

**South Asia 2060**

Envisioning Regional Futures

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A dialogue among 47 thought leaders and visionaries, tackling the possible futures of South Asia as a region, along with their repercussions for the rest of the world.

“The Pardee Center and its authors should be congratulated for this ambitious and comprehensive effort to project trends and imagine alternative realities 50 years hence for areas that will remain key challenges in South Asia, ranging from democracy and regional identity to education to water management. This work will remain a valuable reference for scholars and practitioners alike as they strive to understand the effects of these trends and new realities in this diverse and perplexing region, soon to be the world’s largest, on the lives of people there, and on overall global stability. In addition, the well-researched ‘worst case scenarios’ can help focus the minds of governments and civil society to ensure that investments are made now that will ensure a positive shift in South Asia’s trajectory.” —*Robin Raphel, former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, USA*

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South Asia 2060 is a dialogue between 47 thought leaders, ranging from policymakers to academics to civil society activists and visionaries from across South Asia and the world, on the likely longer-range trajectories of South Asia’s future as a region. The collection explores how South Asia’s regional future will impact the rest of the world while also shedding light on its present condition.

Readership: **South Asia 2060** is aimed at scholars, policymakers, graduate and undergraduate students, as well as area studies experts in and working on South Asia.

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