

Dear Friends and Colleagues

I am delighted to inform you that applications are now open for a new SOAS summer school, '[South Asia: Diversity, Democracy, and Discord](#)'. The course will run for 3 weeks from 22 July 2019 to 09 August 2019. This course is open for students, professionals and practitioners.

Our summer school at SOAS is the only one of its kind in the United Kingdom. It is directed and taught by leading scholars who take pride in innovative and enthusiastic teaching. This is an opportunity to understand the changing relationship of South Asia with the world and to critically engage with new theories about South Asian politics and society.

In our discussions, we will encourage students to think about the political aspirations and agency of almost two billion people in South Asia, and to understand how poverty, diversity, and regional rivalries shape domestic, regional and international challenges and opportunities. Our approach is firmly inter-disciplinary, drawing on the best of political science, history, security studies, anthropology, economics, art and film studies.

Given the ongoing Indian election, this is an exciting time to be studying South Asian politics, society and culture, and to assess the impact this election will have on the region and the rest of the world.

Our course will include visits to museums, film-viewings and historic walks through the South Asian nationalist landscapes of London, tracing connections between material discussed in seminar classrooms and the city that surrounds us.

We would be grateful if you could please refer this course to your students and peers and encourage them to apply by **31 May 2019**.

Students are usually able to obtain credits from their home institution and typically our courses receive 3 credits in the US system and 7.5 ECTS in the European system.

For further information about this course and to apply, please visit our [official website](#). For any additional enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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