

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(Admission to this part of the conference is by invitation only.)

18 JULY, 2012

Inaugural programme: 8.30 – 9.30 am

1. Welcome: **Dr Mukta Singh Tamang**, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University
2. Highlights of the British Academy UK South-Asia Partnership Project 'Inequality and Affirmative Action in South Asia: Current Experiences and Future Agendas in India and Nepal' & the conference 'Inequality and Affirmative Action: Situating Nepal in Global Debates':
Dr Alpa Shah, Goldsmiths, University of London
3. Remarks: **Prof Ganesh Man Gurung**, Chair, University Grants Commission
4. Remarks: Chief Guest, **Honourable Bijay Kumar Gacchedar**, Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal
5. Remarks by the Chair: **Prof Om Gurung**, Head of the Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University

Panel 1 10 am – 12 noon	Chair: Chaitanya Mishra , Professor, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University	
	Neera Chandhoke Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India	Locating Affirmative Action in the Concept of Equality
	Krishna B. Bhattachan Senior Lecturer, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu & Dilli Ram Dahal Professor, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu	Inequality and Affirmative Action in Nepal: Issues and Challenges
	Chair: Marc Galanter , John and Rylla Bosshard Professor of Law and South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison and LSE Centennial Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science	
	N R Madhava Menon Dr S Radhakrishnan Chair on Parliamentary Studies, Upper House of Indian Parliament, New Delhi, India	Equalizing Opportunities: Case for an Equal Opportunity Commission
	Mahendra Lawoti Professor of Political Science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA	Affirmative Action and Political Representation across Time, Groups and States: Testing Claims for and against with Cases of India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka
	BREAK: 12 noon – 12:30 pm	
	Chair: Madan Pariyar , former Chair, State Restructuring Commission	

Panel 2 12:30 – 1:30 pm	Susan Hangen Associate Professor of Anthropology and International Studies, Ramapo College, New Jersey, USA	Diversifying and Decentralizing the State: Affirmative Action as a Potential Tool for Empowering Local Communities
	Pramod Bhatta Researcher, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu, Nepal	Beyond Affirmative Action: Overcoming Social Inequalities in Higher Education
LUNCH: 1:30 – 2:30 pm		
Panel 3 2:30 – 3:30 pm	Chair: Gérard Toffin , Senior Researcher, CNRS, Paris	
	Ajay Gudavarthy Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India	Can We De-Stigmatise Reservations in India?
	Mukta Singh Tamang Lecturer, Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu	Breaking Hierarchy, Making Identity: Social Classification and Challenges for Affirmative Action in Nepal
BREAK: 3:30 – 4 pm		
Panel 4 4 – 5 pm	Chair: Krishna Hachhethu , Professor, Central Department of Political Science, Tribhuvan University	
	Mara Malagodi Senior Teaching Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, UK	Legal Equality between Recognition and Redistribution: Constitutional Drafting and Adjudication in India and Nepal
	Kåre Vollan Director, Quality AS and Electoral Expert, Norway	Affirmative Action and Power Sharing Instruments: Possible Electoral Arrangements for Nepal
BREAK: 5 – 5:30 pm		
Keynote presentations 5:30 – 7:30 pm	Ashwini Deshpande Professor of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India	Caste Discrimination and Exclusion: Assessment of Affirmative Action as a Remedy
	Glenn C Loury Merton Stoltz Professor of the Social Sciences and Professor of Economics, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA	The Simple Economics of Affirmative Action Policies
	Discussant: Bandita Sijapati , Social Science Baha & Nepā School of Social Sciences and Humanities Moderator: Hari Sharma , Social Science Baha and Nepa School of Social Science and Humanities	
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	Chair: Laurie A. Vasily , Director, Fulbright Commission Nepal	

Panel 1 9 -11 am	Anand Teltumbde Professor of Management, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India	Pursuing Equality in the Land of Hierarchy: Positive Discrimination Policies in India
	Khyam Bishwakarma Freelance Development Consultant, Kathmandu	Affirmative Action in Nepal: What Does It Mean for Dalits at the Grassroots Level?
	Chair: Ashwini Deshpande , Professor of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India	
	Meena Acharya General Secretary, Tanka Prasad Acharya Memorial Foundation, Kathmandu	Design and Delivery of Affirmative Action for Gender and Inter-caste Equality in Nepal

BREAK: 11 – 11:30 am

Panel 2 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Chair: Michael Hutt , Professor of Nepali & Himalayan Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies	
	Ram Bahadur Chhetri Professor, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu	‘Women and Men Are the Two Wheels of the Chariot’: Rhetoric and Realities of Quotas for Women in Politics and Governance in Nepal
	Anjoo Sharan Upadhyaya Visiting Professor of Political Science, Central Department of Political Science, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu	Affirmative Action and Women in India
	Chair: Chaitanya Subba , former Member of National Planning Commission	
	Debipriya Chatterjee Assistant Professor of Political Economy and Public Policy, Department of Africology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA	Can Affirmative Action Policies Succeed in the Presence of Social Marginalization?
	Uddhab Pyakurel Lecturer, Kathmandu University, Nepal	Caste-based Discrimination and Discourse of Affirmative Action: Perspectives of Successful Dalits in Surkhet

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Panel 3 2:30 – 3:30 pm	Chair: Pitamber Sharma , former Vice-Chair, National Planning Commission	
	Sara Shneiderman Assistant Professor of Anthropology & South Asian Studies, Yale University, Connecticut, USA	Disentangling ‘Ethnic Federalism’ and Affirmative Action (co-authored with Louise Tillin)

	<p>Tulsi Ram Pandey Associate Professor, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal</p>	<p>Subject Citizen Identity and Class: Contesting Dimensions of Social Inequality and the Implication of Affirmative Action for Change</p>
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<p>Panel 4 4 – 5 pm</p>	<p>Chair: N R Madhava Menon, Dr S Radhakrishnan Chair on Parliamentary Studies, Upper House of Indian Parliament, New Delhi, India</p>	
	<p>Om Gurung Head of Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu</p>	<p>Implication of Rescheduling Indigenous Peoples for Affirmative Policy in Nepal</p>
	<p>Alpa Shah Senior Lecturer of Anthropology, Goldsmiths, University of London, London, UK</p>	<p>A Step Back from Ethnic and Indigenous Rights</p>

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	<p>Hilary Silver Professor of Sociology, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA</p>	<p>Social Inclusion and Affirmative Action: Conceptual and Policy Distinctions</p>
	<p>Discussant: Mukta Singh Tamang, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University Moderator: Hari Sharma, Social Science Baha and Nepa School of Social Science and Humanities</p>	

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	<p>Susan Hangen Associate Professor, Anthropology and International Studies, Ramapo College, New Jersey, USA</p>	<p>Diversifying and Decentralizing the State: Affirmative Action as a Potential Tool for Empowering Local Communities</p>
	<p>Respondent: Gagan Thapa, Former Member of the Constituent Assembly</p>	
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	<p>Neera Chandhoke Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India</p>	<p>Locating Affirmative Action in the Concept of Equality</p>
	<p>Respondent: Pratyoush Onta, Martin Chautari</p>	
	<p>Moderator: Ram Bahadur Chhetri, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University</p>	

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	<p>Respondent: Prashant Jha, Journalist</p>	
	<p>Moderator: Basanta Thapa, Social Science Baha and Himal Association</p>	

BREAK: 4:30 – 5 pm

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Panel 4 5 – 7 pm (Special session with policymakers)	Moderator: Om Gurung , Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Tribhuvan University	
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