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South Asia





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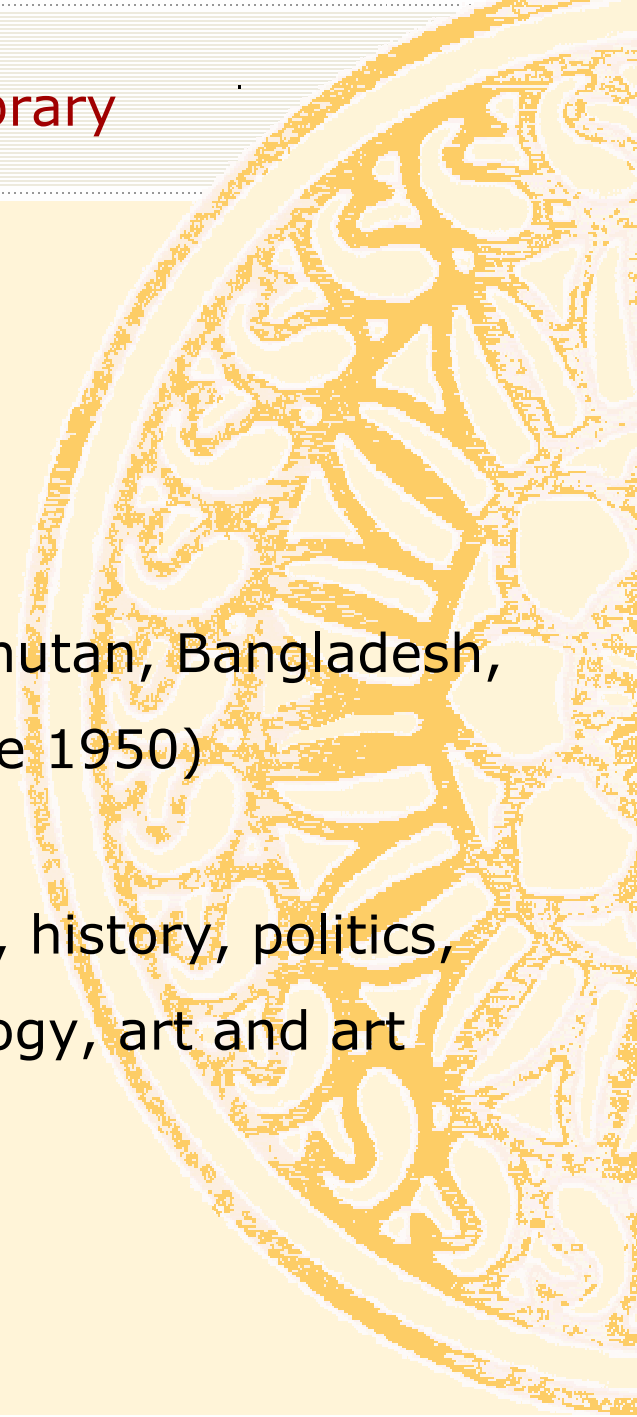
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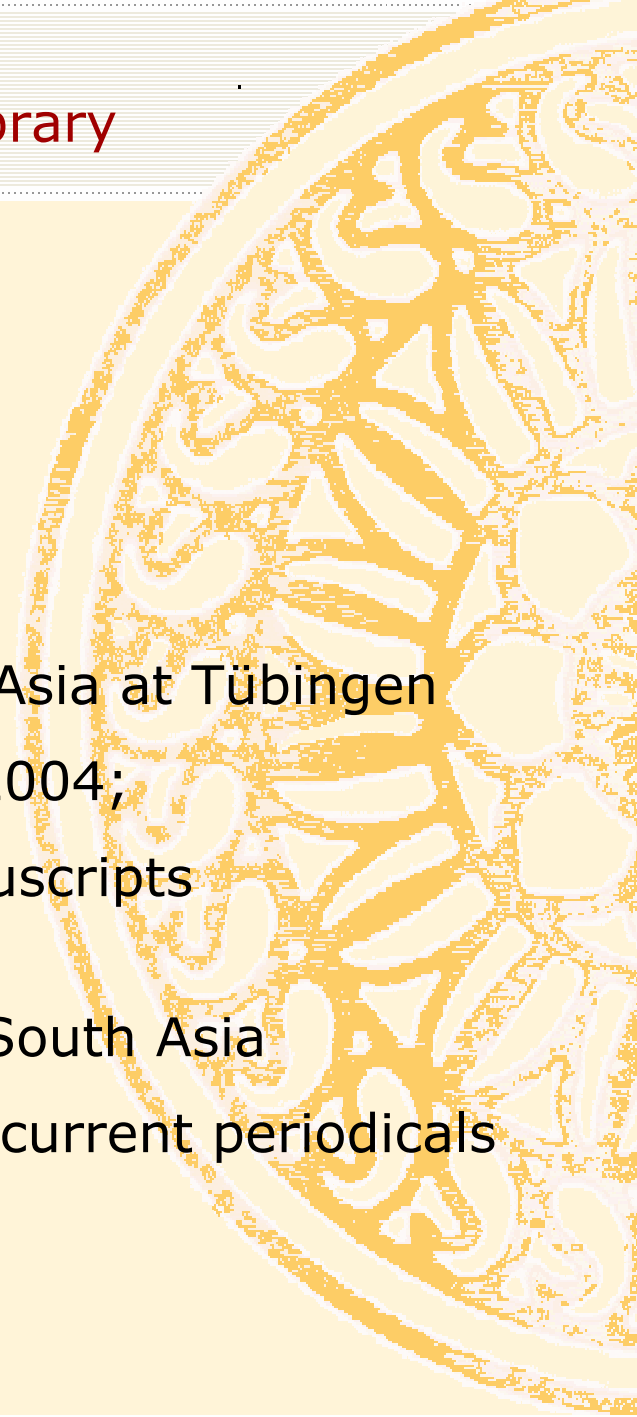
- Countries: India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Tibet (before 1950)
- Subjects: Languages and literatures, history, politics, geography, anthropology and sociology, art and art history, religion and philosophy





