

2025 ASA Community Annual Report – Part 1

South Asian Sociologists

Annual reports are used to assess the health of a Community, measure a Community's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Communities. In addition, they provide institutional memory, help socialize new Community leaders, and promote transparency to members.

Part I of the annual report covers the period of Community activity from September 2024 to August 2025. This report will be shared publicly.

Community Governance

Provide details of the Community's governance activity during the period between September 2024 to August 2025.

Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting was held on Saturday, August 9, 4-5.30 p.m. at the ASA meetings in Chicago. Snacks were provided.

Forty-five individuals attended.

ASA SAS Meeting Agenda 2025

- What is a community. Community versus a section.
- What Are ASA Communities?
- What is the SAS community, overview.
- Overview of what SAS has accomplished over the past few years, and the past year. Importance of it.
- Introductions
- Suggestions for upcoming year programming and volunteers.
- Discussion: What factors shaped your decision to pick Sociology and your current research focus?

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda(s) from the Community's business meeting(s). If possible, please include a count of Community members present.

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2025 Finances

Provide a narrative on the Community's expenses in 2025. If the Community had no expenses, please indicate below.

We spent \$393 on snacks for our annual meeting. This leaves us with a balance of \$334.

Community Activities

Describe Community activities during the period between September 2024 to August 2025.

Provide an overview of the Community's communications with its members and include an explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Community. Please include examples and/or materials that demonstrate your communication strategy.

Since October 2024, we have been circulating a monthly digest of news and announcements including new publications, information on conferences, profiles of students on the job market, and ASA job announcements. We also send out other emails when necessary, e.g., to remind people of upcoming events, provide a summary of a past event, or to solicit nominations for our positions.

Provide an overview of the Community's activities at the ASA Annual Meeting and explicitly connect activities to the goals and values of the Community (e.g., intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

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Forty-five individuals attended. We introduced our community and its activities to those who attended. We offered everyone the opportunity to introduce themselves, which was helpful for building community. We also solicited suggestions from attendees for future programming and volunteers for organizing community events. Finally, we had some discussion about factors that shaped the trajectories of our members.

Provide an overview of the Community's activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g., webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include an explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the Community.

- Zoom workshop on Oct 25th, 2024: Navigating the Academic Job Market
- Zoom panel, Queer South Asia, February 21, 2025.
- Virtual Mini-Conference: Work, Well-Being and Inequality: Rethinking Health and Labor in South Asia, May 2, 2025.
- Annual Business Meeting (in person), August 9, 2025, at the ASA in Chicago
- Job Market Panel, September 19, 2025.
- Navigating the Grants Landscape: Funding Strategies for South Asian Social Scientists in the U.S., November 7, 2025.

These activities provided members with the opportunities to network with each other and to provide professional training.