



**The 8th South Asian Media & Cultural Studies Conference February 10-11, 2022
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, USA**

“Imagining Futures”

Virtual Conference Format

The 8th annual South Asian Media and Cultural Studies Conference will be held virtually at Florida State University, on February 10-11, 2022. The theme for this year's conference is "*Imagining Futures*." More information about the 8th SAMCS conference as well as the past conference programs is here: <https://bit.ly/samcs22>

This year we are taking a different approach from that of a standard academic conference interaction. We seek to highlight and synthesize the contributions of different presenters, and work together in roundtables to highlight key issues we should be addressing in “Imagining Futures” for South Asian Media and Cultural Studies.

Our program includes several formats, including pre-recorded presentations, a synchronous online keynote address, online virtual roundtables, and virtual meet-ups on Thursday, February 10 and Friday, February 11.

Pre-recorded research presentations organized in panels are posted as videos that can be viewed and commented on YouTube. The links to pre-recorded presentations are included in the conference program. We seek to build a useful set of key statements arising from the presentations and the moderated online discussions about these presentations occurring over several days.

These online discussions will help set the agenda for our live virtual discussions on Thursday, February 10 and Friday, February 11. We want to use our synchronous virtual roundtables to address themes arising from the presentations, comments, and keynote, and to identify a core set of themes and research agenda priorities in “*Imagining Futures*” for South Asian Media and Cultural Studies.

You are welcome to leave questions for the presenters through the chat option on YouTube. The presenters will address those questions directly via chat during and after the conference. The virtual roundtable panels and the keynote address will be streamed live on YouTube. You can post your questions and comments for those sessions through the chat option on YouTube. We will bring those questions during a live Q&A session with the presenters.

Please find below the YouTube Live links for both days. You are encouraged to share it with interested people who might want to view the live streamed session.

DAY 1: Thursday, February 10, 2022

https://youtu.be/dBzP_rnsGsA

DAY 2: Friday, February 11, 2022

<https://youtu.be/jCjY8senZRs>

Thank you for your time and support in making the conference a success!

Best,
The Organizing Committee
The 8th SAMCS Conference
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