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Policy Discussion Series- VII

"Think-tanks and Research Institutions in South Asia"

By

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As South Asia rises to become an economically vibrant region and as it moves ahead in the path of larger and deeper integration, it is sure to attract greater world attention. Already, world renowned universities have started opening South Asia Centers, prominent think-tanks have launched South Asia clusters and international students are increasingly interested to learn South Asian languages, culture, politics and economy. While world's focus is drawing closer to our region, think-tanks within our countries lack resources and government support coupled with public indifference and neglect. However, there have been several initiatives lately to bring in some of the most active research institutions together in the common goal of chalking out differences and promoting regional cooperation.

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With this Series, we seek to stimulate debates on contemporary public policy issues, policy research methodologies, and institutions that create policy knowledge.

The Series is also a forum for the sharing of findings of policy-related research.