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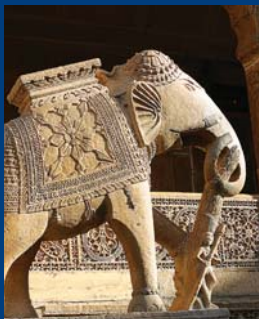
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MISSION STATEMENT

Launched in July 2005, the Center for India and South Asia (CISA) aims to make UCLA a national leader in



the rapidly advancing, multi-disciplinary field of South Asian studies. CISA's educators serve a growing population of students with origins in India and South Asia.

Current Initiatives

CISA will be the catalyst for a new focus on India and South Asia in diverse academic departments at UCLA. Among its activities:

- ❁ *Organizing and sponsoring lectures, seminars, and workshops to engage students, visiting faculty, and the public on South Asian issues.*
- ❁ *Promoting the existing South Asian studies minor to UCLA undergraduates by developing innovative, interdisciplinary courses.*
- ❁ *Providing a forum for exchange among faculty with South Asian orientations. Current strengths include history, comparative literature, art history, ethnomusicology, religion, and classical Indology.*
- ❁ *Recruiting faculty in expanding areas of study, including sociology and social anthropology, international affairs and political science, language and literature, and, in acknowledgment of the worldwide influence of India's entertainment industry, film and media studies.*
- ❁ *Encouraging comparative research studies with specialists in East Asia, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and other regions.*



Supporting the Center for India and South Asia:

CISA has embarked on an ambitious journey to become a leader in the study of India and South Asia. Donating to CISA is a singular opportunity to make a profound and lasting contribution to a better understanding of the region. We invite you to contribute to this important Center by endowing individual components or offering general support. We are happy to discuss our needs and plans with interested individuals and organizations. Please write to us at cisa@international.ucla.edu, or call us at 310.206.2654.

Generous grants by individual and institutional donors currently support faculty research, faculty chairs in Indian history and music, and a \$10,000 annual award for the best



U.S. dissertation on a South Asian topic. All gifts to CISA, no matter their size, help to sustain and strengthen its educational and research mission. In particular we are seeking endowment gifts to support the following components of the Center:

- *Endowed chairs.*
- *An annual South Asia Lecture.*
- *Additional foreign-language course offerings for undergraduates.*
- *Workshops that bring visiting scholars to discuss topics such as the South Asian economy.*
- *Expansion of a library acquisitions program to give UCLA scholars greater access to source materials written in English and in South Asian languages, particularly Hindi and Urdu.*

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