

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

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Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE STUDIES IN REGARD TO SOUTH ASIA.

Activities: PROVIDING GRANTS CONFERENCES SHOWCASE EVENTS AGMA ASSOCIATION'S PUBLICATIONS JOURNALS

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bangladesh
- India
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£20,387	£26,839	-	-
2024-01-31	£25,388	£24,103	-	-
2023-01-31	£23,678	£18,889	-	-
2022-01-31	£28,960	£26,682	-	-
2021-01-31	£28,003	£13,667	-	-

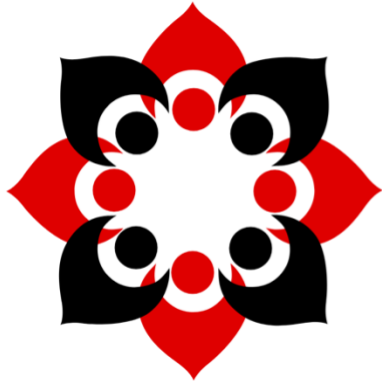
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Arvind Kumar		2023-11-01
Dr Dibyadyuti Roy		2023-11-01
Dr Jahnavi Phalkey		2022-04-01
Dr Mani Sudhir Selvaraj		2025-11-01
Dr Priyanka Basu		2021-11-01
Dr Priyanka Singh		2023-11-01
Dr Sadiq Bhanbhro		2023-11-01
Dr Shandana Khan Mohmand		2024-11-01
Dr Simona Vittorini		2024-11-01
Dr Thomas Chambers		2019-11-01
Professor Andrea Major		2025-11-01
Professor Anindita Ghosh		2020-11-01
Professor Annapurna Deborah Waughray		2025-11-01
Professor Christophe Jaffrelot		2023-11-01
Professor Indrajit Roy		2024-11-01
Professor Mukulika Banerjee		2024-11-01

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ANNUAL REPORT

**THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION
FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES**

REPORT WITH SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st JANUARY 2024

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Edmond J Safra Building, King's Building, King's College London

The meeting will take place at 4:30pm on 9th September 2024

to receive this Annual Report,
and to
transact any other business proper to the AGM.

THE COUNCIL 2023/2024

CHAIR

PROF CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT
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PROF ANDREA MAJOR (to November 2023)

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SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES JOURNAL EDITOR

DR JAHNAVI PHALKEY

CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA JOURNAL EDITOR

DR JOHN ZAVOS

MEMBERS

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PROF ANAND PRATHIVADI BHAYANKARAM
PROF PRATIK CHAKRABARTI (to November 2023)
DR ANGELA EYRE
PROF ANINDITA GHOSH
DR SUNIL MITRA KUMAR (GEC)
MR ARVIND KUMAR (from November 2023)
DR DIBYADYUTI ROY (from November 2023)
DR PRIYANKA SINGH (from November 2023)
DR PHILIPPA WILLIAMS (to November 2023)

COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2024

Significant information

The British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) supports advanced research in the humanities and social sciences of South Asia. Originally, one of the overseas organisations grant-aided by The British Academy, it is now a self-financed charity registered with the Charity Commission under Registration Number 264591.

BASAS is one of the world's leading learned societies for the study of South Asia. It was established in 1986 and is now the largest UK interdisciplinary academic association for the study of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and the South Asian diaspora. The Association was first established in 1972 as The Society for Afghan Studies. The Association expanded its remit from 1979, becoming The Society for South Asian Studies. On 1 October 2007 the Society merged with The British Association for South Asian Studies. The new organisation combines the grant-giving and overseas research project roles of The Society for South Asian Studies with the representative and advocacy roles of The British Association for South Asian Studies. The aim of the new merged Association is to advance, encourage, support and undertake the study and research of the geography, economics, politics, history, antiquities, archaeology, sociology, ethnography, languages, literature, art, culture, customs, and inter-disciplinary study of the countries and people of South Asia.

BASAS organises an annual conference, workshops and lectures, held at different locations each year in the UK and welcomes participants from all academic disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Association is particularly keen to promote the careers of graduate and early career researchers working on South Asia and organises workshops and conference panels with their needs in mind. It publishes *South Asian Studies*, a bi-annual journal, and partners with the journal *Contemporary South Asia*. The Association has sponsored research projects in South Asia, as well as programmes of exchange and training, and engages in advocacy work, for instance through its membership of UKCASA (UK Council for Area Studies Associations).

Enquiries about the Association's activities should be directed to the Assistant Secretary, The British Association for South Asian Studies, 27 Old Gloucester Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 3AX. Email: basas@basas.org.uk.

Organisation and Structure

The Association is governed by a Council and is administered by certain members of Council appointed as Executive Officers and Council members, assisted at present by a paid part-time Assistant Secretary.

Officers

The Officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2024 were:

Prof Anindita Ghosh	Chair (to November 2023)
Prof Christophe Jaffrelot	Chair (from November 2023)
Prof Andrea Major	Treasurer (to November 2023)

Prof Deana Heath
Dr Thomas Chambers

Treasurer (from November 2023)
Secretary (from November 2023)

The ex officio officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2024 were:

Dr. Jahnavi Phalkey
Dr. John Zavos

South Asian Studies Journal Editor
Contemporary South Asia Journal Editor

All Officers serve as members of Council and are members of the committees which advise Council on the awards it makes and monitor the Association's projects.

Members of Council

The following served on Council during the year ended 31st January 2024:

Dr Priyanka Basu (GEC*)
Dr Sadiq Bhanbhro (from November 2023)
Prof Anand Prathivadi Bhayankaram
Prof Pratik Chakrabarti (to November 2023)
Dr Thomas Chambers (Secretary)
Dr Angela Eyre
Prof Anindita Ghosh (as Ordinary Member from November 2023)
Prof Deana Heath (Events & Outreach Coordinator)
Dr Sunil Mitra Kumar (GEC*)
Mr Arvind Kumar (from November 2023)
Prof Andrea Major (Treasurer)
Dr Dibyadyuti Roy (from November 2023)
Dr Priyanka Singh (from November 2023)
Dr Philippa Williams (to November 2023)

Dr John Zavos (Contemporary South Asia Editor)
Dr Jahnavi Phalkey (South Asian Studies Editor)

*These roles were created in 2009 to represent Graduate and Early Career researchers.

Members of the Council constitute the Trustees of the Association for the purposes of the Charities Act.

The Executive Officers and Members of the Council are elected in terms of Rule 7 of the 2017 Constitution with vacancies being filled by vote upon nominations.

Reserves Policy

The Council reviews regularly the Association's activities and future commitments.

It has been established that a reserve of £20,000 would be needed to wind up the Association's affairs and to meet any outstanding commitments. Council has therefore determined that the minimum level of the Association's reserves should be £20,000 and that no commitments should be entered into which would bring the reserves below this level. Given the termination of British Academy funding

from 2012 the Council once again recognises that the Association's reserves should not fall below £20,000.

Risk management

Since the withdrawal of all funding from The British Academy, the Association is undergoing a period of transition with regards to its funding streams. Systems and procedures have been established to review the Association's financial structure whilst continuing to maintain and improve the quality of the Association's work, along with accurate reporting, and tight financial control. Council is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and taking all reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities. Financial procedures are reviewed regularly.

The Association faces another risk in common with many smaller charities where the week-to-week financial activities of the Association are dealt with by the Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary alone. With no staff, it is not possible to expect the level of internal financial controls, particularly the division of duties, to match those that would be expected within a larger organisation. However, in recognition of this risk, the Council has determined that all payments from the Association's bank account of over £1,000.00 should bear the signatures of two Council Members.

