### Day 1: 24 July (Wednesday)
#### SESSION 1: 9–11 am

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Chair, Britain–Nepal Academic Council  
**Discussant:** Shangrila Joshi  
The Evergreen State College, Olympia, USA | **Opening Remarks and Chair:** Nirmal Man Tuladhar  
Chair, Social Science Baha, Kathmandu, Nepal  
**Discussant:** Michael Hutt  
Professor, SOAS, London |
| Thomas Robertson  
Executive Director, Fulbright Nepal | **Changing Kathmandu:**  
**Land, Water, and Public Space Through the Decades**  
Abha Lal  
Independent Researcher/Desk Editor, *The Record* |
| Dipak Bahadur Adhikari  
Lecturer of Economics, Patan Multiple Campus | **Informal Economy and Poverty in Nepal**  
Bryony Whitmarsh  
Associate Dean, Faculties of Creative and Cultural Industries and Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Portsmouth |
| Sanjay Sharma  
PhD Candidate, National University of Singapore | **Industry under the Open Sky: An Exploration of the Political Economy of Brick-making in Nepal**  
Stefanie Lotter  
Senior Teaching Fellow and Research Fellow, SOAS, London |
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### Day 1
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(Convener: Jeevan Baniya, Social Science Baha) | **Informed Policies: Insights and Evidence** |
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Department of Political Studies, Capilano University, Canada  
**Discussant:** Stefanie Lotter  
Senior Teaching Fellow, SOAS, London | **Chair:** Janak Rai  
Associate Professor, Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University  
**Discussant:** Arjun Kharel  
Research Coordinator, Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility, Social Science Baha |
| Bina Limbu  
Independent Researcher | **Reconstruction and the Rise of One-roomed Houses in Rural Nepal**  
Richard Bownas  
Associate Professor, Political Science and International Affairs, University of Northern Colorado |
| **Measuring Caste Discrimination in Urban and Rural Nepal: Some Empirical Approaches** |
# Earthquakes and Cashflows: Households and Disaster Financialization in Post-earthquake Nepal

**Philippe Le Billon**  
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University of British Columbia, Canada

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**Rupesh Kumar Sah**  
Under Secretary, Federal Parliament Secretariat Nepal

**Pooja Chaudhary**  
Advocate affiliated with the Nepal Bar Association

**Legislators’ Engagement in Policy Making and Post-Legislative Scrutiny in Nepalese Parliament Since 1991**

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**Before the Dust Settled: Nepal’s Seismic Constitution**

**Sanjaya Mahato**  
Independent Researcher

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Advocate affiliated with the Nepal Bar Association

**Michael Hutt**  
Professor, SOAS, London

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**Day 1 SESSION 3: 2:30–4:30 pm**

**HALL A–Panel A3**

**From Epicentre to Aftermath: Ethnographic and Historical Views of Post-Earthquake Nepal**  
*(double panel)*

**Chair: Nabin Rawal**  
Lecturer, Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University

**Discussant: Dinesh Paudel**  
Appalachian State University, USA

**Mark Liechty**  
Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA

**Disasters and ‘Conditions of Possibility’: Rethinking Causation through an Analysis of Nepal Earthquakes**

**Manoj Suji, Nilima Rai**  
Research Associate, Social Science Baha

**Sambriddhi Kharel**  
Independent Researcher

**John Whelpton**  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Between Two Big Ones: Earthquakes in the Nepali Consciousness, 1934-2015**

**Pearly Wong**  
PhD Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Role of Actors and Institutions in Translating the 2030 Agenda for Gender Equality Commitments in National Discourse: A Case Study of Nepal**

**Chair: Thomas Robertson**  
Executive Director, Fulbright Nepal  
**Discussant: Dannah Dennis**  
Hamilton College, New York

**Mediating Development: Clients and Agents**

**Chair: Thomas Robertson**  
Executive Director, Fulbright Nepal  
**Discussant: Dannah Dennis**  
Hamilton College, New York

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**LUNCH: 1:30–2:30 pm (served in the dining hall, ground floor)**
**Day 2: 25 July (Thursday)  
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*Chair: Dyuti Baral  
Social Science Baha  
Discussant: Lok Ranjan Parajuli  
Senior Researcher, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu* |  
*Chair: Bindu Pokhrel  
Discussant: Meera Mishra*  
**Madhusudan Subedi**  
Professor, Central Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University  
**Sara Parker**  
Reader, Department of Sociology, Liverpool John Moores University  
**BK Shrestha**  
Director, Global Action Nepal* |
| **Shak Bahadur Budhathoki**  
Education Coordinator, Mercy Corps Nepal | **Improving Learning Outcome through School Improvement Plan (SIP)**  
**Krishna Adhikari,**  
Britain–Nepal Academic Council (BNAC), UK  
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Samata Foundation, Lalitpur  
**David N. Gellner**  
Professor, University of Oxford |  
**Dalits in the School Curriculum in Nepal**  
**Stefanie Lotter**  
Senior Teaching Fellow SOAS, London  
**Rajya Gurung,**  
**Lina Baniya**  
Senior Researchers, Dignity Without Danger, Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University  
**Toya Nath Bhattarai**  
PhD Candidate, Kathmandu University  
**Sara Parker and research team (TBC)**  
**Reflecting on The Role of Diaries in Collaborative Action Research Opportunities and Challenges** |
| **Toya Nath Bhattarai**  
PhD Candidate, Kathmandu University | **Exploring The Diversity of Stigmas and Taboos Surrounding Menstruation - Preliminary Insights from The Field–Western and Eastern Nepal**  
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**Controversy Over Medium of Education in Nepal: Some Milestones**  
**Sara Parker and research team (TBC)**  
**Reflecting on The Role of Diaries in Collaborative Action Research Opportunities and Challenges** |

