



## SADF PUBLICATIONS – NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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### ABOUT SADF PUBLICATIONS

SADF publications include on-the-spot commentaries, academic articles, research reports, and concrete policy advice. SADF also publishes whole books in cooperation with Springer (Publisher) in a series called “Contemporary South Asian Studies”.

We aim to:

- Promote research on current South Asian and European topics;
- Raise awareness in Europe about the challenges facing South Asia;
- Bridge the gap between theory and practice;
- Offer concrete policy advice regarding democratisation and regional cooperation.

We also aim to make these various types of research readily available to all agents concerned.

### RULES OF PUBLICATION

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- We check all submissions for plagiarism.
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- You must properly reference all your claims
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SADF reserves the right to deny service in case of perceived low value, style, mismatch with SADF Policy, or lack of availability.



## TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS

Publication type	Audience	Publication characteristics	Average size
<b><u>SADF COMMENTS</u></b>	Civil Society, policy-makers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small writing with original thinking on a <b><u>specific issue</u></b></li> </ul>	<b>1.000-1.500 words</b>
<b><u>SADF FOCUS PAPERS</u></b>	Civil Society, policy-makers, academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Out-of-the-box</u></b>, future-oriented analysis</li> </ul>	<b>1.000-5.000 words</b>
<b><u>SADF WORKING PAPERS</u></b>	Academia, policy-makers, civil society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>In-depth analysis of</u></b> a general topic</li> </ul>	<b>Between 2.500 and 10.000 words</b>
<b><u>SADF RESEARCH REPORTS</u></b>	General public, policy makers, academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-depth analysis of a complex topic, coupled with <b><u>comprehensive and rigorous scientific research</u></b></li> </ul>	<b>&lt; 20.000 words</b>
<b><u>SADF BOOK SERIES</u></b>	General public, academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Monographs</u></b> &amp; edited volumes;</li> <li>Main academic, peer-reviewed publication series</li> </ul>	<b>~100.000 words</b>

### ➤ ***SADF Comments***

**Length:** 1.000-1.500 words (all included).

**Goals:** Offering original thinking regarding a specific, current South Asian issue.

**Target audience:** European policy makers, South Asian policy makers, and observers around the world.

### ➤ ***SADF Focus Papers***

**Length:** between 1.000 and 5.000 words (all included).

**Goals:** Offering original and future-oriented analysis. We value flexibility, including through non-academic language, and the ability to stimulate out-of-the-box discussions.

**Target audience:** European and South Asian policy makers, think tanks, pro-democracy activists, and research communities.

**Structure:** (1) Abstract (optional); (2) Background information; (3) Strong arguments supporting the authors' position. External authors may also present a short biographical note.



# South Asia Democratic Forum

## ➤ *SADF Working Papers*

**Length:** between 2.500 and 10.000 words (all included).

**Goals:** Offering in-depth analysis of South Asian dynamics – a deeper understanding of complex themes.

**Target Audience:** The academic community world-wide, European and South Asian decision-makers, informed general public.

**Structure:** (1) Abstract; (2) Background; (3) A deep, comprehensive analysis presented in logical form.

## ➤ *SADF Research Reports*

**Length:** Maximum of 20.000 words (all included).

**Goals:** Offering in-depth analysis or long-term trends in South Asia. Rigorous, extended research is mandatory. An academic outlook is also demanded; SADF Research Reports might be subject to peer review.

**Target Audience:** The academic community world-wide, European and South Asian decision-makers, informed general public.

**Structure:** (1) Abstract; (2) Background information about the problem in question as it relates to a larger goal of SADF publications; (3) Comprehensive arguments supporting the authors' position, presented in logical form; (4) Outline of the analytical approach; (5) Case study offering original research: based new material drawn from field work or archival data, and/or presenting an original theoretical argument, interpretation or analysis.

## ➤ *SADF Book Series (Contemporary South Asian Studies)*

**Length:** around 100.000 words (this is a flexible guideline, and the word count can be discussed).

**Goals:** Offering academically rigorous and ground-breaking analyses of South Asian affairs. We demand critical and profound analysis of contemporary affairs with high relevance. The book series welcomes submissions from a variety of disciplines and approaches.

**Target Audience:** The academic community world-wide, European and South Asian decision-makers, informed general public.



## CHEKLIST FOR AUTHORS

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1. Title of article
2. Name(s) of author(s) *In case of co-authorship: the principal author appears first, and subsequent names are in order of decreasing contributions*
3. Institutional affiliation of the author(s)
4. Abstract (if required)
5. Keywords
6. A one-sentence biographical note, extended to a maximum of 150 words.
7. Acknowledgements (optional)
8. Main text (article)
9. Reference list
10. Appendices (list of figures, tables, illustrations, etc.)

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