Dear Friends,

The South Asia Initiative (SAI) continues the long tradition of collaboration between Harvard and South Asia’s nations. Learning from South Asia, and contributing to its development, has become vital given the salience of the region in contemporary times.

Harvard University became the first in the nation to offer Sanskrit courses in 1872. In 1964, the Harvard Water Program was established when Pakistani President Ayub Khan asked President John F. Kennedy for help regarding water issues. Today, professors and students from across Harvard conduct research on strategic, social, economic, environmental, and political issues, in collaboration with colleagues in South Asia and elsewhere, in service of the community-at-large.

Much has been accomplished this academic year. Last fall, 24 faculty and senior administrators, from almost every School at Harvard, convened to brainstorm the future of SAI. The purpose of SAI is to be a nexus for interdisciplinary intellectual activities at the University, with the shared aspiration to build the leading center of expertise on South Asia.

SAI’s umbrella theme of Social Enterprise, Urbanization, and Water is established with a seminar series led by faculty from the Schools of Public Health, Design and Engineering and Applied Sciences. The flagship South Asia Without Borders series transcends geographic, intellectual and temporal borders with emphasis on the humanities and arts. A new series on Pakistan and on Climate Change in South Asia is also off to a robust start.

Later in April, Provost Steve Hyman will visit India to meet with prominent leaders of business, civil society, education, and government. The Provost will also meet with the Vice Chancellor of Lahore University of Management Sciences in Mumbai to further the relationship between the two universities.

SAI spring activity has a crescendo of sorts, with the annual symposium The Future of South Asia, engaging Harvard faculty, area experts, and government officials in discussions of energy and environment, architecture, health, governance, and water issues. President Drew Faust and Provost Steve Hyman will participate, as will over 200 faculty members, visiting fellows, students, and guests.

This summer students will travel to all corners of South Asia grappling with the realities on the ground. With support from SAI, 24 undergraduate students, 28 graduate students, and two faculty members have been funded to travel to South Asia. Students will serve as ambassadors of Harvard to South Asia and of South Asia to the Cambridge community.

The SAI Mumbai office plays a crucial role to support Harvard faculty and student research, teaching, and field experience in the region. Our team extends to Lahore and Dhaka as well and enables connections with Harvard alumni and faculty who are on a teaching or research assignment.

SAI seeks to expand knowledge of a vital region through faculty and student engagement across disciplines. We do so in an environment of compassion, tolerance, humility, and awareness, which qualifies us to become informed decision-makers and change agents.

With best wishes,

Tarun Khanna
Director, South Asia Initiative, Harvard University
Jorge Paulo Lemann Professor, Harvard Business School
ABOUT THE SOUTH ASIA INITIATIVE

Mission
SAI advances teaching and research at Harvard through an interfaculty initiative that brings multiple perspectives on topics related to South Asia. SAI supports the work of faculty and students at Harvard, in the United States and in South Asia through faculty and student research grants and engages in outreach activities that include seminars, lectures and symposiums that are open to Harvard and the larger community.

Goals
- Facilitate scholarly exchanges among Harvard faculty and students, international South Asia specialists, visiting academics, and public figures from South Asia
- Supports Harvard faculty from across the University working in South Asia by connecting them with academic and governmental leaders involved in key strategic, social, economic, environmental, and political issues
- Sponsor lectures and conferences at Harvard and in South Asia by distinguished academic, governmental, and business leaders whose work contributes to a better understanding of the challenges facing the region
- Support Harvard undergraduate and graduate student with grants for language study, research, and internships

Structure
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Arshad Zakaria, AB ’85, MBA ’87 (New Jersey)
**ACTIVITIES**

Engagements with faculty and students are designed to complement academic pursuits. SAI serves as an engine through which various seminars, symposia, and co-sponsored events are organize to showcase the work of departments and schools at Harvard University.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

### Annual Symposium: The Future of South Asia

The intent of the *Future of South Asia* Symposium is to gather distinguished academic, governmental and business leaders whose focus on the challenges and aspirations of South Asia contribute to a better understanding of the region.

From state security to water security, the Symposium panels explore the rise and mediation of conflict in South Asia, involving the state-society structure in Pakistan and the regional vulnerabilities to climate change. Researchers grapple with how to deal with an aging population in India, while other scholars explore the contradictions, glamour, and displacement wrought by globalization and rapid economic mobility in a discussion on the changing face of Indian architecture.

