

Abstract

South Asia has not been a pervading metaphor and or a performative

jubilation of regionalism, much in the manner in which Southeast Asia has been

and it still attributed with an enthusiastic approval of.

Within this article, we attempt to render a theoretical correlated symmetry

between South Asian regionalism, on the one hand, and the creeds of New

Institutionalism, on the other hand, from the cusp of an analysis of the institutional

management of SAARC- the regional organization of South Asia.

The central hypothesis of the article is that some overtones of matching can

be derived from this theoretical encounter, in terms of the assessment of

institutional management.

The secondary hypothesis of the paper is that the weak force of regionalism interrupts the array of other stimulating debates regarding the predictability of alteration of regionalism within South Asia, through the industriousness of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. The methodological research design of the paper is deductive, focused on theory-testing and on the deciphering of contingent possible inferring room for construing and innovations.

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