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Accounting Matters

The Association's accounts are externally examined by Christos Tzitzikas, a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

This has been another busy year for BASAS and, as always, there have been many individuals who have contributed a huge amount... our thanks to everyone.

The 2023 annual conference was a great success with Prof. Andrea Major and other colleagues at the University of Leeds doing an incredible job. The range of papers was wonderful to see and discussions were lively and engaging.

This year's Annual Lecture was hosted at Oxford Brookes and comprised an excellent presentation by Prof. Ravinder Kaur (Copenhagen) titled Protocols of Memory: 1947 Partition and the Return of the Political.

It has been another busy year for our two BASAS journals with a range of wonderful publications going to print. Dr John Zavos has continued his editorship through another successful year at Contemporary South Asia and Dr Jahnavi Phalkey has done a fantastic job in her first full year as editor of South Asian Studies.

John will be standing down from his roll in the autumn and we wish to offer our sincere thanks for his many years of dedicated work developing the journal.

Thanks to the hard work of Dr Priyanka Basu and Dr Sunil Kumar, the GEC Network remains highly active and continues to draw in participants.

Many congratulations to this year's book prize winners, Olly Ackerman and Sushmita Pati, and sincere thanks to the judges for their work in judging a highly competitive field.

Administratively, BASAS continues to run effectively with particular thanks to the Assistant Secretary Rosie Edgley who does a tremendous job in keeping things going. Likewise, many thanks to Prof. Deana Heath who has done a great job as Treasurer. Deana will be departing this role in the autumn and, thus, we will be seeking a replacement for the post. Do get in touch if this is of interest to you.

The coming year will see the usual activities running including the prizes, the GEC Network, the Annual Lecture (TBC) and, most importantly, the annual conference. The team at King's have been doing an incredible job with organising this for September and I am very much looking forward to catching up with many of you there.

Dr Thomas Chambers

Secretary, British Association for South Asian Studies

REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

This has been a good year for the journal. We have seen an increase of close to 80% increase in downloads and readership. We have refreshed the Editorial Board and Associate Editors, and I met with most of them in an online town-hall meeting to discuss the priorities for the journal.

Among key decisions taken, given the limit on the number of “special articles” that we are allowed (we can carry up to four non-research articles in one volume), I have decided to let go of book-reviews in favour of commissioning Essay Reviews. Aparna Balachandran continues to hold the responsibility for these.

Among our publications in the last year was an Obituary for Ranajit Guha written by David Hardiman. This is the most downloaded article from *South Asian Studies* in the last one year.

In the last year, we have published two special issues:

Issue 2, 2023: Special Issue: “Rethinking Regional Polity in North India and the Deccan, 14th-16th Centuries” with Guest Editors - Daud Ali and Ayesha Seth

Issue 1, 2024: Special Issue: Institutions, “Infrastructure, Interconnections: Essays in Honor of Frederick M. Asher” with Guest Editors - Rebecca Brown and Sumathi Ramaswamy

We have the following issues coming up:

Issue 2, 2024 – with regular submissions already lined up and submitted for production

Issue 1, 2025 – in progress

Issue 2, 2025 – Special Issue - “South Asian Collections in European Museums: Past, Present, Future,” Guest Editors: Jennifer Howes, Independent Scholar, jhowes@hotmail.com; Friederike Voigt, National Museums Scotland, f.voigt@nms.ac.uk, and Shreya Gupta, University of Exeter and Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, sg759@exeter.ac.uk

Please find below the reconstituted Editorial Board and Associate Editors.

Editorial Board

1. Anindita Ghosh - University of Manchester, UK
2. Deborah Sutton - University of Lancaster, UK
3. Iftikhar Dadi - Cornell University, USA
4. Manan Ahmed - Columbia University, USA
5. Navine Murshid - Colgate University, USA
6. Nayanjot Lahiri - Ashoka University, India
7. Pratik Chakrabarti - University of Houston, USA
8. Saloni Mathur - University of California, Los Angeles, USA

9. Seema Alavi - Ashoka University, India
10. Sudeshna Guha - Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, India
11. Tejaswini Niranjana - Ahmedabad University, India
12. Upinder Singh - Ashoka University, India
13. Vidya Dehejia - Columbia University, USA

Associate Editors

1. Aashique Ahmed Iqbal - Krea University, India
2. Ahmed Shamim - University of Texas, Austin, USA
3. Aparna Balachandran - Delhi University, India (Associate Editor for Book Reviews)
4. Arun Kumar - University of Nottingham, UK
5. Ashish Avikunthak - University of Rhode Island, USA
6. Dalpat Rajpurohit - University of Texas, Austin, USA
7. Daniele Cuneo - Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris
8. Deepti Mulgund - Shiv Nadar University, India
9. Gregory Clines - Trinity University, USA
10. Hemanth Kadambi - Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, India
11. Jason Hawkes - British Museum, UK
12. Latika Gupta - Ashoka University, India
13. Meera Visvanathan - Shiv Nadar University, India
14. Mekhala Krishnamurthy - Ashoka University, India
15. Neelam Raina - Middlesex University, UK
16. Pushkar Sohoni - Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune, India
17. Sanjukta Datta - Ashoka University, India
18. Swargajyoti Gohain - Ashoka University, India
19. Tania Sengupta - University College London, UK

Dr Jahnvi Phalkey

Editor, *South Asian Studies*

REPORT FROM EDITOR OF CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA

This report covers the calendar year 2023, during which *Contemporary South Asia* published the four issues of volume 31, as scheduled. My thanks to the whole team who worked on the journal this year – Raphael Susewind, the Book Reviews Editor, Rosie Edgley, the Editorial Assistant, Gabriele Parussini, the Reviews Editorial Assistant, the members of the Editorial Board, the production team at Taylor and Francis, and of course all our contributors. During 2023 we had the tragic news of the death of Gabriele after illness. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Unusually, Volume 31 does not include any special issues, although two of the issues did include special sections. One of these special sections (in issue 31'3) featured articles from the 2022 BASAS conference held at Southampton University. The special section is distinctive, in that it presents papers that featured in one particular panel, rather than a range of papers from across the conference. The guest editors Julien Levesque and Soheb Niazi were also the conveners of the panel at the conference, which explored Muslim caste associations in India. Five engaging papers first presented at the conference are bracketed by an introduction by Julien and Soheb, and an Afterword from Joel Lee. This coherent package of work showcases the kind of engaging, joined up thinking that regularly occurs across the conference.

The second special section this year (in issue 31'2) was a collaboration between colleagues at Université Paris 13, Jamia Millia Islamia and the Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore (Christine Ithurbide, Philippe Bouquillion, Vibodh Parthasarathi and Puthiya Purayil Sneha). Focused on Digital Creative Industries in India, the section presented four papers and an introduction by the guest editors.

Other than these, our issues have presented a range of papers, exploring themes from Chinese migrants in Assam, to women's participation in the Pakistani civil service, to bullying at Sri Lankan universities, to politics in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, to Hindi sports films and postage stamps commemorating 1857. These diverse themes reflect the multi-disciplinarity that characterizes CSA. If you want to find out more about these particular papers or others, please visit the journal website to explore the list of issues at www.tandfonline.com/loi/ccsa20.

Raphael Susewind managed our thriving book review section throughout 2023, with no less than 36 book reviews published in this volume. Don't forget that if you are interested in contributing to CSA by reviewing a book, you should contact the Reviews Editor by mail at csa.bookreviews@gmail.com. To see the current list of books available for review, please visit the CSA website at www.tandf.co.uk/journals/ccsa. 2024 will be Raphael's final year as Reviews Editor. A new Reviews Editor should be in place for 2025. Huge thanks to Raphael for all the hard work he has put in to managing the Reviews section during the time he has been with the journal.