The discourse invited by the *Future of South Asia* Symposium marks a long tradition in the engagement of Harvard University with the region, dating to the 19th century. *Conversation with the Deans* is a forward looking exploration grounded in current connections of Harvard institutions with South Asian policy, resources, and urbanism.

The Symposium reflects the goals of the South Asia Initiative in promoting the advancement of teaching and research in South Asia through a multidisciplinary lens. Through scholarship, connections across university disciplines, and alliances with in-region organizations, the Symposium encourages us to engage with salient issues that shape the future of South Asia and the world.

**Friday & Saturday, April 8 & 9, 2011**

**The Future of South Asia**

### The Harish C. Mahindra Lecture Series

The Harish C. Mahindra lecture series, inspired by Harish Mahindra’s passion for education, is an important component in continuing the education and understanding of the challenges facing the region, and provides an ideal forum for the next generation of global leadership.

**Monday, September 20, 2010**

**Annual Harish C. Mahindra Lecture: India’s Global Role**

Nirupama Rao, Foreign Secretary of India

### India Inclusive at the World Economic Forum

During the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum at Davos in January 2011, the South Asia Initiative co-hosted a meeting with the Confederation of Indian Industry on the theme *India Inclusive*. This event featured top government and business leaders from India, as well as Dean David Ellwood from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Dean Mohsen Mostafavi of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and Professor David Bloom of the Harvard School of Public Health. Panelists discussed the rapid and steady economic growth seen in India in recent years, and the perceived constraints to sustaining such growth in the context of the “democratic dividend” and the governance structures required to ensure a vibrant democracy.
SEMINARS

Urbanization Series

Thursday, January 27, 2011
Dharavi, Slum for Sale-Film Screening and Panel Discussion on Mumbai-The Future of the Informal City
Bryan Bell (DesignCorps)
Liza Weinstein (Northeastern University)
Moderated by Rahul Mehrotra (GSD)

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
Co-sponsored by SAI, GSD and the Aga Khan Program on Islamic Architecture
The Mughal Touch on the Indian Landscape
Ebba Koch (University of Vienna)
Moderated by Rahul Mehrotra (GSD)

Thursday, March 24, 2011
Changes of State: Urbanism along the Ganges River Corridor of Northern India
Anthony Acciavatti (Somatic Collaborative)
Moderated by Rahul Mehrotra (GSD)

Rahul Mehrotra (GSD & SAI Steering Committee Member) and Anthony Acciavatti (Somatic Collaborative)
Water Series

Friday, February 11, 2011  
**How Climate in South Asia is Becoming a Water Issue**  
Adil Najam (Boston University)  
Chaired by John Briscoe (SEAS; HSPH)

Friday, February 25, 2011  
**Indus River Basin Research: Emerging Challenges and Directions**  
James Wescoat (MIT)  
Chaired by John Briscoe (SEAS; HSPH)

Friday, March 25, 2011  
**Water Diplomacy in South Asia: Managing the Science, Policy and Politics of Water Networks through Negotiation**  
Shafiq Islam (Tufts University)  
Chaired by John Briscoe (SEAS; HSPH)

Social Enterprise Series

Tuesday, November 16, 2010  
**Urbanization: Trends, Patterns, and Challenges**  
- David Bloom (HSPH)  
Using the Right Tools: Mapping in Kaula Bandar  
- Dana Thompson (HSPH)  
Design and the KINETIC CITY  
- Rahul Mehrotra (GSD)

Wednesday, April 13, 2011  
**Harnessing Private Enterprise for Public Health**  
Michael Chu (HBS)  
Moderated by David Bloom (HSPH)
Pakistan Series

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
Co-sponsored by SAI, the Harvard Pakistan Student Group

The Unraveling Republic of Pakistan? Is the global narrative about Pakistan fact or fiction?

