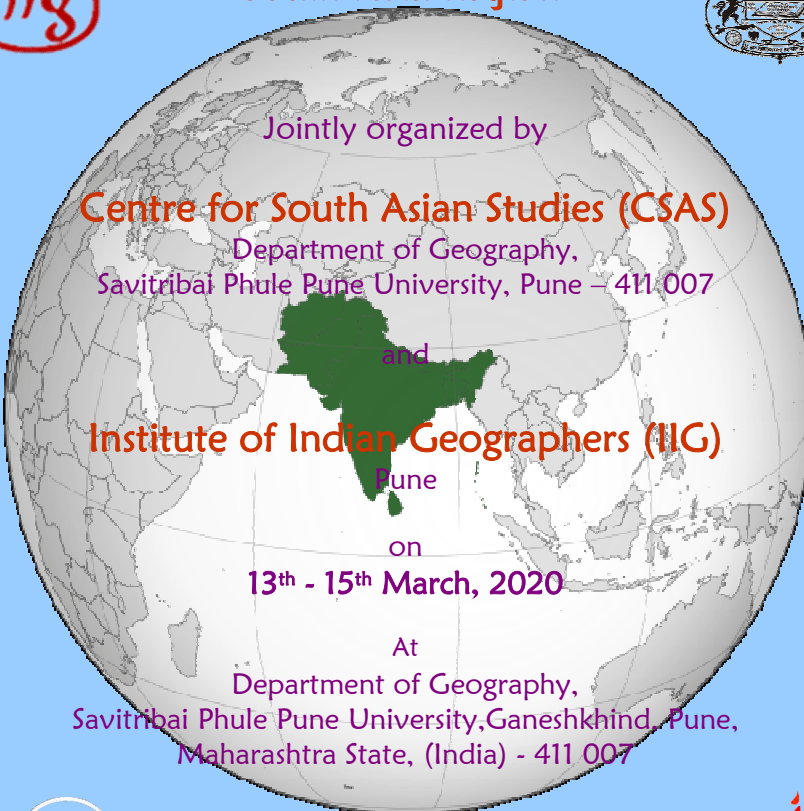


# National Seminar on 'Geopolitics and Geo-economics in Contemporary South Asia Region'



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Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH)  
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## Concept Note

The South Asian region includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. It occupies almost 5% of the world's landmass and comprises about 20% population of the world. Since the end of colonization in the South Asia, it has been recognized as one of the geopolitical hotspots of the world. It has been always experiencing various conflicts like border dispute, water sharing, illegal migration, political instability, terrorism, internal security etc. These traditional security concerns often hindered development process among the South Asian countries and results in devastating effects on stability and peace process in the sub-continent as a whole. The geopolitical approach is used to understand the conflicts with spatial analysis of these phenomena by emphasizing the influence of geography on politics. It also helps to comprehend conducting statecraft by determining the condition of a state or region and evaluate position in the world.

Despite its natural resources and great ethnic diversity, the majority of the countries are at developing stage. In the contemporary era of globalisation, emerging challenges of the region are climate change, food security, poverty, water crisis for drinking and agriculture, energy crisis, land and forest degradation, flooding, health, ecological security, haphazard urbanisation and disaster management. Along with these issues, the high population growth and increasing middle class population are unable to meet the demand in the region. These emerging crises have potential to severely destabilise the man - environment equilibrium and will cause more devastation than conventional military threat and also act as deterrent among the countries. These challenges have mainly ecological dimension and geo-economics dimension about distribution and utilization of natural resources. As in the region some countries possess resources that others need and these resources are transported strategically along the corridors. Thus economics bases of the power have a clear geographical dimension.

South Asia also part of south region in world's regional division of north-south and playing crucial role in negotiation on social - economic, political and environmental issue. Hence Geo-economics approach proceeds from the assumption that power and security are not simply coupled to the physical control of territory, as in classical geopolitical analysis, but also to commanding and manipulating the economic ties that bind states together. It leads to find out possibility of greater agreement

environmental problems to resolve issues of human -Environmental interactions at local and regional level taking into account of regional differences as well as bio-physical, socio-economic and cultural particularities. However the objective is to explore contemporary scenario of geopolitics and geo-economics of non-traditional challenges in South Asia region and assess new paradigm of regional cooperation.

With this context, the theme of the conference is Geopolitics and Geo-economics in Contemporary South Asia region'.

