

Tenth Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference Nepal Study Center Thursday, October 22, 2015, Concourse Hotel, Wisconsin, Madison Pre-conference Venue of the 44th South Asian Conference at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison

I. Program Outline (Version 1)

Conference Room: Capitol Room A

Welcome: 8:00a.m. –8:30a.m.

Session 1: Education and Health Issues: 8:30 a.m. to 11:00a.m.

Chair: Ishwar Chandra Awasthi, Giri Institute of Development Studies, India

1. Schooling infrastructure and education outcomes in Nepal
Vinish Shrestha, Emory University, USA
2. Emerging from the darkness: The effect of school construction on educational and health outcomes in Nepal
Vinish Shrestha, Emory University, USA
3. Parents' decision-making on the consumption of private tutoring of private and public school going children: A game theoretic approach
Sakib Mahmud and Tanzeem Iqbal Ali, University of Wisconsin-Superior, USA.
4. How do household conditions affect children's educational attainment: The case of Bangladesh.
Nusrat Farah and Mukti Upadhyay, Eastern Illinois University, USA
5. The impact of domestic violence on health outcomes: A survey of Nepal
Soumi Chowdhury, Alok Bohara and Brady Horn, University of New Mexico, USA
6. Low-skilled migration and educational investment in Nepal
Rashesh Shrestha, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

Discussants (The number shown within parentheses below is the serial number of the paper in the above list): TBD

Session 2: Democracy, Inequality and Conflict Issues: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Chair: Mahendra Lama, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

1. Bringing new divisions, creating alternative distances: Democratization project in contemporary Bhutan
Mari Miyamoto, University of London, UK

2. Inequality and conflict in Nepal revisited
Ravi Bhandari, Saint Mary's College, USA

3. Importance of land and water to the culture of First Nation: A study of the Chilcotin First Nation
Tashi Sherpa, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada

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Nepal Study Center Presentation
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Lunch Break
12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Session 3: Climate Change and Disaster Management: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Chair: Sakib Mahmud, University of Wisconsin-Superior, USA

1. Disaster management in mountain economy – A case of Uttarakhand State of India
Ishwar Chandra Awasthi, Giri Institute of Development Studies, India

2. Comparing impacts of man-made and natural disasters in Nepal
Naresh Nepal and Prakash Adhikari, University of New Mexico and Central Michigan University, USA

3. Relief, distributive justice and examples of a small initiative
Ramraja Thapa, Spokesperson, Samajbadi Janata Party, Nepal

4. Archiving the 2015 Nepal Earthquake
Sarah Calhoun and Gary Hausman, Yale University and Columbia University, USA

5. Aiding the distressed compatriots: Scope, impacts and potential of support activities by Nepali diaspora community post-Nepal earthquake 2015
Pradip Thapa, Everest International School, Japan

6. Adaptation to climate change in Nepal: The state of institutions, governance and policy
Sunil Tankha, Institute of Social Studies Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

7. Assessing the impact of climate change on farmland values
Samrat Kunwar, University of New Mexico, USA

Discussants (Number within parentheses is the serial number of the paper in the above list): TBD

Session 4: Trade and Migration: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Chair: Mukti Upadhyaya, Eastern Illinois University, USA

1. A move beyond breadwinning: Men's friendships after migration
Sarita Fae Jarmack, Independent Researcher, Germany
2. Trade routes in Himalayan Regions: South Asia-China cooperation-integration context
Mahendra Lama, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Discussants (Number within parentheses is the serial number of the paper in the above list): TBD

Conference ends at 6:00 p.m.