Guide to the Indexing of South Asian Studies Periodicals

The periodical literature from and about South Asia is immense, yet unfortunately only a small proportion of it has been indexed, either in print or electronic format. Even in cases where a title has been indexed, more often than not, the indexing sources and services have not remained current, nor have they grappled with the unique questions presented by the languages and scripts of South Asia. Without such indexing, the majority of South Asian scholarly material remains hidden from the researcher. This lacuna is only further complicated by problems of limited shelving space and the impending realities of non-browsable remote storage.

In an attempt to rectify this problem, we have created the Guide to the Indexing of South Asian Studies Periodicals. In the project at hand, our aims are twofold:

1. to identify and list South Asian periodical titles and
2. to identify if a particular title has been indexed and if so, to what extent.

Identifying South Asian periodical titles:
We have begun the identification and listing of South Asian periodicals based on the University of Wisconsin’s collection and on titles listed through the Library of Congress’ Cooperative Acquisitions Programs in New Delhi [http://www.loc.gov/acq/ovop/delhi/] and Islamabad [http://www.loc.gov/acq/ovop/islamabad/]. When we have exhausted those collections and lists, we will expand to include other lists such as those we can identify from Ulrich’s Guide to Periodical Literature [http://www.ulrichsweb.com/], Shaw and Quraishi’s Bibliography of South Asian Periodicals, and the like. For more information about the serials that have been included in this Guide, please see Serials Included in the guide below.

Where possible, the database represents titles in their original script and uses diacritics in transliteration. To view these scripts properly, one should have a Unicode-enabled browser. At this point in time, scripts and diacritics appear most properly if one uses Firefox. In searching, diacritics should be ignored and original scripts can be searched either by cutting and pasting from other sources or by using alternate keyboards. All transliterated titles have followed the ALA-LC Romanization tables [http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/roman.html]. For the proper display of Tibetan characters, the Tibetan Machine Uni font may have to be installed on your computer (available on the Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library site: http://www.thlib.org/tools/scripts/wiki/tibetan%20machine%20uni.html) Sinhala fonts sometimes also have difficulty displaying, depending on individual computer settings; if Sinhala is not displaying properly, please download a Sinhala Unicode font from the South Asia Language Resource Center [http://salrc.uchicago.edu/resources/fonts/available/sinhala/].

We have tried to have only one listing per periodical title, even if that title has changed over the years. The “main title” will represent the most recent title while previous titles will be listed as “other titles;” dates of publication will span the earliest year recorded through the most recent. Other notes relevant to the title (changes in publishers, etc.) may be found in “description.”
Anticipating future developments for cross-resource searching and wanting to build upon existing standards, we have used Library of Congress subject headings for subject description. These subject headings were taken directly from records in OCLC/Worldcat or in UW's online catalog [http://search.library.wisc.edu/].

Identifying and listing indexing sources:
Because indexing sources vary greatly from each other, in compiling this Guide, we have devised the following rationales for inclusion of sources:

We have only included indexing sources that have approached their indexing in a systematic manner (for example, by listing the periodical titles consulted).
When apparent, we have noted the dates of indexing coverage for a particular title and ascertained if all issues were indexed or not. If the dates or absolute coverage were unclear, we have added the term “selected.”
For periodical titles that are not exclusively South Asian in content, particularly those indexed in electronic indexing sources, we decided to include a periodical title if searching the subject term “India” brought up at least three “significant” citations (i.e., in reference to substantive articles and not in reference to book reviews, etc.). Our rationale was to err on the side of inclusiveness.
The conflicting demands of our desire to include as much data as possible about an indexing source and the standards and conventions of database design have precluded us from being able to internally sort all periodical titles by their indexing source. Realizing, however, that this is important both intellectually and bibliographically, we suggest directly searching indexing source titles as a means of sorting the data. For example, a guided search of “Bibliography of Asian Studies” as a phrase in the “indexed in” field would sort all periodical titles indexed in that source.

We have included a list of the indexing sources consulted in the compilation of the Guide to the Indexing of South Asian Periodical Literature below the Serials Included list.

Titles can be sorted based on indexing type: print, electronic or print and electronic. These restrictions can be made from the “Sub-collection” pull-down menu in the “guided search.”