*TEA BREAK: 11–11:30 am (served in Kailash Hall, ground floor)*
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#### SESSION 5: 11:30 am–1:30 pm

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Professor, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London | **Chair:** *Suresh Dhakal*  
Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University |
| **Discussant:** *Hema Kiruppalini*  
National University of Singapore | **Discussant:** *Pritisha Shrestha*  
Syracuse University, New York |
| Amanda Taylor, Claire Blaser  
Postgraduate (MA)  
Student, SOAS, London  
Martin Brooks  
Postgraduate Associate, SOAS, London | Tek Bahadur Dong  
OneSeed Expeditions, Regional Director for Nepal and Bhutan  
Cultural Tourism: An Ethnographic Study of Home-Stay in Briddim, Rasuwa, Nepal |
| Nokmedemla Lemtuir  
PhD Student, Center for Modern Indian Studies, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany | Labour in the High Himalayas: Recruitment and Agency of Mountaineering Expedition Labour on Nanga Parbat and Everest (1922–1939)  
Mitra Pariyar  
Leverhulme Research Fellow, Kingston University, London  
Fighting Caste through Religious Conversion: Early Experiences of Nepali Dalit Christians |
| Sanjay Sharma  
PhD Student, National University of Singapore, Singapore | ‘Invisible Counterparts’ of the ‘Warrior Gentlemen’: Tracing out the Mobilities of ‘Gurkha Women’  
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**LUNCH: 1:30–2:30 pm** *(served in the dining hall, ground floor)*

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Professor, Central Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University and Patan Academy of Health Sciences | **Chair:** *John Whelpton*  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
**Discussant:** *Jeevan Baniya*  
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**Day 3: 26 July (Friday)**

**SESSION 7: 9–11 am**

**HALL A – Panel A7**

**Nepali Women: Struggles for Autonomy and Agency**

**Chair:** Dipak Gyawali
Social Science Baha

**Discussant:** Neeti Aryal Khanal
Central Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

**Pritisha Shrestha**
PhD Student, Syracuse University, New York

**Bold, Brahmin and Banned: Recovering History’s Unsung Rhetoric of a Revolutionary Woman of Nepal**

**HALL B – Panel B7**

**Transitions: Meeting Aspirations and Expectations**

**Chair:** Seira Tamang
Independent Researcher

**Discussant:** Sanjaya Mahato
Independent Researcher

**Bhim Narayan Regmi**
Lecturer, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

**Additional Official Language Policy of Nepal: A Review**
Sanjaya Mahato  
Independent Researcher

Pooja Chaudhary  
Advocate affiliated with the Nepal Bar Association

Dogendra Tumsa  
Statistician, Social Science Baha

Bipin Upadhyaya  
Statistician, Social Science Baha

The Untouchables: Prevalence of Sexual Relationship during Menstrual Period

Chiranjibi Bhandari  
Assistant Professor, Department of Conflict, Peace and Development Studies, Tribhuvan University

Revisiting Ex-Combatants: Past Assumptions and Present Realities

Amar BK  
PhD Candidate, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

Autonomy, Gender, and Women's Suffering in Nepal

Sara Bertotti  
PhD Student, SOAS, London

Translating Hybridity and Change: The 2006 Comprehensive Peace Accord of Nepal

Day 3  
SESSION 8: 11:30 am–12:50 pm

HALL A–Panel A8  
Violence: Understanding its Forms and Consequences

Chair: Katsuo Nawa  
Professor of Cultural Anthropology, The University of Tokyo

Discussant: Sudeshna Thapa  
Research Associate, Social Science Baha

Borders and Boundaries

Chair: Nabin Rawal  
Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Discussant: Rupak Shrestha  
PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, University of Boulder, Colorado

Lata Gautam  
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK

Agatha Grela  
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Jaya Satyal, Sharad Gajuryal  
Annapurna Neurological Institute and Allied Sciences, Nepal

Understanding the Nature of Sexual Assault Cases in Nepal Through a Forensic Lens

Yangchen Dolker  
Research Associate, Social Science Baha

Khem Raj Shreesh  
Social Science Baha

Summer Farmers, Winter Traders: Loba’s Adaptation through Changing Socio-Political Times

Harsha Man Maharjan  
Researcher, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu

From Media Accountability to Violence: Audience Participation and Opposition in the Proposed LED Bulb Procurement Episode on Social Media

Anup Shekhar Chakraborty  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Political Studies, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, India

Enduring Islam and ‘Muslimness’ in Trans-Himalayas: Some Reflections from the Case of the Gorkha Muslims and Tibetan Muslims in the Eastern Himalayan Town of Darjeeling, India

LUNCH: 1:30–2:30 pm (served in the dining hall, ground floor)
**SESSION 9: 2.30–3.50 pm**

**HALL A–Panel A9**

**Children’s Needs: Moving beyond Rights**

**Chair:** Mitra Pariyar  
Leverhulme Research Fellow, Kingston University, London

**Discussant:** Aidan Seale-Feldman  
Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer,  
Bioethics Program, University of Virginia

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**SESSION 10: 4 pm–5.20 pm**

**HALL A–Panel A10**

**Mixed Panel**

**Chair:** Richard Mitchell  
Brock University, Canada

**Discussant and Closing Remarks:** Dipak Gyawali  
Social Science Baha

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