Kashmir | Recommended reading

BOOKS

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

A detailed summary of the Kashmir dispute, and competing positions. See also the web-site, with maps, at www.kashmirstudygroup.net.

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.

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

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

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

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.

Wani is a Valley Kashmiri academic.

**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.


# 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.

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. There is also a 1993 Special Issue of Contemporary South Asia, containing a variety of useful articles on Kashmir.


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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