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The rule of law in the South Asian countries is closely linked to the international rule of law, and the war on terror illustrates this link in a striking manner. At the same time, South Asia has much more to offer to the international community because of its immense human resources, rich cultural heritage, and religious and linguistic diversity. To understand the problems of the people and nations of South Asia and to devise international legal frameworks to address those problems are useful avenues for research and publication. The availability of literature covering various aspects of comparative and international law from South Asian perspectives will enrich understanding of world order. It will promote a new kind of North-South dialogue. The quality of international and comparative law literature with different perspectives will help improve the quality of legal education not only in the South Asian countries but also in the rest of the world.

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