Wajahat S. Khan (HKS Shorenstein Fellow/Journalist)
Muhammad Yar Hiraj, Harvard Kennedy School (Mid-career/Parliamentarian)
Mariam Chughtai, Harvard Graduate School of Education (Ed.D)
Sadaf Jaffer, FAS (Ph.D./Indo-Muslim Culture)

Thursday, March 31, 2011
Co-sponsored by SAI, Harvard Law School & Harvard Pakistan Student Group

Constitutional Fidelity or Turf War?
The Promise and Pitfalls of Judicial Activism in Pakistan

Justice Khalil-ur-Rehman Ramday, Supreme Court of Pakistan
Osama Siddique, SJD Candidate, Harvard Law School
Beena Sarwar Editor Aman ki Asha Jang Group Pakistan
Moderated by Noah Feldman, Bemis Professor of International Law, Harvard Law School

South Asia without Borders

Tuesday, September 28, 2010
Gujarati Shoemakers in Twentieth Century Cape Town: Family, Caste, Community

Uma Dhupelia-Mesthrie (University of the Western Cape)
Chaired by Sugata Bose (FAS)
Friday, November 12, 2010
More Kshatriya than thou:
Debating Caste Hierarchy in Colonial Tamilnadu
A.R. Venkatachalapathy (Madras Institute of Development Studies)
Chaired by Sugata Bose (FAS)

Monday, November 15, 2010
Brooms Against Bullets:
A Saga of the Madheshi Movement in Nepal
CK Raut (Cambridge University)
Chaired by Michael Witzel (FAS)

Friday, February 25, 2011
South Asian Cottons and the World
Prasannan Parthasarathi (Boston College)
Moderated by Parimal Patil (FAS)

Friday, April 1, 2011
Lessons on the Indus Civilization from Harappa
Richard Meadow (FAS)
Moderated by Parimal Patil (FAS)

Friday, April 22, 2011
Bourgeois Hinduism Then... and Now?
Brian Hatcher (Tufts University)
Moderated by Parimal Patil (FAS)
Co-Sponsored Events

**Thursday, October 7, 2010**
Co-Sponsored by SAI and Asia Center

**Cosmopolitan Thought Zones:**
South Asia and the Global Circulation of Ideas
Sugata Bose (FAS)
Kris Manjapra (Tufts University)
Discussant: Nur Yalman (FAS)
Moderator: Arthur Kleinman (FAS/HMS)

**Thursday, October 14, 2010**
Co-sponsored by SAI, Asia Center and the Program on Crisis Leadership

**Panel Discussion on The Floods in Pakistan:**
Acute Catastrophe, Long-Term Disruption
Moderator: Sugata Bose (FAS)
Panelists: Asad Ahmed (FAS)
John Briscoe (SEAS/HSPH)
Ali Cheema, Visiting Scholar
Asim Khwaja (HKS)
Herman Dutch Leonard (HKS/HBS)

**Friday, October 29, 2010**
Co-sponsored by the SAI, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program, Harvard Pakistan Student Group

**Face to Face with Riz Khan: What is Newsworthy?**
December 3 & 4, 2010
Harvard-Tufts jointly sponsored conference

**Re-Mapping South Asia: Space, Time, Method**
Tufts University

**Thursday, March 3, 2011**
Co-sponsored by the South Asia Initiative and the Sackler Museum

**In Conversation with Atul Bhalla**
Atul Bhalla, Artist
James Wescoat (MIT)
Sugata Bose (FAS)
Deborah Martin Kao (Harvard Art Museum)
Tuesday, March 29, 2011  
Co-sponsored by the South Asia Initiative and the Harvard Yenching Institute  
Jawaharlal Nehru and China: A Study in Failure, or Misrecognition?  
Ramachandra Guha, Author

Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
Co-sponsored by the Harvard University Asia Center, SAI & the Islamic Studies Center  
Lyrical Legacies of South Asian Islam  
Professor Syed Akbar Hyder, Department of Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin

Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
Co-sponsored by SAI, LearnQuest Academy of Music, Department of Music, Music 159 & Harvard Sangeet  
A Concert of South Indian Classical Music  
Richard Wolf, vina  
David Nelson, mridangam  
Deepti Navaratna, tambura

Friday, April 29, 2011  
Co-sponsored by SAI and Educators for Teaching India in conjunction with the Winsor School, Phillips Academy and the Groton School  
Mahatma Gandhi: Beyond the Legend  
Keynote Speaker: Professor Rajmohan Gandhi, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois

Muhammad Yar Hiraj, Harvard Kennedy School (Mid-career/Parliamentarian), Sadaf Jaffer, FAS (Ph.D./Indo-Muslim Culture), Mariam Chughtai, Harvard Graduate School of Education (Ed.D), Wajahat S. Khan, (HKS Shorenstein Fellow/Journalist)
GRANTS 2011

Faculty Awards
Prerna Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Citizens and the State in Urban India: An Investigation of the Variation in Public Goods Provision

Rohini Pande, Mohammed Kamal Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School and Erica Field, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Designing Microfinance to Enable Consumption Smoothing: Evidence from India

Graduate Student Awards
Graduate Students from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Divinity School applied to SAI for funding for research and internships in South Asia.

