

## Kashmir | Recommended reading

### BOOKS

\* Victoria Schofield, *Kashmir in the Crossfire* (London: I B Tauris, 1996) [JFB954.6 /727248](#) especially p193-296

A detailed narrative history of Kashmir to 1996, with a good historical introduction to the Kashmir dispute and present militancy.

# Kashmir Study Group, *1947-1997, the Kashmir dispute at fifty : charting paths to peace* (New York, 1997) [L JFB954.6 /749036](#)

A detailed summary of the Kashmir dispute, and competing positions. See also the web-site, with maps, at [www.kashmirstudygroup.net](http://www.kashmirstudygroup.net).

\* Navnita Behera, *State, identity and violence : Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2000) [JFB954.6 /848448](#) Especially chapters 7 and 8 p164-247

This is a study of Kashmir that manages to assess the regional dynamics between the various parts of the state: including the Kashmir Valley, Jammu and Ladakh.

# Sumit Ganguly, *The Crisis in Kashmir* (Washington, D.C.: Woodrow Wilson Center Press; Cambridge : Cambridge U.P., 1997) [JFB320.9 /740103](#)

This is a useful IR-based explanation of why political violence developed in Kashmir from 1988.

Sumantra Bose, *The challenge in Kashmir : democracy, self-determination and a just peace* (New Delhi: Sage, 1997) [JFB320.9 /734094](#)

This is a book which seeks to examine Kashmir from a bottom-up framework, assessing how self-determination theory applies to the Kashmir dispute.

Alastair Lamb, *Kashmir: A Disputed Legacy 1846-1990* (Hertingfordbury, Herts: Roxford Books, 1991) [JFB954 /691454](#)

This gives the Pakistani version of Kashmir's history, up to the outbreak of political violence in 1988.

Prem Shankar Jha, *Kashmir, 1947: rival versions of history* (New Delhi : Oxford University Press, 1996) [JFB954.04 /726308](#)

This gives the Indian version of Kashmir's accession to India in October 1947.

Manoj Joshi, *The Lost Rebellion* (New Delhi: Penguin India, 1999) [JFB320.9 /788470](#)

This is a straight narrative account, from an Indian journalist's perspective, of the militancy in Kashmir.

Gul Mohd Wani, *Kashmir: Problems and Prospects* (New Delhi: Ashish Publishing House 1993) [JFB320.9 /687108](#)

Wani is a Valley Kashmiri academic.

Robert Wirsing, *India, Pakistan and the Kashmir Dispute* (London: Macmillan 1994). Available at LSE library.

## ARTICLES

All of these are available at SOAS library.

# Šumit Ganguly, 'Explaining the Kashmir Insurgency', *International Security* (Vol 21, 2 Fall 1996) p76-107 This is the article-length version of his 1997 book.

\* Ashutosh Varshney, 'India, Pakistan and Kashmir: Antinomies of Nationalism' *Asian Survey* November 1991 p997-1019  
An assessment of Kashmir that takes as its starting point three competing versions of nationalism.

# Jonah Blank, "Kashmir–Fundamentalism Takes Root," *Foreign Affairs*, 78,6 (November/December 1999): 36-42.  
A useful overview that explains why Kashmir became, in the late 1990s, a base for Islamist militancy as well as ethno-nationalist activism.

# Sumantra Bose, 'Kashmir: Sources of Conflict, Dimensions of Peace' *Survival* (Vol 41, 3 Autumn 1999) p149-171  
An assessment of the possibility for a peace deal on Kashmir, using the Good Friday agreement in Northern Ireland for a comparative assessment.

Yogi Sikand, 'Changing Course of Kashmiri Struggle: From National Liberation to Islamist Jihad?', *Economic and Political Weekly* (Vol. xxxvi, no.3, January 20-26, 2001)

# Alexander Evans, Why Peace Won't Come to Kashmir, *Current History* (Vol 100, No 645) April 2001 p170-175  
An explanation as to why the Kashmir problem could be intractable.

Other resources you can look at include [www.jammukashmir.net](http://www.jammukashmir.net), a web-site with profiles of Kashmir's leaders, a media archive back to 2000, and a lengthy bibliography.

## Further reading

If you are particularly interested in different aspects of contemporary Kashmir, you might want to look at these. Not all of these will be available in SOAS Library. David Taylor's excellent annotated bibliography, *Kashmir* (Oxford: Clio Press, 2000) is the best starting point.

A Pakistani perspective on Kashmir can be found in Tahir Amin, *Mass-Resistance in Kashmir: Origins, Evolution, Options* (Islamabad: Institute of Policy Studies, 1995). This is not in the SOAS library. On the web you can look through <http://www.ummah.net/kashmir>.

*The Washington Quarterly* ran four articles on Kashmir in April 2001 (Vol 24, No 2), covering US, UK and Kashmiri perspectives. It's available at LSE library, or on-line at [www.twq.com](http://www.twq.com). There is also a 1993 Special Issue of *Contemporary South Asia*, containing a variety of useful articles on Kashmir.

The issue of minorities in Kashmir is dealt with well in Vernon Hewitt, *Reclaiming the Past: The Search for Political and Cultural Unity in Contemporary Jammu & Kashmir* (London: Portland Books 1995) [JFB320.9 /707082](#). Kashmir's minority Hindus are covered in Alexander Evans, 'A departure from history: Kashmiri Pandits, 1990-2001' *Contemporary South Asia* (Vol 11, 1 March 2002) p19-37.

Intra-regional issues within Kashmir are dealt with well by Balraj Puri, *Jammu and Kashmir: triumph and tragedy of Indian federalisation* (New Delhi: Sterling, 1981) [JFB321.02 /456922](#) and Behera, *State, Identity and Violence* (op.cit.)

Web: For a Pakistani viewpoint, see <http://www.klc.org.pk/>. For an Indian viewpoint, see <http://www.jammu-kashmir.com>. The pro-independence Jammu Kashmir Liberation Force have several web-sites, one of which is <http://shell.comsats.net.pk/~jklf>.

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