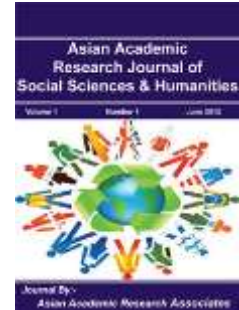




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**FORMATION OF ASIAN UNION  
(AN ANALYSIS OF GROUND REALITIES)**

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**ABSTRACT**

The present paper is an attempt to find answers to the question that whether it is essential for the Asian countries to go through such experiences (of prolonged wars and bitter political rivalry) for forming an economic union in the region in the line of the European Union or the growing trade and investment activities of the region along with a civilizational strength towards formation of some sort of economic integration among the Asian countries. Of late this question has become more pertinent on the face of growing imbalance of power within the WTO and the missing win-win situation under the free trade regime of WTO. The Cancun experience may well serve as an eye-opener in this regard.

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