Innovation and Economic Development in South Asia and New Jersey: Opportunities and Constraints

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Major Topics
- Innovation in South Asia in Pharmaceuticals and Health; Agriculture and Environment; and Information and Communication Technology.
- South Asian research, technology, and entrepreneurs as contributors to economic growth in the mid-Atlantic region.
- The role of governments, foundations, and foreign aid donors encourage innovation which contributes to GNP growth and to reducing poverty and hunger.
- How can individuals, universities, corporations, and foundations in the Mid Atlantic Region in the South Asian innovation and development process.

Keynote speaker: Devesh Kapur, Director, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania: “The Impact of Migration from India on India.”

Innovation systems in South Asia – Opportunities and Constraints – the view from Academia
Smita Srinivas, Director, Technological Change and Urban Social Policy Unit (TCUSP) Columbia University, “Indian Economy in Comparative Perspective: State, Demand, and Market in Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines.”
Rakesh Basant – Chairperson, Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship at the India Institute of Management, Ahmedabad “Deepening human capital in Information and Communication Technology.”
Carl Pray, Co-Chair of the Rutgers Innovation Studies Program and Chair of the Agricultural, Food and Resources Economics Department, Rutgers. “Innovation in agriculture biotechnology in South Asia”
Hal Salzman, the Urban Institute and the Bloustein School, Rutgers University. "'Innovation Shift' to the Emerging Economies: Cases From IT and Heavy Industries"

Innovation systems in South Asia – Opportunities and constraints – the view from the private sector.
Sam Dryden Wolfonsohn & Company “Investment opportunities in biofuels and agricultural biotechnology in South Asia”
Dr. Nim Cheung, former President of IEEE Communications Society and Fellow at Telecordia Technologies. “Information and Communication Technology in India”
Pharmaceutical industry - TBA
Encouraging Innovation and Poverty Reduction in South Asia: Governments, Donors and Foundations

Ann Koontz, Senior Program Advisor, Enterpriseworks, Washington DC, “Innovation and poverty reduction in Asia: an NGO perspective.”

M.L. Quibria former Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank, Visiting Professor at the Agricultural, Food and Resources Economics Department, Rutgers. “Innovation and poverty reduction in Asia.”