It includes sub-themes as follows

• Geopolitics of South Asia
• Historical roots of cultural and ethnic similarities and diversities
• Alternative paradigm for regional development
• Potential and prospects of tourism development
• Climatic change adaptation and regional resilience
• Challenges of sustainable development
• Geographical mobility and demographic trend
• Urbanization opportunities and challenges
• Environment change & threats to biodiversity
• Food security, energy crisis and water scarcity
• Poverty alleviation, inclusive growth
• Regional economics and political ingration
• Gender inequality & community development

However, there is scope for interdisciplinary contributions from various spheres within the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities.

The conference may suggest policy implications on the basis of understanding contemporary challenges of geopolitics and Geo-economics of the area with focus on emerging issues than traditional conflicting aspects among the countries for future well-being. These challenges are needed to be faced collectively through cooperative measures and regional cooperation. It involves measures like strengthening networking among the concern institutions to design strategies for joint action, developing cross-cultural linkages, transfer of technology and enhancing the capacities of both the public and private sectors to meet challenges.

## REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS

Description / Particulars	On or before 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 20	Spot Registration
FACULTY/ DELEGATES	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 1200/-
RESEARCH SCHOLARS	Rs. 800/-	Rs. 1000/-
UG / PG STUDENTS	Rs. 600/-	Rs. 800/-

Participants have to pay the registration fees in the given bank account and send the scanned copy of this filled in application form (attached) or type the same in the mail body along with payment slip in the following email ID

**csas@unipune.ac.in**

- Registration fees include conference kits, tea-snacks, lunch for all the conference days.
- Dinner will be provided for out station participants only.
- No T. A. / D. A. will be provided to the participants.
- Participants have to show the confirmation email/ message at the registration desk at the time of registration.

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Beneficiary A/c Name	: Institute of Indian Geographers
Bank name	: Bank of Maharashtra,
Bank Account No.	: 20063001604
Branch name and code	: Pune University Campus (1355)
IFSC Code	: MAHB0001355

## ACCOMODATION DETAILS

Standard accommodation will be provided in the campus of Savitribai Phule Pune University on additional payments of **Rs. 250/- (per day)** for outstation participants ONLY. Since the rooms are limited, it will be provided on first come first serve basis. The accommodation request may be raised to given email ID on or before **10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.**

## IMPORTANT DATE

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION	10/03/2020
SPOT REGISTRATION (After 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 20)	13/03/2020
ACCOMODATION REQUEST	10/03/2020

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**About Department of Geography :** The department was established in 1950. The Department of Geography, Savitribai Phule Pune University is one of the few leading departments in India with strong Physical as well as Human Geography working groups. The department has received special grants from ISRO and UGC and also been recognized as a FIST sponsored department by DST, New Delhi. The department provides advanced education in geography through academic programmes leading to the degrees in — M.A. and M.Sc. in Geography, M. Sc. in Geoinformatics, P. G. B. Sc. (Applied) in GIS and Remote Sensing and Ph. D. in Geography. **Recently Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS)** has been established in the Department.

**About Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) :** The CSAS has established in the department with purpose to assess, analyse the emerging non-traditional challenges of South Asia region along with the regional geopolitics and explore new paradigm of regional co-operation. The centre work will be based on interdisciplinary and integrative approach. It is emphasising on emerging contemporary issues like land use distribution and utilization of natural resources, climate change, degradation of environment, health issues, water distribution, migration, poverty reduction, disaster management, energy crisis, infectious diseases and other areas of conflicts and co-operation.

The objectives of the centre are

1. Initiatives in research, teaching and advocacy at the level policy.
2. Mapping reports for different emerging non-traditional challenges.
3. Identify innovative mechanisms of achieving regional co-operation.
4. Explore the possibility of effective collaboration among the major departments of the Universities and Institutions.
5. Inventory of resource material such as reference books, research journals and reports to strengthen research activity at the centre.

**About The Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG) :** The Institute of Indian Geographers is an association of Geographers, established in 1979 with the Department of Geography, University of Pune, as its registered headquarters. The Institute strives to promote geographical knowledge by research, teaching and such of the activities as will directly or indirectly lead to the growth of Geography. Since its foundation, the Institute has been regularly publishing the biannual journal, the 'Transactions of the Institute of Indian Geographers', and brought out some monographs. The Institute is regularly organising annual Geographers' Meets at university centres in different parts of the country, often accompanied by field trips, as well as topical seminars from time to time. The Institute proudly counts more than **1000** Life Members, Institutional Members, Annual Members and regular subscribers to the Transactions.