Michael Allen, Department of Religion, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Rita Banerjee, Department of Comparative Literature, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Anouska Bhattacharyya, History of Science, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Aditya Dasgupta, Department of Government, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Jetsun Deleplanque, Harvard Divinity School; Rubayat Khan, Harvard Kennedy School; Mark Kharas, Harvard Divinity School; Karlie Knudtsen, Harvard Divinity School; Johan Mathew, Department of History, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Andrew McDowell, Department of Social Anthropology, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Finnian Moore-Gerety, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Sophia Nasti, Harvard Divinity School; Mircea Raianu, Department of History, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Jaclyn Sachs, Department of Urban Planning, Graduate School of Design; Daniel Sheffield, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Zubin Shroff, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard School of Public Health; Caley Smith, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Gitanjali Surendran, Department of History, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Naseem Surhio, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Sarah Wright, Department of Music, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences; Nataliya Yanchevskaya, Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Cast Visek, ASHA, Summer 2010
Isabel Salooara, Cross-Cultural Solutions, Summer 2010
Graduate Student Associates
Sai Balakrishnan, Urban Planning, Harvard Graduate School of Design
Namita Vijay Dharia, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Sadaf Jaffer, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Bilal Malik, Culture, Communities and Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Shankar Nair, Study of Religion, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Harpreet Singh, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard Divinity School
Namita Wahi, SJD, Harvard Law School

Undergraduate Research
Niharika Jain ’12, Factors Influencing the Quality of Government Schools in India (India)
Atasha Jordan ’13, Harvard Study Abroad in Bangalore: Quantitative Biological Research (India)
Vaida Rimeikyte ’13, Buddhist Studies summer program, Center for Buddhist Studies, University of Kathmandu (Nepal)
Adeline Rolnick ’12, Thesis research on sustainable agriculture (India)
Parijat Samant ’13, Environmental Economics Research the Prompt Group (India)

Undergraduate Internships
Riju Agrawal ’13, India International School in Dabra (India)
Sophia Angelis ’13, Bandra East Community Center (India)
Pearl Bhatnagar ’14, Ujjivan Microfinance (India)
Dawn Brimmer, ’12 Harvard Initiative for Global Health (India)
Cayla Calderwood ’14, Asha (India)
Elena Chit ’12, (India)
Giaynel Cordero Taveras ’13, Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children (India)
Charles Hobbs ’13, SKS Microfinance (India)
Annmarie Ryu ’13, Karuna Trust (India)
Mikael Schinazi ’12, Society for Integrated Development of Himalayas and IIIT Hyderabad (India)
Jordan Sessler ’13, Foundations for Joy (India and Sri Lanka)
Xinhe Shen ’13, Foundations for Joy (Sri Lanka)
Henry Shull ’13, Harvard Project on Disability (Bangladesh)
Paolo Singer ’13, Ujjivan Financial Services (India)
Kristina Tester ’14, Asha (India)
Francis Thumpasery ’13, Asha (India)
Siyu Wang ’13, Asian University for Women (Bangladesh)
Emily Yorke ’13, Asha (India)
SAI OUTREACH

2011 Harvard Student Organization Outreach

HCAP (Harvard College in Asia Program)
South Asian Association
Harvard Pakistan Student Group
HBS South Asian Business Association-2011 India Conference: March of a Billion Aspirations
Graduate Student Conference on International History -Mobilities, Flows and Networks in Global History
Harvard University South Asia Society

2010-2011 Community Outreach

Primary Source

April 2011 Annual Seminar on South Asia

Educators for Teaching India

Friday, April 29, 2011
3rd Annual Why Teach India Conference
Keynote Speaker: Rajmohan Gandhi, Research Professor at the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

ArtMithas

Monday October 18-Tuesday, November 23, 2010
The Changing Face of South Asia Visual Art Exhibit

