



Full information about the 2004 European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies (ECSAS) in Lund

– In 2004, SASNET and Lund University was given the prestigious assignment to organize the 18th European South Asia Research Conference ECSAS with 360 participants from all over the world. It was the largest gathering ever on Swedish soil of South Asia oriented researchers, covering all fields from the Humanities and Social Sciences to Technology and Medicine.

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The decision that SASNET/Lund University should host the 2004 conference was taken by the European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS) two years earlier, at the previous 17th European conference held in Heidelberg, that was attended by **Staffan Lindberg** and **Lars Eklund**.

With a budget of SEK 1.6 Million, the Lund four-day conference attracted a great interest from researchers from all over the World, out of whom a large number came from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. During four days, 6-9 July, 45 panels were organised, covering a wide scope of research fields.

The conference had two main venues:

- The Academic Society Building (Akademiska Föreningen, AF), the place for registration; inaugural session on Tuesday 6 July (with a key note address by Prof. **Dipankar Gupta**, Jawarharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on "*Cultural Politics in South Asia – Processes, Causes, and Futures*"); and the joint session on "*Poverty and Human Development in South Asia*" on Thursday 8 July; besides being the place for five simultaneous panel sessions every day; and



• The Dept. of Sociology, Paradisgatan 5 (house G), 200 metres north of the Academic Society Building, where four simultaneous panel sessions will be held every day, besides housing a computer room.

The conference had specially assigned Dr. **William Radice**, renowned scholar and brilliant writer besides being a participant in the panel on Bengal Studies, to portray the conference in a few articles that were later published. Dr. Radice had also written humble articles on earlier EASAS conferences as well.



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Executive Conference Committee

- Professor Staffan Lindberg (conference convenor)
- Dr. Jan Magnuson (conference coordinator)
- Mr. Lars Eklund (conference webmaster), and
- Ms. Lisbeth Andersson (conference secretary)

The Organising Committee also consisted of:

- Dr. Alia Ahmed, Dept. of Economics
- Ms. Boel Billgren, Deputy Head of the International Office
- Dr. Pernille Gooch, Dept. of Human Ecology;
- Dr. Sidsel Hansson, Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies
- Dr. Catarina Kinnvall, Dept. of Political Science
- Dr. Neelambar Hatti, Dept. of Economic History