

South Asia SIG – Meet the Committee Members,
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I am the Graduate Students' Representative of the South Asia SIG at CIES. A doctoral student at the department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University, my research interests are primarily in the area of international comparative studies in education with special focus on English education and language policies in former British colonies (South Asia and Africa).

As a member of the SIG I envision this group to become a platform where novel and sincere ideas and efforts would meet to address issues pertaining to South Asia and those beyond that affect it in various ways. I believe this could serve as a solid forum where budding researchers like myself can get their voices heard besides gaining a rich exposure to the field as they come in contact with veterans in the field. As a former teacher of English language and literature in India and as an instructor of foreign language teaching at the undergraduate level at MSU I feel passionately about the social, cultural and political implications of foreign language education in this globalized world. I hope to extend my multicultural/ multinational understanding and experience in a way that would best serve the purpose of the SIG.