

Democratic Cultures in South Asia

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About the project

The research project Democratic Cultures of South Asia is part of the international research programme 'Democratic Cultures', based at the University College of London. The programme envisions new anthropological strategies to study ideas and practices of democracy cross-culturally.

Objectives

The research programme will produce comparative ethnographic studies which explore processes of vernacularisation of democracy across the globe. The research team is currently investigating questions of leadership and charisma, cultures of elections and the relation between business cultures and democratic governance across India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Cooperation

The programme brings together a large international team and promotes a network of scholars with shared interests in the intersection of

democratic institutions with "actually existing politics".

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