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Serials Included

Serials currently included in the Guide to the Indexing of South Asian Studies Periodicals

- Serials currently vendoed through the Library of Congress’ Field Offices in Islamabad, Pakistan and New Delhi, India:
  - LC-Islamabad
    - All UW current subscriptions
    - All Afghanistan (all languages)
    - All Pakistan (all languages)
  - LC-Delhi
    - All UW current subscriptions
    - All Nepal
    - All Sri Lanka
    - Entire Languages (other languages will be added soon):
      - Gujarati
      - Hindi
      - Malayalam
      - Marathi
      - Nepali
      - Newari
      - Panjabi
      - Persian
      - Rajasthani
      - Sanskrit
      - Sinhala
      - Tamil
      - Telugu
      - Tibetan
      - Urdu

- Titles found while consulting indexing sources. Some sources are specifically South Asian in content and therefore have all the periodicals they indexed included in the Guide (list A). Others are more general and only selected periodicals were included in the Guide (list B).
  - List A: All titles listed in consulted Indexing Sources (below)
    - ABIA South and Southeast Asian art and archaeology index (print and online)
    - Annual bibliography of Indian archaeology
    - Annual bibliography of Indology
    - Anthropological bibliography of South Asia
    - Articles on Women’s Issues in the Economic and Political Weekly, 1997-2002: an index
    - Bibliographie du Nepal
    - Bibliographie Védique
    - Bibliography of Anthropology of India: including index to current literature, 1960-1964
    - Bibliography of Ceylon
Bibliography of Indian folk literature
Bibliography of Indological studies (1953, 1955, 1956)
Bibliography of Pali and Buddhism
Bibliography of studies in Indian epigraphy (1926-50)
Bibliography of the Architecture, Arts and Crafts of Islam to 1st Jan. 1960
Bibliography on Buddhism
Centenary review of the Asiatic Society, 1784-1884
Classified Bibliography of Articles in 'Indian Linguistics,'
Digital South Asia Library
Fifty Years of Indian Historical Writings: Index to articles in Journal of Indian History Vols. 1-50
Fifty years of Indian History Congress: a micro-index
Forty years of the Indian Journal of Labour Economics
Guide to Indian periodical literature
हिंदी संदर्भ = Hindī sandarbha
Index India
Index of Indian economic journals, 1916-1965
Index of papers submitted to the All-India Oriental Conference
Index to Articles in Bengal Past and Present Vol. 1-85
Index to Indian Legal periodicals
Index to the Indian Historical Quarterly, 1925-1963
Index to the Journal of Indian Museums : Vol. 1-XXVIII
Index to the Journals of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh
Index to the Times of India, Bombay
Indian Economic and Social History Review TOC
Indian historical quarterly, a cumulative index: thirty-nine years of historical writings
Indian news index
International Index to Music Periodicals Full Text
Ishāriyah Dilgudāz
Ishāriyah-yi Ājkal, bah liḥāz-i mauz.ū ’ va muṣannif, 1942-2000
Ishāriyah-yi Nayā daur
Ishāriyah-yi Rāvi
ISID Index Series: Forty years of The Indian Journal of Labour Economics
ISID Index Series: Volume One: Economic & Political Weekly
ISID Index Series: Volume Two: Sixteen Economic Journals
ISID Research Reference CD
Kalaikkatiril Tamiliyal kaṭṭuraikaḷ = கைலகதிரி தமிழிய கைரக: ஒவைகெதாைக அைட்
- Khudā Bakhsh Lā`ibrerī jarnal, Pañnah, 1-100, 1977-1995 ke maz, āmīn kī fihrist
- Maru-Bhāratī Index
- Maulānā Āzād Lā`ibrerī ẓukūmenēshehan sarvis (urdū)
- Pakistan kitābiyātī ishāriyah: Urdū akhbārāt o rasāīl
- Pakistan, a bibliography 1962-1974
- Pakistan Press Index
- Risālah Rāvī kā ishāriyah: qiyyām-i Pākistān tak (1911/1947)
- SARDS3
- Seminar TOC
- Social Scientist TOC
- South Asian civilizations: a bibliographical synthesis
- Sri Lanka Periodical Article Index
- Subject index on articles published in the Pakistan Observer
- Subject index to Mother India, 1949-1972
- Subject-Index to Sri Aurobindo Mandir Annual, 1942-1972
- Subject-Index to the Advent, 1944-1972
- Tamil research through journals: an annotated bibliography
- Thirty years of Indian journal of agricultural economics
- Tibet Journal TOC
- Vedic Bibliography

