

SOUTH ASIA TO BE AN INTEGRATED REGION OR NOT: HOW GLOBALIZATION CAN BE A WAY FORWARD

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ABSTRACT

With the nascent of the free market economy in the 1990s, the concept of “Globalization” also emerged as a new phenomenon. Globalization has made us think beyond the state boundary. It helps us to be integrated with one another by forming various regional and international blocs. Thus, in this era of globalization, it is hard to be isolated from the multi-dimensional diversities around the world. However, the South Asian region lagged behind the pace of globalization. This paper aims to find out the reasons behind the least integrated South Asia. The main research finding of this paper is to figure out the reasons behind the disintegration of the South Asian region. The paper will also try to figure out the possible solution for the integration of South Asia. The Constructivist and Neorealist schools of International Relations (IR) will be the main instrument to understand the reasons behind the disintegration of the South Asian region. The Neoliberalist school of thought will try to argue supra-nationalism as the way forward to integrate South Asia. The research methodology will be qualitative in the manner and the data will mainly be collected from primary and secondary resources. The paper will try to find out how the Neoliberalist ideology enabled the European nations to think beyond the states’ nationality and thus, came up with the idea of supra-nationalism. Finally, the paper will argue that South Asia can at least now try to implement supra-nationalism rather than tighten up the restriction.

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