



# Call for Papers

## International Conference on 'Rivers of South Asia: Connecting Ecology, People, and Governance'

Date: 22-23 July 2023

Virtual and Physical (at North South University, Dhaka)

### Organizers:

South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University, Bangladesh, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Universiti Brunei Darussalam and National River Conservation Commission (NRCC), Bangladesh.

The conference aims to explore the 'life-world' of the rivers that have shaped the ecological, economic, cultural and political processes affecting both human and more-than-human lives. Recent spell of drought on the Yangzi, Amazon and Rhine, among other rivers, has shown that global warming is poised to affect more people and biodiversity (and their complex interactions) on the river basins than those merely on the coastal areas. In this larger context, this conference will develop interdisciplinary conceptual and methodological tools for river studies with a focus on three broad thematic areas:

- Spiritual engagements, literature, folklores, paintings and other creative representations of the river.
- Ecological and economic changes that have mutually shaped river systems, especially since the 1950s.
- Dynamics of policy and governance relating to river systems and corresponding popular responses.

While we are particularly interested in the rivers of South Asia, proposals on other regions of Asia are most welcome.

Abstract submission deadline (around 250 words): **15 May 2023**

Pre-conference draft paper submission deadline: **1 July 2023**

Abstracts should be submitted to:

**Google Form Link:** [https://lnkd.in/gE\\_gbXzm](https://lnkd.in/gE_gbXzm)

The conference is the 2nd episode of the series of conferences on rivers. The first conference is being held at the **Universiti Brunei Darussalam** on **27-28 February 2023**.

Further queries on the conference should be directed to:

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