As well as book reviews, please consider submitting research articles, shorter viewpoint pieces or research notes through our website. If you would like to discuss a possible submission, or you have ideas for a special issue or section in the journal, please do drop me a line at john.zavos@manchester.ac.uk. As it happens 2024 is also my last year as Editor of CSA. At the end of 2024 I will be handing over to a new editor after 16 years editing the journal. One of the pleasures of fulfilling this role has been the close connection it has given me to BASAS throughout this time. I am

confident the relationship between the journal and the Association will continue. My thanks to the BASAS community for supporting the journal as contributors and readers – both past and future.

Dr John Zavos

Editor, *Contemporary South Asia*

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

In accordance with previous years, the accounts for BASAS have been prepared on a cash received, cash paid basis.

2023-24 has been a good financial year for BASAS, and we have been able to maintain BASAS's profile as an organisation, sustain membership levels, and generate income. This, together with the robust financial position we have built up over the last few years, means that we have been able to continue to improve our organisational infrastructure this year without eating our cash reserves. 2023-24 represents the eighth consecutive year that the Association has ended the year with a modest surplus, and this financial stability places BASAS on a firm footing for the future.

An analysis of the financial results for the year ended 31st January 2024 are provided below:

Overview of income, expenses, and net of income/(expenses) FYE 2019-2024:

	YE 2019	YE 2020	YE 2021	YE 2022	YE 2023	YE 2024
Income	£30,606	£22,013	£28,033	£28,960	£23,678	£25,388
Expenses	£7,793	£18,006	£13,617	£26,681	£18,889	£24,103
Net of income/(expenses)	£22,813	£4,007	£14,416	£2,279	£4,788	£1,285

For the FYE 2024, the opening bank balance was £149,361, and the closing bank balance was £150,646.

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £21,852 and restricted funds stood at £3,536, making a grand total £25,388.

The largest four income streams were:

- £9,215 membership dues
- £8,000 corporate sponsorship
- £3,931 royalties from sales of *South Asian Studies*

In terms of membership income, this has remained stable. As usual we saw an upsurge in memberships ahead of the conference hosted by Leeds in 2023, underlining the importance of the annual conference for maintaining membership levels and engagement with BASAS.

BASAS continues to benefit from the arrangement with Taylor and Francis, including the payment of £8,000 in recognition of the Association's support for promoting *Contemporary South Asia* and royalties of £3,931 from *South Asian Studies*. The system of online journal access for members has been a success and will result in a reduction in member publication costs in the longer term.

Expenditure

The expenditure figures for 2023-24 have increased slightly compared to last year. The three largest areas of expenditure were:

- £11,812 administrative costs (including salaries)
- £5,445 online and digital services (including webhosting, telephony, and ongoing refinements to the new website)
- £2,365 grants and awards

We have continued to work with website specialists The Communications Group to fine-tune the new website (launched two years ago), refine processes, and improve member experience. We added the option for members to auto-renew at a cost of £1,800, with a view to retaining members.

Given BASAS's strong financial position, we have been able to offer several conference bursaries for both international and UK early career delegates. Council continues to discuss potential ways to capitalise on this strong foundation to enhance the activities of the organisation. BASAS continues to hold events, including the Annual Lecture (hosted by Oxford Brookes), Master's Dissertation Prize and Book Prize.

Summary

In summary the accounts for FYE 2024 reflect another satisfactory financial outcome, with routine expenditure maintained well within income earned. Having established and sustained the organisation's financial position through careful management over the last few years, we now have sufficient financial headroom both to secure the future of the organisation and provide opportunities for some new categories of expenditure to be pursued to further enhance the Association's charitable activities. While it has proved possible to keep the Association's finances stable at the current membership rates, it is worth noting that these have not been increased for several years. The Executive Council may wish to review membership fee rates in the coming year with a view to maintaining income levels in the face of inflationary and other pressures.

Prof Deana Heath

Treasurer, British Association for South Asian Studies



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name			No (if any)	CC16a
British Association for South Asian Studies			264591	
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/02/2023		31/01/2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subs	9,215	-	-	9,215	8,168
Non-Standard Membership	429	-	-	429	488
Annual Conference 2022	-	-	-	-	-
Corporate Sponsorship	8,000	3,536	-	11,536	11,536
Royalties	3,931	-	-	3,931	3,339
Donations	-	-	-	-	22
Bank interest	277	-	-	277	125
Total receipts	21,852	3,536	-	25,388	23,678
A3 Payments					
Administration	11,812	-	-	11,812	7,907
Travel and subs	768	-	-	768	-
Online and Digital Services	5,445	-	-	5,445	6,064
Legal and Professional	-	-	-	-	-
Office and Stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and Awards	2,365	-	-	2,365	-
Bank Fees	828	-	-	828	205
Refunds	475	-	-	475	-
Publications	510	1,900	-	2,410	4,713

Total payments	22,203	1,900	-	24,103	18,889
Net of receipts/(payments)	351	1,636	-	1,285	4,789
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	131,946	17,415	-	149,361	144,572
Cash funds this year end	131,595	19,051	-	150,646	149,361
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
			to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank		123,900	19,051	-
	Cash at PayPal		7,695	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total cash funds		131,595	19,051	-
			Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				-	-
				-	-
				-	-

				-	-
				-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
B5 Liabilities				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

British Association for South Asian Studies

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 January 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

264591

Set out on pages

**Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

The British Association for South Asian Studies promotes study and research into the humanities and social sciences of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. Details of the Association's activities are available on the Association's website.

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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BASAS COMMUNITY

BASAS is renowned for being an accessible and supportive community that represents a broad spectrum of individuals ranging from professors to postgraduate students, and policy makers to independent researchers. Membership is continually expanding, in the UK and in Asia, Europe and USA.

BASAS is a vibrant networking hub; rich in disciplinary diversity, an international membership, and a broad range of professionals at different stages in their respective careers.

The BASAS Annual Conference is one of the highlights of the South Asian Studies calendar, attracting academic and independent scholars and practitioners from around the world.

WHY JOIN BASAS?

1. **Free journal subscription** to one of two leading South Asian studies journals: *South Asian Studies* or *Contemporary South Asia*
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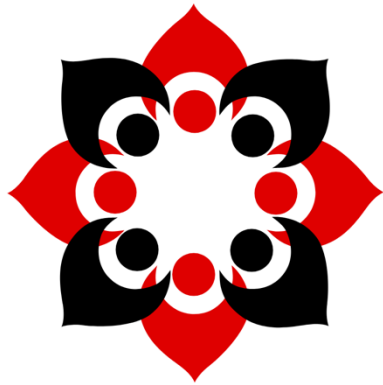
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st JANUARY 2022

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The meeting will take place at 1:00pm on 29th April 2022

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COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2022

Significant information

The British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) supports advanced research in the humanities and social sciences of South Asia. Originally, one of the overseas organisations grant-aided by The British Academy, it is now a self-financed charity registered with the Charity Commission under Registration Number 264591.

BASAS is one of the world's leading learned societies for the study of South Asia. It was established in 1986 and is now the largest UK interdisciplinary academic association for the study of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and the South Asian diaspora. The Association was first established in 1972 as The Society for Afghan Studies. The Association expanded its remit from 1979, becoming The Society for South Asian Studies. On 1 October 2007 the Society merged with The British Association for South Asian Studies. The new organisation combines the grant-giving and overseas research project roles of The Society for South Asian Studies with the representative and advocacy roles of The British Association for South Asian Studies. The aim of the new merged Association is to advance, encourage, support and undertake the study and research of the geography, economics, politics, history, antiquities, archaeology, sociology, ethnography, languages, literature, art, culture, customs, and inter-disciplinary study of the countries and people of South Asia.