List B: Select titles from consulted Indexing Sources
- Anthropological Literature
- ATLA Religion Database
- Bibliography of Asian Studies
- Historical Abstracts
- Index Islamicus
- JSTOR
- Project Muse

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Indexes Consulted

Indexes consulted in compiling the Guide to the Indexing of South Asian Studies Periodicals

- Annual bibliography of Indology/ compiled by Dr. (Smt.) Maya Malariya. Allahabad: Ganganath Jha Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, 1974-.
- Annual bibliography of Indian archaeology (online)
- Anthropological Literature
  - Anthropological Literature
    - http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.web/anthrolit
- ATLA Religion Database (selected)
- Bibliographie Védique / Louis Renou. Paris: Librairie d’Amérique et d’Orient
- Bibliography of Asian Studies (online). Ann Arbor, Mich.: Association for Asian Studies, 1991-
  - http://ets.umdl.umich.edu/b/bas/
- Bibliography of Ceylon: a systematic guide to the literature on the land, people, history and culture published in Western languages from the sixteenth century to the present day / H. A. I. Goonetilleke. Zug, Switzerland: Inter Documentation Co., [c1970].
- Bibliography of Indian Folk Literature / Jawaharlal Handoo. Mysore: Central Institute of Indian Languages, 1977.
- Digital South Asia Library
  - http://dsal.uchicago.edu/books/
- Guide to Indian periodical literature. Gurgaon: Indian Documentation Service, 1964-
- Historical Abstracts
- Index Islamicus (online)
- Index of papers submitted to the All-India Oriental Conference. Poona: All-India Oriental Conference.
- Index to Indian Legal periodicals. New Delhi: Indian Law Institute, 1963-
- Index to the Times of India, Bombay. Bombay: Bennett, Coleman and Co., Ltd (1973-)
- Indian Economic and Social History Review TOC
  - [http://www.lib.virginia.edu/area-studies/SouthAsia/SAserials/IESHR/ieshr.html](http://www.lib.virginia.edu/area-studies/SouthAsia/SAserials/IESHR/ieshr.html)
- International Index to Music Periodicals Full Text
  - [http://search.proquest.com/iimp](http://search.proquest.com/iimp)
- JSTOR http://www.jstor.org/
- Maru-Bhāratī Index
- Pakistan Press Index. Karachi: Documentation and Information Bureau, 1966-.
- Project Muse http://muse.jhu.edu/
- SARDS3 http://www.sards.uni-halle.de/sards/
- Seminar TOC http://www.lib.virginia.edu/area-studies/SouthAsia/SAserials/Seminars/seminars.html
- Social Scientist TOC http://www.lib.virginia.edu/area-studies/Tibet/Tserials/TibetJour/tibJour.html
- South Asian civilizations: a bibliographical synthesis / Maureen L.P. Patterson, in collaboration with William J. Alspaugh.
- Sri Lanka Periodical Article Index / Kolamba: Śrī Lanka Jātika Pustakālaya, 1998-.
- Vedic Bibliography: an up-to-date, comprehensive, and analytically arranged register of all important work done since 1930 in the field of the Veda and allied antiquities including Indus Valley Civilisation / R. N. Dandekar. Bombay: Karnatak Publishing House, 1946-

The following titles have some entries in the Guide but have yet to be fully explored:
- ABI/Inform global
- Academic Search Elite
- Communication Mass Media Complete
- Contemporary Women’s Issues
- GenderWatch
- History Cooperative
- Humanities Full Text
- IngentaConnect
- LEXIS/NEXIS
- ProQuest
- Readers’ Guide Full Text
- Social Sciences Full Text

[http://www.lib.virginia.edu/area-studies/Tibet/Tserials/TibetJour/tibJour.html]