We invite you to join AEJMC’s **South Asia Initiative**

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- India
- Maldives
- Myanmar (Burma)
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

**3:15-4:45 p.m., Aug. 7, 2015 (Friday), in the Willow Room (B2 Golden Gate Level),**
San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel, San Francisco.

**Moderating/Presiding: Debashis “Deb” Aikat,** North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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.

In our commitment to the “Global Bridges” theme of the 2015 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) conference, a group of long-standing AEJMC members are convening the **South Asia Initiative** to bring together AEJMC members with interest and expertise in South Asia and the South Asian diaspora worldwide.

This inaugural meeting of the South Asia Initiative will bring together AEJMC members with interest and expertise in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The AEJMC South Asia Initiative will foster cross-disciplinary conversations and collaborative relationships. To facilitate an engaging interaction among attendees, we will discuss your ideas during the inaugural meeting. **No pre-registration is required. Just show up. All are welcome.**

Are you interested in media and communication issues relating to South Asia or the South Asian diaspora? **Email your ideas to Dr. Deb Aikat (da@unc.edu)** School of Media and Journalism, UNC Chapel Hill, USA. Mention “SAsia15” in the subject line of your email. Let us know if you are unable to attend the inaugural meeting, but wish to be a part of the South Asia Initiative. The year 2015 marks the 30th year of the founding of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.