BASAS organises an annual conference, workshops and lectures, held at different locations each year in the UK and welcomes participants from all academic disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Association is particularly keen to promote the careers of graduate and early career researchers working on South Asia and organises workshops and conference panels with their needs in mind. It publishes *South Asian Studies*, a bi-annual journal, and partners with the journal *Contemporary South Asia*. The Association has sponsored research projects in South Asia, as well as programmes of exchange and training, and engages in advocacy work, for instance through its membership of UKCASA (UK Council for Area Studies Associations).

Enquiries about the Association's activities should be directed to the Assistant Secretary, The British Association for South Asian Studies, 27 Old Gloucester Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 3AX. Email: basas@basas.org.uk.

Organisation and Structure

The Association is governed by a Council and is administered by certain members of Council appointed as Executive Officers and Council members, assisted at present by a paid part-time Assistant Secretary.

Officers

The Officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2022 were:

Prof Anindita Ghosh	Chair
Prof Andrea Major	Treasurer

Dr Priti Mishra Secretary (to Nov 2021)

Dr Thomas Chambers Secretary (from Nov 2021)

The ex officio officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2021 were:

Dr. Deborah Sutton *South Asian Studies* Journal Editor

Dr. John Zavos *Contemporary South Asia* Journal Editor

All Officers serve as members of Council and are members of the committees which advise Council on the awards it makes and monitor the Association's projects.

Members of Council

The following served on Council during the year ended 31st January 2022:

Dr Ketan Alder (GEC*) (to Nov 2021)

Dr Edward Anderson (to Nov 2021)

Dr Priyanka Basu (GEC*) (from Nov 2021)

Prof Anand Prathivadi Bhayankaram (from Nov 2021)

Dr Filippo Boni (to Nov 2021)

Prof Pratik Chakrabarti (from Nov 2020)

Dr Thomas Chambers (as Secretary from Nov 2021)

Dr Angela Eyre (from Nov 2019)

Prof Anindita Ghosh (as Chair from Nov 2020)

Dr Deana Heath (from Nov 2019)

Dr Sunil Mitra Kumar (GEC*) (from Nov 2021)

Prof Andrea Major (as Treasurer from Nov 2019)

Dr Priti Mishra (as Secretary to Nov 2021)

Dr Jeevan Sharma (from Nov 2019)

Dr Philippa Williams (co-opted from Nov 2020)

Dr John Zavos (Contemporary South Asia Editor)

Dr Deborah Sutton (South Asian Studies Editor)

*These roles were created in 2009 to represent Graduate and Early Career researchers.

Members of the Council constitute the Trustees of the Association for the purposes of the Charities Act.

The Executive Officers and Members of the Council are elected in terms of Rule 7 of the 2017 Constitution with vacancies being filled by vote upon nominations.

Reserves Policy

The Council reviews regularly the Association's activities and future commitments.

It has been established that a reserve of £20,000 would be needed to wind up the Association's affairs and to meet any outstanding commitments. Council has therefore determined that the minimum level of the Association's reserves should be £20,000 and that no commitments should be

entered into which would bring the reserves below this level. Given the termination of British Academy funding from 2012 the Council once again recognises that the Association's reserves should not fall below £20,000.

Risk management

Since the withdrawal of all funding from The British Academy, the Association is undergoing a period of transition with regards to its funding streams. Systems and procedures have been established to review the Association's financial structure whilst continuing to maintain and improve the quality of the Association's work, along with accurate reporting, and tight financial control. Council is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and taking all reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities. Financial procedures are reviewed regularly.

The Association faces another risk in common with many smaller charities where the week-to-week financial activities of the Association are dealt with by the Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary alone. With no staff, it is not possible to expect the level of internal financial controls, particularly the division of duties, to match those that would be expected within a larger organisation. However, in recognition of this risk, the Council has determined that all payments from the Association's bank account of over £1,000.00 should bear the signatures of two Council Members.

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Accounting Matters

The Association's accounts are externally examined by Christos Tzitzikas, a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

Before tackling general matters of business I would like to thank the outgoing secretary, Priti Mishra, for her fantastic contribution over the duration of her time in the position. I am very proud to be taking on this role and look forward to working with BASAS colleagues in the future. As I have only taken on the secretarial duties in November, this report will be relatively brief. However, there are several significant items that can be shared with members here.

The last year has seen a series of BASAS events including the annual conference organised by our fantastic colleagues at the University of Edinburgh. This despite the difficult conditions with Covid restrictions... many thanks to all. We now have another wonderful event to look forward to at the University of Southampton from 31st March to 2nd April 2022. Although Covid restrictions are currently lifting, it was decided that it would be best if this also took place online. Whilst this does create some limitations, we have seen advantages to this format, not least in terms of attracting more global participation. Many thanks in advance for the ongoing work of colleagues at Southampton.

As a result of the hard work of several members of the BASAS committee, this year has marked the launch of the BASAS book prize. The shortlist is [now available](#) and the winning book will be announced at the forthcoming conference. Congratulations to all the authors who made the list and thanks to all who submitted books. Many thanks also to the judging panel – Nandini Chatterjee, Deborah Sutton and Raphael Susewind – who gave a large amount of their own time to reading the submissions and drawing up the shortlist.

Although active since 2009, I would also like to highlight the ongoing work of the [Graduate and Early Career Network \(GEC\)](#). We have two new GEC reps, Priyanka Basu and Sunil Mitra Kumar, who are already contributing much to the network and the ongoing work of other reps is also much appreciated. The [GEC Researcher's Corner](#) is developing well, with many PhD and early career scholars sharing their research and ideas.

The BASAS journal, South Asian Studies, and our partner journal, Contemporary South Asia, have continued their fantastic work. In the autumn we began a recruitment process to replace the outgoing South Asian Studies editor, Deborah Sutton, who has given years of work to developing the journal... many thanks Deborah! As detailed in a recent newsletter, we were very pleased to be able to announce that Jahnvi Phalkey of the Science Gallery Bengaluru was offered the post after a round of interviews. We are very fortunate that she accepted and she has now started her term as editor. John Zavos will continue in his role as editor of Contemporary South Asia and we are very grateful for his ongoing contributions.

We are pleased to notify colleagues that the [new website](#) is now active. This was a much needed upgrade on what was becoming an increasingly dated platform. We are indebted to Rosie Edgley for all her effort in navigating the process, organizing the web designer and ensuring that the rollout was smooth.

Deana Heath organized a workshop in June of 2021 titled "Studying Violence: Ideas, Approaches and Challenges". The workshop helped ERCs whose research relates in some way to violence to think collectively about what violence is and how to theorise it. Deborah Sutton then led a workshop titled

'How to Get Published' in December. In both cases a participant was then selected for mentoring through to publication of a research piece. Deana will run a further workshop this June, again with the mentoring follow up in place. Many thanks to Deana and Debbie for their tremendous efforts in this regard. June will also see the hosting of our annual lecture which will be given by Professor Samita Sen and will focus on unions supporting paid domestic workers in India.

Finally, I would like to thank all the council members for their contributions over the past year. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with you all in the year ahead.

Dr Thomas Chambers

Secretary, British Association for South Asian Studies

REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

This has been a slightly difficult year for the journal. Both the Spring and Autumn issues were delayed (the Autumn issue will be published in the coming month). The Spring 2022 issue may be slightly delayed but the schedule will be resumed by Autumn 2022. This was the result of a very delayed special issue which I should have taken editorial action on earlier in the year. The issue will finally go to press in the delayed Autumn 2021 issue with two missing submissions.

