

USSA Welcome Forum

University of Sydney South Asia (USSA) Research Network

Holme Refectory

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3 - 5pm

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3.00-3.10: Welcome to the USSA

- Dr Andrew McGarrity, Indian Sub-continental Studies, Faculty of Arts
- Dr Alex Broom, Behavioural and Social Sciences in Health, Faculty of Health Sciences

3.15-3.25: Area Studies at the University

- Professor Stephen Garton, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor

3.30-3.40: What the Institute of Social Sciences can bring to Area Studies

- Dr Yasmin Tambiah, Executive Officer, Institute of Social Sciences

3.45-3.55: The George Institute's Research in India

- Dr Rohina Joshi, The George Institute for International Health, RPAH

4.00-4.15: Afternoon tea

4.20-4.50: Open forum - Proposed Activities of the USSA

- Host local and international keynote speakers
- Establish a web presence
- Provide opportunities for research coordination
- Provide a bulletin board for all existing South Asian research projects
- Publicize South Asia Research across the University
- Publicize South Asia related research funding opportunities
- Provide a resource base for South Asian research projects
- Provide a resource-base for South Asia related funding sources
- Facilitate interdisciplinary research grant applications
- Draw together students and academics with a South Asia focus
- Explore possibilities for collaborative research supervision
- Act as a precursor to an eventual university-wide centre

Specific Discussion points:

- Do you have any ideas, comments or suggestions about these proposed activities?
- What additional roles and functions do you feel can be pursued?
- How can the USSA to progress further?
- What do you think the next stage should be?

4:55-5:00: Wrap-up and Conclusions

- Professor Gail Pearson, Business Law, Faculty of Economics and Business