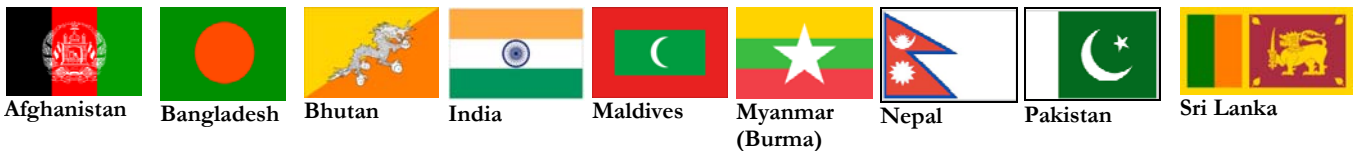




Call for Papers: Research Microtalks on South Asia at AEJMC 2017

South Asia Initiative of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)



◎ **Research Microtalks on Media and Communication in South Asia**

We invite you to present your research on South Asia or the South Asian diaspora. In our commitment to the 2017 AEJMC conference theme “Closing the Gap: Media, Research and the Profession,” the AEJMC South Asia Initiative will host an interactive session featuring research microtalks (2 to 3 minutes) on South Asia or the South Asian diaspora.

- ▶ **3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 11, 2017** (Friday) during the 100th AEJMC conference
- ▶ **Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile**, 540 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.
- ▶ **Deadline for extended abstracts: 11:59 p.m. EDT, May 18, 2017**
- ▶ **Notifications of acceptance: June 8, 2017**

Microtalk speakers will be selected in this peer-reviewed competition to present their research on South Asia or the South Asian diaspora. We welcome submissions representing a range of theoretical and methodological approaches relevant to South Asia or the South Asian diaspora.

◎ **AEJMC’s South Asia Initiative**

With over one-fourth of the world’s population, South Asia has emerged as an important region for media and journalism, politics, international relations, health communication, culture, media and other areas that enrich the repertoire of our field.

The South Asia Initiative brings together people with interest and expertise in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and the South Asian diaspora worldwide. The AEJMC South Asia Initiative, which currently constitutes 520 members worldwide, was instituted at the AEJMC 2015 conference in San Francisco.

📍 Submission Guidelines

1. Submit an extended abstract of 900 to 1000 words and related references or endnote citations (*which are NOT part of the 1000-word limit*).
2. Include a cover page with your extended abstract. The cover page should include your microtalk title, author name(s), affiliation(s), contact information, and a 125-word bio (written in third person) of author(s). We will detach this cover page to facilitate blind judging. Do not include author name(s) or any other identifying information in subsequent pages of the extended abstract.
3. Follow this format:
 - (i) Cover page (see item#2)
 - (ii) Extended abstract (*1000-word limit*) with these parts:
 - (a) Title of microtalk with a 100-word summary,
 - (b) Explanation of research work,
 - (c) Research results, and
 - (d) References or endnotes (*which are NOT part of the 1000-word limit*).
4. Submit your extended abstract in one file to **Dr. Deb Aikat**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as an email attachment [in Portable Document Format (PDF) or in Microsoft Word] to **da@unc.edu** with “**SAsia17res**” in the subject line of your email.
5. Submission deadline is **11:59 p.m. ET on May 18, 2017**. All submissions will be peer reviewed on five criteria: Relevance, originality, theoretical/practical contribution, clarity of presentation, and fit with South Asian nations or their diaspora worldwide.
6. We will email notifications of acceptance by **June 8, 2017**. Selected authors must personally present their microtalk of 2 to 3 minutes to foster research interactions on South Asia or the South Asian diaspora. We will strictly follow the time limit to provide all speakers with ample opportunities to present their scholarship to the wider audience of conference attendees.

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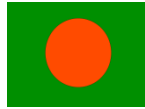


South Asia Initiative at the 100th AEJMC Conference in Chicago

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⊙ Business Meeting to Structure AEJMC's South Asia Initiative

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Aug. 10, 2017 (Thursday), Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, 540 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611

- ▶ Join us to share ideas and to form the core group that will forge the future of this important initiative. This interactive session will bring together people with interest and expertise in South Asia and the South Asian diaspora worldwide.

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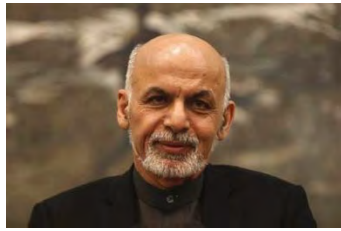


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