Wednesday, October 22-23, 2010
Opening Reception for the exhibit “The Changing Face of South Asia”
Sugata Bose (FAS) and Susan Bean (PEM)

Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Exploring the Indian “Miniature” Today:
Traditional Works in the Light of a New Movement
Laura Weinstein (MFA)

Thursday, November 18, 2010
Panel Discussion: The Changing Face of South Asia
Laila Rahman, Artist and print maker and Rabia Mehmood, Newscaster on Express 24/7 from Lahore

Teach India Project
Orientation to travel to South Asia for Summer student interns.
Outreach Activities in South Asia

Travel of SAI Staff to India, Pakistan and Bangladesh February 2011, Lahore

Meena Hewett, Associate Director of SAI, and Namrata Arora, Associate Director of SAI’s India office, visited Lahore, Pakistan February 7–9, 2011. The purpose of the trip was to increase SAI’s regional outreach and to explore ways in which to increase the scholarly exchange between the Harvard community and academics in Pakistan. Syed Babar Ali (HBS AMP ’73), one of Pakistan’s leading entrepreneurs, a philanthropist and industrialist, and also a member of the SAI Founder’s Club, hosted the visit. As an avid educationist, Mr. Babar Ali envisioned and established Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in 1985 where he served as the first Pro-Chancellor. Meena and Namrata were able to connect with various people including Syed Babar Ali; Sheikh Ali Hussain, Director Resource Development and Alumni Affairs; Dr. Arif Butt, Dean of the Suleman Dawood School of Business; Dr. Ahmad Durrani, Vice Chancellor LUMS; Salman Cheema and Khalid Ibrahim (Harvard Law School alums), Dr. Ijaz Nabi (Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Law); Omar Saeed (HBS Alum and CEO of Service Sales Corporation); Dr. Pervez Hassan (Harvard Law School alum); Omar Mukhtar, Niaz Akbar, Abdullah Khan Sumbal (Punjab Resource Management Program—PRMP).

Mumbai

Tarun Khanna & Meena Hewett also visited Mumbai on February 10–11, 2011. The purpose of their visit was to strengthen links between Harvard University and higher education administrators, peer institutional and the diverse Harvard alumni community based in India. Meena and Namrata also accompanied SAI Director, Tarun Khanna and HBS IRC Executive Director Anjali Raina for a meeting with Professor Uday Salunkhe, Group Director of Welingkar Education, Dr. Rajan Welunkar, Vice-Chancellor of Mumbai University and Minister Rajesh Tope, Minister for Higher and Technical Education for the Government of Maharashtra. Tarun Khanna, Director of SAI, along with Ellen Sullivan (Director of International Advancement, Alumni Affairs and Development at SAI), Anjali Raina, Meena Hewett, and Namrata Arora, also attended a dinner hosted by Mr. Anand Mahindra, member of the SAI Founder’s Club (AB ’77 and MBS ’81). The dinner brought together some of India’s leading industrialists, distinguished Harvard alumni, and several members of the SAI Founder’s Club, including Rajiv Sahney and Dalip Pathak.

Steven Hyman’s visit to India April 23–27, 2011

Provost Steve Hyman will visit India to meet with prominent leaders of business, civil society, education, and government. The Provost will also meet with the Vice Chancellor of Lahore University of Management Sciences in Mumbai to further the relationship between the two universities.

Wednesday, October 20, 2010
Co-Sponsored by the SAI, PUKAR, UDRI
361˚ The Conference 2010: Design and Informal Cities (Rang Sharda, Bandra (W), Mumbai)

Friday, February 25, 2011
Cocktail Reception hosted by the SAI, the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and Rajiv Sahney, SAI Founder and Founding and Managing Partner at New Vernon Capital, LLC to meet the participants in the Studio, Extreme Urbanism: Reimagining Mumbai’s Back Bay (Mumbai)
FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

INCOME PROJECTIONS 2011-2018

EXPENSE PROJECTIONS 2011-2018

TOTAL INCOME = $737,152

TOTAL EXPENSE = $586,429

Balance forward
Provost Funds
Founders Current Use Gift Funds
Restricted Donor Funds

Program Support
Student Support
Regional Office
Administration
Endowment Distribution FY2018
Total Income

Program Support
Student Support
Regional Office
Administration
Total Expense