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SMITH RICHARDSON FOUNDATION GRANT WILL SUPPORT RESEARCH AND POLICY EFFORTS FOR STUDY TITLED “ENGAGING THE WORLD: INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND THE FUTURE OF ASIA”

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[Philadelphia] The University of Pennsylvania (Penn) has received \$168,327 from the Smith Richardson Foundation to support the Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI), which will investigate India’s emergence as one of the world’s largest and fastest growing economies, and how this will have significant implications for its role as a leading player in world politics.

Through the Smith Richardson’s International Security and Foreign Policy Program, the grant will cover a project comprised of four activities: historical research that will provide an original account of the intellectual foundations of Indians’ understanding of the place of power, force, order, and justice in international politics; the conducting of interviews with Indian decision-makers and opinion leaders; the conducting of surveys in order to better understand the belief systems of new and emerging elites whose social mobility has been the result of India’s dramatic socio-economic transformation; and an examination of the principal internal and external transformations shaping India and how in light of the findings of the previous three activities, they are likely to respond to those challenges. These activities will culminate in the production of a book-length manuscript to be published with a leading University Press.

Devesh Kapur, Director of CASI and Madan Lal Sobti Associate Professor for the Study of Contemporary India at Penn, and Rahul Sagar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics at Princeton University are the principal and co-principal investigators, respectively.

About the Center for the Advanced Study of India

Founded in 1992, the Center for the Advanced Study of India at the University of Pennsylvania is the only research institution in the United States dedicated to the study of contemporary India. A national resource, it fills an urgent need for objective knowledge of India’s politics and society, rapidly changing economy and emerging major power. The Center’s key goals are to nurture a new generation of scholars across disciplines and to provide a forum for dialogue among the academic, business, and foreign policy communities.

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