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- Special Subject Collection South Asia at Tübingen University Library from 1950 to 2004; app. 360.000 volumes, 800 manuscripts
- Since 2005 at the Library of the South Asia Institute; 265.000 volumes, 500 current periodicals





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- increase of digital resources
 - changing needs of the scholarly community
 - new technological developments
- ➔ Virtual libraries as centralized repositories
- ➔ access to print and electronic media





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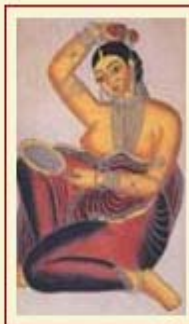
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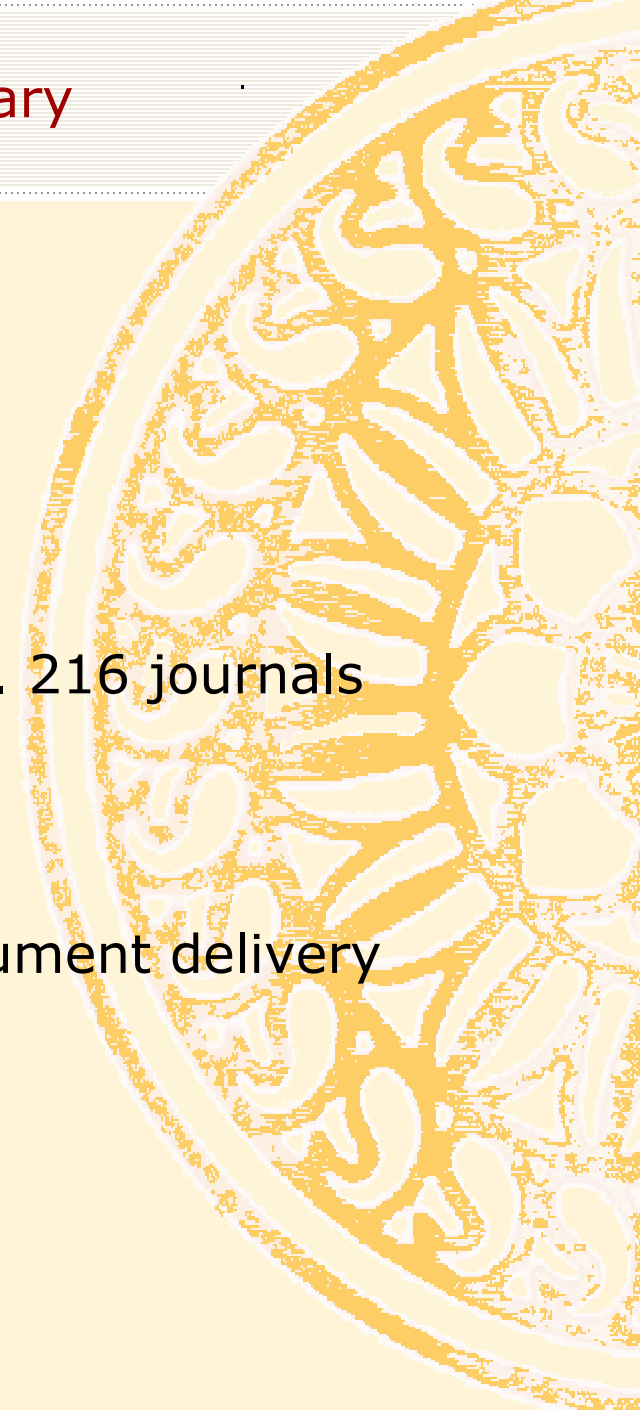




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- Special catalogue for South Asian holdings at European and North American libraries?
- Digitization of early imprints, e.g. Naval Kishore Press?

