

Association for the Study of Australasia in Asia (ASAA)

The Association was originally established under the name of the **Asian Association for the Study of Australia** in August 1995 as one of the outcomes of the meeting in Sri Lanka of a group of academics from India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia.

The Association was expanded into the **Asian-Australasian Association for the study of Australasia** in October 1998 at a meeting in Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, India, when New Zealand was admitted into the membership of the Association.

The name of the Association was changed again in 1999 to its present name of **The Association for the Study of Australasia in Asia (ASAA)**.

Aims: To bring together individuals, institutions and associations concerned with the study and the teaching of Australasian studies in Asia and to foster interest and promote research in all aspects of Australasian life.

The inaugural conference of the Association was held in Kerala, January 1997. Two more have been held since that date: Mysore in 2000; Kerala again in 2003.

Three substantial publications have emerged from these conferences: *New Directions in Australian Studies* (1998); *Austral-Asian Connections* (2001), *Diaspora* (2004).

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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ASAA CONFERENCE

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Australasia - Asia: Change, Conflict and Convergence



Hotel Suisse
Kandy, Sri Lanka
2nd - 5th December 2008

Australasia - Asia: Change, Conflict and Convergence

The motifs of Change, Conflict and Convergence can be traced across varied disciplines: history, politics and diplomacy, womens' studies, library studies, sports studies, philosophy, religion, literature, media, science, computing. They can be traced, within each of the separate regions, or between them, or between Australia and each of these regions.

We are looking for imaginative cross disciplinary interpretations.

Canadian scholars are especially welcome to attend and to join the Association. A special session will be reserved for Canadian/ Australasian studies.

The island of Sri Lanka ("the resplendent isle") is famous for its idyllic scenery, pristine beaches, rich wild life and cultural and historical traditions that trace back for several thousands of years. Its famous ruins are amongst the world's cherished heritage listings. Set in the historic city of Kandy, the venue selected for the conference, the Hotel Suisse, has a spectacular location on the banks of the beautiful Kandy Lake.

Accommodation: \$45.00 (USD) single
\$50.00 (USD) double

Please e-mail accommodation detail requests Professor Walter Perera (Sri Lanka Committee Chair).

AASA Conference - Kandy, Sri Lanka December 2008

The **Association for the Study of Australasia in Asia** will hold its Fourth conference in Kandy, Sri Lanka at the Hotel Suisse, Kandy From 2 – 5 December 2008.

Call for Papers

Abstracts not exceeding 200 words should reach a member of the Conference Committee by 31st August 2008.

Papers should not exceed twenty five minutes in delivery although they could be amplified before publication. All submissions and papers will be fully refereed.

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Registration

Registration:	Australian	\$200(AU)
	Indian	RU1000(In)
	Sri Lankan	RU1000(SL)

Payment (Bank Cheque or Money Order) to be made out to "The Association for the Study of Australasia in Asia (ASAA)".

Fee to be paid by 20th September 2008.

Overseas delegates mail Registration fee to:

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Conference events will include a visit to the Pemberley Writers Centre in Haputale, set up by Yasmine and Brendon Gooneratne.