of the volumes by identifying key themes and topics from the panels at ECSAS conferences.
2. Provide guidance on the selection of contributors and the editorial process.
3. Contact reviewers that would provide feedback on submitted texts to ensure the highest quality of scholarship.
4. Collaborate closely with HASP publishers and the association to ensure smooth execution.

If you are interested in contributing your expertise, especially if you can represent a unique disciplinary perspective, we would be delighted to have you join the editorial board. Your participation would greatly enhance the quality and diversity of thought in this series.

Please let us know if you would like to be considered for this role by March 1, 2025 and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like more information about the commitment involved.

We are confident that this project will be an exciting and rewarding endeavor, and we look forward to the possibility of working with you.

## **4. Call for Proposals for EASAS Academic Workshop 2025**

EASAS resumes funding of academic workshops. The call is open now for the proposal of workshops to be held in 2025. The workshop must involve more than two EU countries and preferably invite some scholars and post-docs based in South Asia. The workshop can be organized either as the basis for the preparation of papers for publication, or as an event to map out and develop new research projects. Proposals can also include comparative discussion of other parts of the world, as long as there is a strong focus on South Asia. EASAS can support workshops with an amount of up to € 3,000 for on-site events and up to € 1,000 for events planned in an online format.

If you are thinking of applying for support for a workshop, please note the following essential and desirable elements:

#### Essential

- At least one of the workshop convenors must be based at a university or a research institute in a European country.
- All proposed workshop convenors must be members of EASAS at the time of submission of the application for funding and have no overdue membership fees (join [here](#); pay your fees [here](#)).
- At least one of the convenors must be affiliated to the hosting university or institution where the workshop will take place.
- Not more than half of the total award can be used for catering.
- Funding will take the form of reimbursement of payments made against receipts; EASAS cannot provide an up-front subsidy.
- Funds must be spent by the end of the calendar year 2025 and settled by the workshop organiser(s) with EASAS within two months after the event.

#### Desirable

- Some scholars and post-docs to be invited to the workshop should be based in South Asia.
- Transdisciplinarity is encouraged.

Proposals must include the following:

1. A title of no more than 15 words.
2. Names and locations of all convenors.
3. A brief description (no more than 500 words) of the academic justification for the workshop.
4. Likely dates and location of the workshop.
5. An estimate of the total number of presentations (including, where possible, the names of likely invitees) and the total number of those likely to attend.
6. A summary budget, with brief details of other funding likely to be applied for or already promised.
7. A brief statement (no more than 200 words) of the likely outcome of the workshop (publication, research proposal, creation of a network etc.).

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 30 March 2025. The EASAS Council will complete the selection process by 15 May 2025.

Please submit proposals by email to [office@easas.eu](mailto:office@easas.eu)

## 5. Call for Proposals for EASAS PhD Workshop 2025

The Call to Universities and Higher Education Institutions to host the 2025 EASAS Doctoral Workshop is now open. The workshop will give PhD students an opportunity to receive feedback on their theses from senior scholars and fellow PhD candidates who are also working on South Asian topics. In addition, it will create networks between PhD candidates working on South Asia and help them develop contacts with others. The doctoral workshop is envisaged as a two-day event for a maximum of 16 PhD candidates and 6 senior scholars based in Europe, to be held at a host European university.

The host university will organize the workshop and arrange board and lodging for students as well as the invited senior scholars. The selection of the host university will be made by the EASAS Council. The EASAS will financially assist with accommodation and board for students and senior scholars at the workshop with a sum up to € 3,000. Participants will have to make their own travel arrangements. In case a host university wants to organize a workshop as an online event, EASAS support funding will be

capped at € 1,000. Please note that the EASAS membership is mandatory for all participants (join [here](#); pay your fees [here](#)).

Proposals must include:

- Willingness to hold the workshop in 2025, specifying the period.
- Brief description of the institution.
- Brief description of the local steering committee for the doctoral workshop, whose members must be specialists in South Asia studies and members of EASAS. The workshop steering committee will plan and manage the workshop, select the student participants and the invited faculty members.
- Brief budget, listing costs for venue, accommodation, and board of participants.

Please send your proposals to [office@easas.eu](mailto:office@easas.eu) by 30 March 2025. The EASAS Council will complete the selection process by 15 May 2025.

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