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We (the Editorial Team) approached several dozen renowned scholars of South Asia – in the UK, South Asia and elsewhere – to get their critical appraisal of our journal website, as well as some limited content we prepared for an Issue 1 preview published during the journal’s official launch on 14 June at the Centre for South Asian Studies at Edinburgh University. We are delighted that many of those same scholars we approached have agreed to join our Advisory Board. Others have contributed their endorsements (below), invaluable advice, and have offered to promote the journal as well as our new blog within their own networks. Our sincerest gratitude and appreciation for the tremendous support and belief in this project!

Editorial Team

“I welcome the launch of The South Asianist, which promises to enrich scholarship on South Asia with a vision that is 'open' in terms both of access and conceptual approaches. It promises to publish cutting-edge regional research by the brightest young scholars, and in so doing to make an important and exciting contribution to the literature on the sub-continent.”

Dr. Jacob Copeman, Lecturer in Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh

“Many congratulations on the launch of your new journal, which is off to a great start. Any move towards making serious scholarship free and accessible is to be welcomed immensely, and I wish you all the best with it over the coming months and years.”

Dr. Christopher Harding, University of Edinburgh

“Warmest congratulations to The South Asianist team and Edinburgh University’s Centre for South Asian Studies on launching this very promising new journal. I am delighted as this is an opportunity to share scholarship more widely, both on and in South Asia. My very best wishes for the present and the future.”

Professor Keshab Khadka, Ph D, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu
Chief Editor, Economic Journal of Development Issues

“The South Asianist is a timely and important venture which harnesses the potential of both new technologies and scholarship. With an editorial board explicitly open to new approaches, experiments and ideas, the journal will be an important point of focus for scholars of South Asia.”

Dr. Edward Simpson, SOAS