Submissions have been moving through the system more slowly than usual, a problem resulting from a very slow average rate of peer review. This seems to be an aggregate effect of both covid and a more diffuse demoralisation in the sector.

Professor Frederick M. (Rick) Asher, a wonderful and active member of the Editorial Board, died last June. His death is a significant loss for the field of South Asian art history and will be felt keenly by the journal. An obituary, by his former student Venugopal Maddipati (of Ambedkar University, Delhi) will be published in the next issue.

The journal welcomed the BASAS chair, Anindita Ghosh, onto the Editorial Board and a new incoming editor, Jahnvi Phalkey, will join the journal on 1 April 2022.

Dr Deborah Sutton

Editor, *South Asian Studies*

REPORT FROM EDITOR OF CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA

This report covers the calendar year 2021, during which *Contemporary South Asia* published the four issues of volume 29, as scheduled. My thanks to the whole team who have worked on the journal this year – Raphael Susewind, the Book Reviews Editor, Gabriele Parussini, the Book Reviews Editorial Assistant, the members of the Editorial Board, the production team at Taylor and Francis, all our contributors, and Rosie Edgley and Isla MacRae for helping me with occasional editorial assistance.

This volume consists of one special and three general issues, one of which included a special section. Unfortunately we did not carry a special issue or section related to the 2020 BASAS conference in Southampton. This conference was one of the many casualties of the pandemic. We look forward to the 2022 ‘phoenix’ conference in Southampton, and the many engaging papers that undoubtedly will be presented there – hoping that some will in time find their way into the pages of CSA!

Issue 29’1 is a special issue entitled ‘Kinship as Fiction: Exploring the Dynamism of Intimate Relationships in India’, guest edited by Anindita Majumdar and Yoko Taguchi. This issue is focused on new kinship studies, presenting a range of ethnographic accounts of intimate relationships configured by socio-technological change. Issue 29’2 carries a special section entitled ‘Lived Religions of South Asian Hindu and Muslim Women’, guest edited by Anjana Narayan, Bandana Purkayastha and Nazli Kibria. This section includes three articles and two viewpoint pieces, as well as an introduction by Prema Kurien. The section focuses on the ways in which religion and transnationalism shape the lives and experiences of Hindu and Muslim South Asian women living in the subcontinent and in the diaspora. Our general issues this year include work by Manjari Katju on the Election Commission of India, David Jackman on student movements in Bangladesh, Shahid Ali on the Hazara and Shia communities in Pakistan, and Tharindi Udalagama on marital conflict in Sri Lanka.

Issue 29’4 features a research article by our Reviews Editor Raphael Susewind on micromobilities in Lucknow, framed by the mobility constraints of the pandemic. The shadow of the pandemic will inevitably fall across research agendas over the coming years – how could it not? In addition to Raphael’s article, we are already beginning to see this in other work published in this volume, primarily, at this early stage, in the form of preliminary research notes and viewpoint pieces. 29’3 carries a viewpoint on the ‘the post-COVID medicalisation of mobilities’ by Neha Gupta and Avishek Ray. 29’2 carries a fascinating research note by Naveen Bharathi, Deepak Malghan and Andaleeb Rahman. The note uses a census-scale micro-dataset of caste categories in rural Karnataka to explore how social distancing strategies for containing the pandemic intersect with extant social divisions.

Finally, in issue 29’4 we were delighted to mark 50 years of Bangladeshi independence with a viewpoint piece by our Editorial Board member Naomi Hussain. Naomi reflects on the ‘surprising successes’ of Bangladesh’s first 50 years, which, she argues, ‘owe greatly to the hard labour – domestic and industrial – as well as the ingenuity and resourcefulness of its women’.

Raphael Susewind continues to manage our thriving book review section. Don’t forget that if you are interested in contributing to this section by reviewing a book, you should contact Raphael by mail at csa-reviews@kcl.ac.uk. To see current books available for review, please visit https://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/pdf/reviewers/CCSA_Book_Reviews.PDF.

Equally, please consider submitting research articles, shorter viewpoint pieces or research notes through our website (www.tandf.co.uk/journals/ccsa). If you would like to discuss a possible submission, or you have ideas for a special issue or section in the journal, please do drop me a line at john.zavos@manchester.ac.uk. My thanks as always to the BASAS community for continuing to support the journal as contributors and readers.

Dr John Zavos

Editor, *Contemporary South Asia*

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

In accordance with previous years, the accounts for BASAS have been prepared on a cash received, cash paid basis.

2021-22 has been another strong financial year for BASAS. While we have had to adapt to new ways of working, including our first entirely online conference hosted by Edinburgh in April 2021, we have been able to maintain BASAS's profile as an organisation, improve membership levels, and generate income despite the ongoing challenges posed by the pandemic. This, together with the robust financial position we have built up over the last few years, means that we have been able to make a major investment in our organisational infrastructure this year without eating our cash reserves. 2021-22 represents the sixth consecutive year that the Association has seen strong returns, and this financial stability places BASAS on a firm footing for the future. As a result, no increases to the rate of membership subscriptions are proposed.

An analysis of the financial results for the year ended 31st January 2022 are provided below:

Overview of income, expenses, and net of income/(expenses) FYE 2017-2022:

	YE 2017	YE 2018	YE 2019	YE 2020	YE 2021	YE 2022
Income	£24, 100	£40, 479	£30, 606	£22,013	£28,003	£28,960
Expenses	£18, 800	£9, 109	£7, 793	£18,006	£13,667	£26,682
Net of income/ (expenses)	£5, 300	£31, 370	£22, 813	£4,007	£14,336	£2,279

For the FYE 2022, the opening bank balance was £142,215, and the closing bank balance was £144,494.

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £25,424 and restricted funds stood at £3,536, making a grand total £28,960.

The largest four income streams were:

- £8,935 membership dues
- £8,000 corporate sponsorship
- £4,603 profit from the 2021 Conference in Edinburgh
- £3,796 royalties from sales of *South Asian Studies*

In terms of membership income, this has increased considerably compared last year (which saw a downturn in membership and refunds issued due to the cancellation of the 2020 conference). We saw an upsurge in memberships ahead of the online conference hosted by Edinburgh in 2021, and (though not included in the report for financial year 2021-22) again in the run up to the Southampton conference in 2022. This bodes well for next year's accounts and underlines the importance of the annual conference for maintaining membership levels. Thanks are due to both

conference organising teams for their hard work in putting on these events in difficult circumstances. BASAS also benefitted from direct profit of £4,603 from the Edinburgh event.

BASAS continues to benefit from the arrangement with Taylor and Francis, including the payment of £8,000 in recognition of the Association's support for promoting *Contemporary South Asia* and royalties of £3,796 from *South Asian Studies*. Publishing arrangements were reviewed this year, and a system of online access for members launched, which seems to have been a success and will result in a reduction in member publication costs in the longer term.

Expenditure

The expenditure figures for 2021-22 have been affected by the ongoing pandemic, with overall costs relating to travel, events, grants and awards remaining at a reduced level. The three largest areas of expenditure were:

- £12,213 online and digital services (including the development and launch of the new website)
- £9,039 administrative costs (including salaries)
- £1,903 member publications (including hard copies and online access)

Payments made to the publisher for dispatching *Contemporary South Asia* and *South Asian Studies* have been significantly reduced by the move to online access and may reduce further as the new system beds in. Plans to use restricted funds to support workshops and events benefiting *South Asian Studies* have again been hampered by the ongoing pandemic, but editorial assistance for the journal has been ongoing (paid for from the journal's restricted funds). By far the largest expenditure this year, however, has been the investment in a new BASAS website. The Executive Council has worked with website specialists The Communications Group to develop and launch the new website. While this involved a substantial investment in terms of initial outlay, this was deemed a priority to improve members' experience, raise the profile of the BASAS, and head off potential security issues arising from an ageing platform and dated systems. To have been able to make this kind of investment in the 'public face' of the association without eating into our cash reserves is an indication of the benefits that come with our improved financial situation.

