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## Civil Society and Political Change: Globalization and Transforming Relations in South Asia

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### Introduction

Over the past decades, civil society has evolved in propelling socio-economic ontogenesis and political mobilization, especially among South Asian countries. This is considered as a result of the much proclaimed neo-liberal interventions which have much-reduced government obligation in political and economic matters. Moreover, these reforms in democracy witnessed in the last decades with intensified emphasis on human rights have fortified the political institutions of people's movements plus organizations with multifaceted ramifications globally (Court et al. 2006). The non-governmental organizations, public drives along with other civil establishments have exerted their connections internationally in the current era of globalization which forms foundations for emerging transnational civil networks (Florini 2000; Mundy and Murphy 2001). In short, civil society is considered as a magnifier to empathize

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