

# South Asia Communication Association



## Voices of South Asia and its Diaspora: Research Power Talks South Asia Communication Association (SACA)

### Call for Proposals

- ▶ **Interactive Power Talks on Media and Communication in South Asia**
- ▶ During the 68<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the International Communication Association (ICA)
- ▶ 24-28 May 2018, Prague, Czech Republic.
  
- ▶ **Deadline for proposals: 11:59 p.m., January 17, 2018**
- ▶ **Notifications of acceptance: February 16, 2018**

We invite you to present your research on South Asia or the South Asian diaspora. In our commitment to the “Voices” theme of the 2018 ICA (International Communication Association) conference in Prague, Czech Republic, the South Asia Communication Association (SACA) will host an interactive session featuring Power Talks (2 to 3 minutes) on research relating to South Asia or the South Asian diaspora. Power Talk speakers will be selected in this peer-reviewed competition.

Dr. Shyam Sundar, Penn State University, Mr. Dhiman Chattopadhyay, Bowling Green State University, and Dr. Deb Aikat, UNC-Chapel Hill, have successfully formed the South Asia Communication Association and registered it as an organizational member of ICA. This means SACA will be part of the official program at the 68<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the [International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic, 24-28 May 2018](#)

With over one-fourth of the world’s population, South Asia has emerged as an important region for politics, international security, health communication, culture, media and other relevant issues across the repertoire of our field.

**About SACA:** The South Asia Communication Association (SACA) represents a joint effort of media and communication scholars and practitioners in South Asia and the South Asian diaspora worldwide.

The SACA was constituted in 2017 as an umbrella organization with a presence in a number of different organizations and their conferences. The SACA members unites teachers, scholars, researchers and professionals in examining the media and communication practices of the nine-country region of South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and the South Asian diaspora worldwide. SACA members may constitute people from any of these nine nations or any other nation with a South Asian diaspora. SACA seeks to make South Asia more understandable for people in higher education and beyond.

### Submission Guidelines:

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1. Submit an extended abstract of 900 to 1000 words, which is approximately two-pages in 12-point type, and an additional page of references or endnote citations.
2. The first page of your extended abstract should be a cover sheet with name, affiliation, contact information, title and a 125-word bio (written in third person) of author(s). We will detach this cover sheet to facilitate blind judging. Do not include author name(s) or any other identifying information in the description section of your entry.
3. Follow this format: (i). Cover page (see item#2) (ii). Begin separate page with title of Power Talk, (iii). 100-word abstract, (iv). Explanation of research work, (v) research results, and (v). References or endnotes.
4. **Dr. Shyam Sundar**, Penn State University, will constitute a research review committee to judge papers for the “Voices of South Asia and its Diaspora: Research Power Talks” session. Submit to **Dr. Deb Aikat**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as an email attachment [in Microsoft Word] to **da@unc.edu** with “**SACA18res**” in the subject line of your email submission.
5. All submissions will be peer reviewed on five criteria: Relevance, originality, theoretical/practical contribution, clarity of presentation, and fit with the conference theme.
6. We will email notifications of acceptance by **February 16, 2018**. Selected authors must present in person their Power Talk of 2 to 3 minutes to foster interactions on research on South Asia or the South Asian diaspora. We will strictly enforce the time limit to provide participants with ample opportunities to present their scholarship to the wider audience of conference attendees.