Given the stable and improving financial position in which BASAS has emerged from a challenging period, Council continues to discuss potential ways to capitalise on this strong foundation to enhance the activities of the organisation. The MA Dissertation prize continues and BASAS has recently launched its new Book Prize. The resumption of existing activities around networks, grants, and GEC events, as well as potential new initiatives like the relaunch of the BASAS annual lecture are planned for the coming year.

Summary

In summary the accounts for FYE 2022 reflect another satisfactory financial outcome, with routine expenditure maintained well within income earned and a significant investment in improving our online presence possible. Having established and sustained the organisation's financial position through careful management over the last few years, we now have sufficient financial headroom both to secure the future of the organisation and to provide opportunities for some new categories of expenditure to be pursued to further enhance the Association's charitable activities.

Prof Andrea Major

Treasurer, British Association for South Asian Studies

14 April 2022

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	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end	
		01/02/2021			



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subs	8,070	-	-	8,070	6,915
Non-Standard Membership	865	-	-	865	404
Annual Conference 2021	4,603	-	-	4,603	4,657
Corporate Sponsorship	8,000	3,536	-	11,536	1,536
Royalties	3,796	-	-	3,796	4,300
Donations	90	-	-	90	191
Total receipts	25,424	3,536	-	28,960	28,003
A3 Payments					
Administration	9,039	-	-	9,039	7,774
Travel and subs	-	-	-	-	700
Online and Digital Services	12,213	-	-	12,213	125
Legal and Professional	90	-	-	90	90
Office and Stationery	-	-	-	-	975
Grants and Awards	400	-	-	400	150
Bank Fees	242	-	-	242	178
Refunds	265	-	-	265	531
Publications	1,903	2,530	-	4,433	3,144
Total payments	24,152	2,530	-	26,682	13,667
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,273	1,006	-	26,682	14,336
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	126,787	1,5428	-	14,2215	127,879
Cash funds this year end	128,060	1,6434	-	14,4494	142,215

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to the	to the	to the



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
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On accounts for the year
ended

31 January 2022	Charity no (if any)	264591
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Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  **Date:** 17/05/2022

Name: Christos Tzitzikas

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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Significant information

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BASAS is one of the world's leading learned societies for the study of South Asia. It was established in 1986 and is now the largest UK interdisciplinary academic association for the study of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, and the South Asian diaspora. The Association was first established in 1972 as The Society for Afghan Studies. The Association expanded its remit from 1979, becoming The Society for South Asian Studies. On 1 October 2007 the Society merged with The British Association for South Asian Studies. The new organisation combines the grant-giving and overseas research project roles of The Society for South Asian Studies with the representative and advocacy roles of The British Association for South Asian Studies. The aim of the new merged Association is to advance, encourage, support and undertake the study and research of the geography, economics, politics, history, antiquities, archaeology, sociology, ethnography, languages, literature, art, culture, customs, and inter-disciplinary study of the countries and people of South Asia.

BASAS organises an annual conference, workshops and lectures, held at different locations each year in the UK and welcomes participants from all academic disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Association is particularly keen to promote the careers of graduate and early career researchers working on South Asia and organises workshops and conference panels with their needs in mind. It publishes *South Asian Studies*, a bi-annual journal, and partners with the journal *Contemporary South Asia*. The Association has sponsored research projects in South Asia, as well as programmes of exchange and training, and engages in advocacy work, for instance through its membership of UKCASA (UK Council for Area Studies Associations).

Enquiries about the Association's activities should be directed to the Assistant Secretary, The British Association for South Asian Studies, 27 Old Gloucester Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 3AX. Email: basas@basas.org.uk.

Organisation and Structure

The Association is governed by a Council and is administered by certain members of Council appointed as Executive Officers and Council members, assisted at present by a paid part-time Assistant Secretary.

Officers

The Officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2021 were:

Prof Anindita Ghosh

Chair (from Nov 2020)

Prof Patricia Jeffery

Chair (Nov 2014-Nov 2020)

Prof Andrea Major

Treasurer (from Nov 2019)

Dr Priti Mishra

Secretary (from Jan 2016)

The ex officio officers who served during the year ended 31st January 2021 were:

Dr. Deborah Sutton

South Asian Studies Journal Editor

Dr. John Zavos

Contemporary South Asia Journal Editor

All Officers serve as members of Council and are members of the committees which advise Council on the awards it makes and monitor the Association's projects.

Members of Council

The following served on Council during the year ended 31st January 2021:

Dr Ketan Alder (GEC*) (from Nov 2017)

Dr Edward Anderson (from Sept 2015)

Dr Filippo Boni (from Nov 2018)

Prof Pratik Chakrabarti (from Nov 2020)

Dr Thomas Chambers (from Nov 2019)

Dr Angela Eyre (from Nov 2019)

Prof Anindita Ghosh (as Chair from Nov 2020)

Dr Deana Heath (from Nov 2019)

Prof Patricia Jeffery (as Chair from Nov 2014-Nov 2020)

Dr Diego Maiorano (GEC*) (from Nov 2017-Nov 2020)

Prof Andrea Major (as Treasurer from Nov 2019)

Dr Priti Mishra (as Secretary from Jan 2016)

Dr Jeevan Sharma (from Nov 2019)

Dr Philippa Williams (co-opted from April 2019)

Dr John Zavos (Contemporary South Asia Editor)

Dr Deborah Sutton (South Asian Studies Editor)

*These roles were created in 2009 to represent Graduate and Early Career researchers.

Members of the Council constitute the Trustees of the Association for the purposes of the Charities Act.

The Executive Officers and Members of the Council are elected in terms of Rule 7 of the 2017 Constitution with vacancies being filled by vote upon nominations.

Reserves Policy

The Council reviews regularly the Association's activities and future commitments.

It has been established that a reserve of £20,000 would be needed to wind up the Association's affairs and to meet any outstanding commitments. Council has therefore determined that the minimum level of the Association's reserves should be £20,000 and that no commitments should be entered into which would bring the reserves below this level. Given the termination of British Academy funding

from 2012 the Council once again recognises that the Association's reserves should not fall below £20,000.

Risk management

Since the withdrawal of all funding from The British Academy, the Association is undergoing a period of transition with regards to its funding streams. Systems and procedures have been established to review the Association's financial structure whilst continuing to maintain and improve the quality of the Association's work, along with accurate reporting, and tight financial control. Council is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and taking all reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities. Financial procedures are reviewed regularly.

The Association faces another risk in common with many smaller charities where the week-to-week financial activities of the Association are dealt with by the Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary alone. With no staff, it is not possible to expect the level of internal financial controls, particularly the division of duties, to match those that would be expected within a larger organisation. However, in recognition of this risk, the Council has determined that all payments from the Association's bank account of over £1,000.00 should bear the signatures of two Council Members.

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Accounting Matters

The Association's accounts were externally examined by Christos Tzitzikas, a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

In 2020/2021, the activities of the association have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the council has continued to work towards broadening its contribution to the field. I am very happy to note that we have continued to sponsor an MA Dissertation Prize in South Asian Studies. We received several stellar submissions this year and the winner will be announced at the annual conference at Edinburgh. In addition, we would also like to announce the inauguration of the BASAS Book Prize. The Book Prize will celebrate outstanding first books by scholars of South Asian Studies. The call for submissions for the inaugural 2021 round is now open. I would like to thank Dr John Zavos, Dr Deborah Sutton, Prof Andrea Major, Dr Tom Chambers, Dr Aparna Balachandran, Dr Raphael Susewind and Dr Jeevan Sharma for their work on this project.

