

South Asia has developed from a group of newly independent post-colonial states of at most secondary importance to the wider world to its current position as a region of central strategic importance to both global economic development and world peace and stability.

This *Atlas* highlights the global significance of South Asia in relation to economic, geopolitical and strategic interests. It provides a coherent descriptive and analytical account of the key elements of the complex societies that make up the region and its component countries. It is illustrated with more than 100 original maps and offers concise entries on key issues, including population growth, the geopolitics of trans-boundary water resources, natural disaster management and climate change. The book is structured thematically in these sections:

- Global context
- Geographical environments
- Historical evolution of South Asia
- Key issues in modern South Asia
- Economy and security

Designed for use in teaching undergraduate and graduate classes and seminars in geography, history, economics, anthropology, international relations, political science and the environment, as well as regional courses on South Asia, this book is also a comprehensive reference source for libraries and decision makers focusing on South Asia.

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