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# Notices | Ladakh Studies Organization

## *A Note on Ladakh Studies from the Editor:*

The trans-Himalayan region of Ladakh has its own unique identity, which draws on its historic links with Tibet, Iran, Iraq, Kashmir, Central Asia and the Indian subcontinent. This long history and its fascinating natural history makes Ladakh a fascinating site to investigate range of questions, be it geology, anthropology, politics, hydrology, history or ecology.

The International Association for Ladakh Studies is dedicated to binding together individuals with an interest in critical knowledge about the region. To facilitate such exchanges, the Association publishes bi-annual peer-reviewed journal, *Ladakh Studies*. Overtime the journal has expanded its scope beyond to Ladakh to include areas around it like Spiti. It now serves as an important communication medium between the Association, its members and anyone with an interest in the region.

All academic papers submitted to *Ladakh Studies* go through an initial review by the editorial team who decide if it should be rejected or formally reviewed. In the case of the latter, the journal follows a double-blind peer-review process, where the author(s) and reviewer(s) are not aware of each other's identity during the review process. This process ensures that the papers published in the journal are of a high standard of scholarship, while also encouraging critical debates on various issues.

In addition to academic papers, every issue of the journal includes book reviews, information and updates about the Association, conferences, announcements and ongoing research, which helps bind together a diverse community of scholars and readership spread across the globe.

Scholars, policy makers, and students benefit from the journal, as do professionals, not-for-profits, ctivists and writers who make up the membership of the association. This eclectic mix of perspectives and approaches is a key strength of the Association and it is instrumental in making discussions in *Ladakh Studies* vibrant and lively. Many of the discussions in the journal and their theoretical insights have relevance beyond Ladakh and its immediate neighborhood.

Soft copies of older issues of the journal are made available to members of the Association on its website <[www.ladakhstudies.org](http://www.ladakhstudies.org)>. This serves as a rich repository of archived knowledge about the region and continues to inform current research.

For public and university libraries, *Ladakh Studies* provides a valuable record of new knowledge, debates and theoretical insights relevant to the region in specific as well as areas beyond. Its cross-cutting themes allow for discussions students and researchers from different disciplines.

For more details on *Ladakh Studies* and the International Association for Ladakh Studies, do visit our website <[www.ladakhstudies.org](http://www.ladakhstudies.org)>. Or you can contact us directly: for journal enquiries, contact me, the editor, Sunetro Goshal, <[editor@ladakhstudies.org](mailto:editor@ladakhstudies.org)>; for membership enquiries contact Andrea Butcher <[treasurer@ladakhstudies.org](mailto:treasurer@ladakhstudies.org)>; and for general enquiries about the Association please contact Sonam Wangchuk <[secretaryials@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryials@gmail.com)>.