Our council members in charge of GEC matters – Dr Fillipo Boni and Dr Ketan Alder – have continued to do great work on providing our early career members with a cohesive sense of online community. In particular, the GEC Researcher’s Corner in depth profile on individual members has brought to light some of the exciting and cutting-edge research that is being done in the field.

In the last year we have put together two new academic and outreach initiatives that will take place in 2021. The BASAS Black Lives Matter webinar series set to start in April 2021 will engage with scholars of South Asia to explore what the BLM movements across the world provoke in our thinking about South Asian minority political activism. Furthermore, in summer 2021, we will launch our first GEC writing workshop on the theme of violence. We hope to draw together GEC scholars of South Asia to collectively work on their writing on everyday violence in South Asia.

The BASAS council has seen a few changes in the last year. In November 2020, we said goodbye to Prof Patricia Jeffery who has served as the Chair of BASAS since 2014. Under her able stewardship, BASAS was able to build its scant resources and consolidate its position as an important home for British South Asian studies. She has led the organization with enormous generosity and commitment. We are deeply grateful for her years of service to this Association. We are very happy to welcome Prof Anindita Ghosh of the University of Manchester who has taken over as the new Chair of BASAS as of November 2020. In the July 2020 election Prof Andrea Major was formally elected as the Treasurer. We would also like to thank Dr Diego Maiorano for their service as they have stepped down from the council after a productive three-year term. We also welcome Prof Pratik Chakrabarty and Dr Phillipa Williams to council following their respective appointments.

Unfortunately, the 2020 conference that was to be held at Southampton had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We would like to thank the conference organizing team at Southampton for their efforts. Delegates were assured that their papers will be considered for inclusion in the program of the 2021 conference which will be held at Edinburgh. We hope that the upcoming 2021 conference at Edinburgh will restore our annual research conversations to their usual fervor. Over 200 delegates have registered for the online conference in Edinburgh. We thank the organizing team for their herculean efforts to put together such an exciting program under such difficult circumstances. In 2022, the annual conference will return to Southampton and we look forward to your participation there.

Dr Priti Mishra

Secretary, 5 April 2021

REPORT FROM THE EDITOR OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The year has been a good one for submissions though the reviewing process has slowed down noticeably and considerably. I assume this is a result of covid-related disruption to normal teaching and research lives and reviewing work is being squeezed. I look forward to an on-line interface being introduced for submissions and reviewing. I think this will help co-ordinate and streamline the reviewing process.

We appointed two new Associate Editors, Suman Ghosh from Bath Spa and Megha Chand Inglis from Bartlett School of Architecture in London. We also appointed two new members of the Editorial Board, Supriya Verma from JNU and Nayanjot Lahiri from Ashoka University in Delhi. We were also joined by a new, UK-based book reviews editor (who joins Aparna Balachandran, who is based in India): Laxshmi Greaves, who is an art historian based at Cardiff University. These appointments consolidate our commitment to visual and material cultures and expand our capacity to deal with submissions on archaeology.

The next, Spring, issue will be slightly delayed in print production but also contains five very exciting papers on darshan – in art, text and architecture.

This is my final year as Editor of South Asian Studies, my contract ends in October 2021. I would recommend that we start looking for a replacement in the coming weeks.

Dr Deborah Sutton

Editor, *South Asian Studies*, 10 March 2021

REPORT FROM EDITOR OF CONTEMPORARY SOUTH ASIA

This report covers the calendar year 2020, during which *Contemporary South Asia* published the four issues of volume 28, as scheduled. My thanks to the whole team who have worked on the journal this year – Raphael Susewind, the Book Reviews Editor, Gabriele Parussini, the Book Reviews Editorial Assistant, the members of the Editorial Board, the production team at Taylor and Francis, and all our contributors. We managed to bring everything out, as planned, despite everything.

This volume consists of two special and two general issues. One of our general issues this year also included a special section. The special section in issue 28'3 was focused on the BASAS conference 2019, which was held in Durham. Tom Widger, one of the organisers of the Durham conference, guest edited our special section. The section includes three articles by scholars who presented their material at Durham: Tim van de Meerendonk, Itay Noy and Sandhya Fuchs.

Issue 28'4 was a special issue called Calcutta Characters, guest edited by James Bradbury and Atreyee Sen. This innovative issue presents a range of ethnographic portraits drawn from the metropolis of Kolkata. Scholars' work is 'paired', to produce a kind of creative tension in the portraits, which cover issues such as sexuality, gender, labour and politics through the stories of individuals encountered in research. Issue 28'2 was a special issue on the 2019 Indian elections, guest edited by Christophe Jaffrelot and Gilles Verniers, and including a range of articles analyzing the results and the campaign during this election.

28'2 also carried a Book Forum feature on Shandana Khan Mohmand's monograph *Crafty Oligarchs, Savvy Voters*, featuring contributions from Christophe Jaffrelot, Thibaud Marcesse, Nicolas Martin and a response from Shandana Khan Mohmand. Many thanks to our Book Reviews Editor Raphael Susewind for again coordinating and bringing to fruition this very stimulating feature of CSA.

In addition to these themed features, CSA carried a wide range of articles in our general issues, ranging from Felix Pal's exploration of 'Why Muslims join the Muslim wing of the RSS' in 28'3, to Shameem Black's analysis of the cultural politics of yoga in 28'1, 'Yoga by the Book'; from a focus on water and social exclusion in Nepal, in 'The hydro-dynamics of exclusion and water insecurity of Dalits in peri-urban Kathmandu Valley, Nepal', by Anushiya Shrestha, Deepa Joshi and Dik Roth (28'3) to health and reproductive politics in Sri Lanka, in 'Respectability and rights. Sexual and reproductive health and rights of Sri Lankan women formerly involved in prostitution', by Malin Jordal, Ann Öhman and Kumudu Wijewardene (28'1).

In addition to the Book Forum, Raphael Susewind continues to manage our thriving book review section. Don't forget that if you are interested in contributing to this section by reviewing a book, you should contact Raphael by mail at csa-reviews@kcl.ac.uk. To see current books available for review, please visit https://www.tandf.co.uk//journals/pdf/reviewers/CCSA_Book_Reviews.PDF.

Equally, please consider submitting research articles, shorter viewpoint pieces or research notes through our website (www.tandf.co.uk/journals/ccsa). If you would like to discuss a possible submission, or you have ideas for a special issue or section in the journal, please do drop me a line at john.zavos@manchester.ac.uk. My thanks as always to the BASAS community for continuing to support the journal as contributors and readers.

Dr John Zavos

Editor, *Contemporary South Asia*, 26 February 2021

TREASURER'S REPORT

In accordance with previous years the accounts for BASAS have been prepared on a cash received, cash paid basis.

It has been an unusual year, with COVID-19 and the postponement of the Southampton conference. Exposure to significant loss was prevented by the timely cancellation of the event, but we did not realise the potential additional income that is usually generated by the conference and also had to carry the cost of membership refunds as a result. These costs have been offset in the overall financial data by a reduction in spending and the timing of receipt of outstanding payments from the 2019-20 financial year (including from the 2019 conference).

While, as always, these figures reflect some disparities in the timing of when specific income and expenditure is actually incurred versus when it is received/paid out to our accounts, it may be noted that despite the challenges of FYE 2020, our income has increased and cash expenditure has reduced compared to the previous year. As a result, a notable surplus of £14,336 has been generated.

This surplus represents the fifth consecutive year that the Association has made a cash surplus and further corrects the run of cash deficits that had occurred in each of the three years to 2016. As such greater levels of financial stability have been achieved and no proposed increases to the rate of membership subscriptions are proposed.

