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**SOUTH ASIAN MEDIA AND CULTURAL STUDIES CONFERENCE  
TO TAKE PLACE AT FLORIDA STATE**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The South Asian Media and Cultural Studies Conference will be held at the Center for Global Engagement at Florida State University on January 22-23.

The conference will feature presentations from students across the country on South Asian media studies, culture, social issues, politics and other topics. The event is free and open to the public.

Keynote speakers include Indian filmmaker Somnath Sen and former U.S. Ambassador Michael Thurston.

Sen will open the conference with the “Engage Your World” session and keynote at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday. The main conference will take place on Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. with an arranged luncheon and keynote talk entitled, ‘The U.S. Pivot to Asia’ from Thurston.

Multiple panels and coffee breaks are also scheduled throughout the day. A film screening will take place at the end of the conference in the Center for Global Engagement Auditorium at 6 p.m.

More information and registration can be found at [www.goo.gl/Q30GrB](http://www.goo.gl/Q30GrB).

The conference is an interdisciplinary project organized by several groups at Florida State University, including the Center for Global Engagement, the South Asian Media Studies research area in the School of Communication, the Department of Religion, The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, and the College of Education.

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