

International Relations, Security and Democracy in South Asia

Conference

22. July 2013, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

South Asia Institute, Room E 11

This one-day conference comprises presentations on each of the South Asian states to consider current internal political developments and their implications for international relations, democracy and security in the region. Four key questions have been designed to guide the proceedings.

1. What is the impact of Democracy on inter-state relations? Do phases and processes of democratization enable greater coordination and cooperation amongst states?
2. At the same time there is a tendency towards a growing intermingling with (and emerging patterns of dependence on) autocratic regimes. How do young Asian democracies cope with fulfilling the guarantee of human rights as a *since qua non* condition for democratic consolidation?
3. How do traditional and non-traditional security threats challenge or promote regional cooperation and integration? Do cross-border security threats (like international terrorism and religious extremism) reinforce what Barry Buzan has defined as a 'Regional Security Complex'?
4. How might the 'super election years of 2013 & 2014' affect regional security? Do the processes of democratization enforce domestic as well as transnational security in the region?

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