An analysis of the financial results for the year ended 31st January 2021 are provided below:

Overview of income, expenses, and net of income/(expenses) FYE 2016-2021:

	YE 2016	YE 2017	YE 2018	YE 2019	YE 2020	YE 2021
Income	£12,600	£24,100	£40,479	£30,606	£22,013	£28,003
Expenses	£18,900	£18,800	£9,109	£7,793	£18,006	£13,667
Net of income/(expenses)	£-6,300	£5,300	£31,370	£22,813	£4,007	£14,336

For the FYE 2021, the opening bank balance was £127,879, and the closing bank balance was £142,216.

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £24,467 and restricted funds stood at £3,536, making a grand total £28,003.

The largest four income streams were:

- £7,319 membership dues
- £8,000 corporate sponsorship, and
- £4,657 profit from the 2019 Conference in Durham (receipt of which was delayed from the previous financial year)

- £4,300 royalties from sales of *South Asian Studies*

In terms of membership income, this has remained largely stable compared to the FYE 2020. An overall increase in membership receipts of £315 was negated by refunds following the cancellation of the Southampton conference to the value of £530 – meaning that our overall membership income was down by £215. This does not tell the whole story, however, as this year has seen both a downturn in memberships ahead of the cancelled Southampton conference and a subsequent upsurge (ongoing after the cut off for the financial reporting) ahead of the online event hosted by Edinburgh in 2021. To maintain our membership income at this level (c. £6,790 after refunds) in the face of the challenges posed by COVID-19 was impressive. It is also worth noting that, though not included in the report for financial year 2020-21, memberships have been buoyant over the last couple of months in the run up to the 2021 conference, and this bodes well for next year's accounts.

The Association's continues to benefit from the arrangement with Taylor and Francis, including the payment of £8,000 in recognition of the Association's support for promoting *Contemporary South Asia*. Publishing arrangements concerning *South Asian Studies* are currently being reviewed and plans to move to supplying digital journal access for members by default are being trialled this year, with potential financial and environmental benefits envisaged.

The organisation also benefitted from the profit of £4,657 generated by the very successful Durham conference in 2019, which after an administrative delay was received into its accounts in FYE 2021.

Expenditure

The expenditure figures for 2020 have also been affected by COVID-19. There has been a reduction in overall costs relating to travel, events, grants and awards.

Regarding the payments made to the Publisher for dispatching *Contemporary South Asia* and *South Asian Studies*, these are significantly reduced compared to last year, but this mainly reflects the timing of invoicing for this cost (which as noted in last year's report spiked in FYE 2020 due to the timing of invoices both at the beginning and end of the year). With that in mind (and considering the reduced membership activity in the first half of FYE 2020) the typical cost for this expense line should even out at the expected c. £3,000 per annum over the longer term.

With regard to other expenditure, plans to use the ringfenced funds to support workshops and events that will benefit *South Asian Studies* have been hampered by the current situation, but editorial assistance has been secured for the journal (paid for from the journal's restricted funds). The BASAS administrator laptop has been updated and we have had the unexpected cost of membership refunds. Overall, however (and bearing in mind the extent to which timing of invoices that distorts the overall view of 'real terms' savings) expenditure has been reduced this year and BASAS has weathered a challenging year in good financial shape.

Given the stable and improving financial position in which BASAS is emerging from this challenging period, Council have been discussing potential ways to capitalise on this strong foundation to enhance the activities of the organisation. The MA Dissertation prize continues and BASAS has recently launched its new Book Prize. Work on improving/redesigning the BASAS website and a resumption of existing activities around networks, grants and GEC events all seem likely in the coming year.

Summary

In summary the accounts for FYE 2020 reflect another satisfactory financial outcome, with expenditure maintained within income earned and a significant surplus further adding to the organisation's coffers. Having established and sustained the organisation's financial position through careful management over the last few years, sufficient financial headroom now both secure the future of the organisation and provides opportunities for some new categories of expenditure to be pursued to further enhance the Association's charitable activities.

Prof Andrea Major

Treasurer, 2 April 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name			No (if any)	CC16a
British Association for South Asian Studies			264591	
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/02/2020		31/01/2021	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subs	6,915	-	-	6,915	6,690
Non-Standard Membership	404	-	-	404	315
Annual Conference 2019	4,657	-	-	4,657	-
Corporate Sponsorship	8,000	3,536	-	11,536	11,536
Royalties	4,300	-	-	4,300	3,398
Donations	191	-	-	191	74
Total receipts	24,467	3,536	-	28,003	22,013
A3 Payments					
Administration	7,774	-	-	7,774	6,806
Travel and subs	700	-	-	700	1,108
Online and Digital Services	125	-	-	125	724
Legal and Professional	90	-	-	90	198
Office and Stationery	975	-	-	975	3
Grants and Awards	150	-	-	150	1,621
Bank Fees	178	-	-	178	147
Refunds	531	-	-	531	-
Publications	1,078	2,067	-	3,144	7,399
Total payments	11,600	2,067	-	13,667	18,006

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	12,867	1,469	-	14,336	4,007
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	113,920	13,959	-	127,879	123,872
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	126,787	15,428	-	142,216	127,879
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
			to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank		115,721	15,428	-
	Cash at PayPal		11,067	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total cash funds		126,788	15,428	-
			Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-

				-	-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

<p style="font-size: small; color: grey;">Charity Name</p> <p>British Association for South Asian Studies</p>

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 January 2021	Charity no (if any)	264591
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**Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  **Date:** 19/04/2021

Name: Christos Tzitzikas

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: 24 Park Road
Egham
TW20 9BJ

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

The British Association for South Asian Studies promotes study and research into the humanities and social sciences of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. Details of the Association's activities are available on the Association's website.

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BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BASAS COMMUNITY

BASAS is renowned for being an accessible and supportive community that represents a broad spectrum of individuals ranging from professors to postgraduate students, and policy makers to independent researchers. Membership is continually expanding, in the UK and in Asia, Europe and USA.

BASAS is a vibrant networking hub; rich in disciplinary diversity, an international membership, and a broad range of professionals at different stages in their respective careers.

The BASAS Annual Conference is one of the highlights of the South Asian Studies calendar, attracting academic and independent scholars and practitioners from around the world.

WHY JOIN BASAS?

1. **Free journal subscription** to one of two leading South Asian studies journals: *South Asian Studies* or *Contemporary South Asia*
2. **Online access** for members about the latest jobs, funding and research opportunities
3. **Regular newsletter** updating you on recent developments in South Asian studies, opportunities and news from the BASAS community
4. **Annual Conference** for BASAS members
5. **BASAS postgraduate article competition** open to members only
6. **Publicity platform** for your latest research and publications, courses and opportunities
7. **Online networking** with BASAS members through the members' directory
8. **Graduate and Early Career network** and support specific to the needs of postgraduate and early career researchers

Apply now

Joining BASAS is easy; just follow the links in the "Join BASAS" section of our website at <http://basas.org.uk/become-a-member/fees/>

Payment

Individuals can join BASAS or renew their existing membership using three principal methods: by setting up a standing order payment, by bank transfer, or by using PayPal. Either of the first two methods is preferred by BASAS as such arrangements are more cost effective, given that they are usually free to both the payer and recipient.

The membership fees for 2021 are listed below:

Individual membership rate	£45
Individual concessionary rate	£25

Bank Details

For individuals wishing to pay their membership fee by setting up a standing order or by bank transfer, BASAS bank account details are as follows:

Name of Banker:	CAF Limited
Sort Code:	40-52-40
Account Number:	00006793
IBAN:	GB82CAFB40524000006793