

# Day 1: 24 July (Wednesday)

## SESSION 1: 9–11 am

HALL A–Panel A1	HALL B–Panel B1
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>Urban Growth: Change and Livelihood</b>  <b>Opening Remarks and Chair: <i>Krishna Adhikari</i></b> Chair, Britain–Nepal Academic Council <b>Discussant: <i>Shangrila Joshi</i></b> The Evergreen State College, Olympia, USA	<b>Memorialising Nostalgia and Loss</b>  <b>Opening Remarks and Chair: <i>Nirmal Man Tuladhar</i></b> Chair, Social Science Baha, Kathmandu, Nepal <b>Discussant:</b> <i>Michael Hutt</i> Professor, SOAS, London
<b>Thomas Robertson</b> Executive Director, Fulbright Nepal  <b>Changing Kathmandu:                      Land, Water, and Public                      Space Through the                      Decades</b>	<b>Abha Lal</b> Independent Researcher/ Desk Editor, <i>The                      Record</i>  <b>When There Was a King There Was                      Unity: An Exploration of Nostalgia                      for the Monarchy</b>
<b>Dipak Bahadur                      Adhikari</b> Lecturer of Economics, Patan Multiple Campus  <b>Informal Economy and                      Poverty in Nepal</b>	<b>Bryony Whitmarsh</b> Associate Dean, Faculties of Creative and Cultural Industries and Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Portsmouth  <b>From Darbar to Sañgrahalaya:                      Creating New History in the                      Narayanhiti Palace, Nepal</b>
<b>Sanjay Sharma</b> PhD Candidate, National University of Singapore  <b>Industry under the                      Open Sky: An                      Exploration of the                      Political Economy of                      Brick-making in Nepal</b>	<b>Stefanie Lotter</b> Senior Teaching Fellow and Research Fellow, SOAS, London  <b>Collecting Loss and Displaying                      Absence: Curating the Earthquake</b>
<i>TEA BREAK: 11–11:30 am (served in Kailash Hall, ground floor)</i>	

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## SESSION 2: 11:30 am–1:30 pm

HALL A–Panel A2	HALL B–Panel B2
<b>From Epicentre to Aftermath: Ethnographic and                      Historical Views of Post-Earthquake Nepal</b> ( <i>double                      panel</i> ) ( <i>Convener: Jeevan Baniya, Social Science Baha</i> )  <b>Chair: <i>Ramjee Parajulee</i></b> Department of Political Studies, Capilano University, Canada <b>Discussant: <i>Stefanie Lotter</i></b> Senior Teaching Fellow, SOAS, London	<b>Informed Policies: Insights and Evidence</b>  <b>Chair: <i>Janak Rai</i></b> Associate Professor, Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University <b>Discussant: <i>Arjun Kharel</i></b> Research Coordinator, Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility, Social Science Baha
<b>Bina Limbu</b> Independent Researcher  <b>Reconstruction and the                      Rise of One-roomed                      Houses in Rural Nepal</b>	<b>Richard Bownas</b> Associate Professor, Political Science and International Affairs, University of Northern Colorado  <b>Measuring Caste Discrimination in                      Urban and Rural Nepal: Some                      Empirical Approaches</b>

<p><b>Philippe Le Billon</b> Professor, Department of Geography University of British Columbia, Canada</p> <p><b>Manoj Suji</b> Research Associate, Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Dinesh Paudel</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Sustainable Development, Appalachian State University North Carolina, USA</p>	<p><b>Earthquakes and Cashflows: Households and Disaster Financialization in Post- earthquake Nepal</b></p>	<p><b>Obindra B. Chand</b> Qualitative Research Officer, HERD International Kathmandu, Nepal</p> <p><b>Shophika Regmi</b> Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation, HERD International</p> <p><b>Abriti Arjyal</b> Research Coordinator, HERD International</p> <p><b>Chandani Kharel</b> Research Manager, HERD International</p> <p><b>Sushil C. Baral</b> Managing Director, HERD International</p>	<p><b>Use of Data for Decision Making in Planning Process of Local Health System in Nepal: A Critical Note on Problems and Prospects</b></p>
<p><b>Michael Hutt</b> Professor, SOAS, London</p>	<p><b>Before the Dust Settled: Nepal's Seismic Constitution</b></p>	<p><b>Sanjaya Mahato</b> Independent Researcher</p> <p><b>Rupesh Kumar Sah</b> Under Secretary, Federal Parliament Secretariat Nepal</p> <p><b>Pooja Chaudhary</b> Advocate affiliated with the Nepal Bar Association</p>	<p><b>Legislators' Engagement in Policy Making and Post-Legislative Scrutiny in Nepalese Parliament Since 1991</b></p>
<p><i>LUNCH: 1:30–2:30 pm (served in the dining hall, ground floor)</i></p>			

**Day 1** **SESSION 3: 2:30–4:30 pm**

HALL A–Panel A3	HALL B–Panel B3
<p><b>From Epicentre to Aftermath: Ethnographic and Historical Views of Post-Earthquake Nepal</b> (<i>double panel</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Nabin Rawal</b> Lecturer, Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussant: Dinesh Paudel</b> Appalachian State University, USA</p>	<p><b>Mediating Development: Clients and Agents</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: Thomas Robertson</b> Executive Director, Fulbright Nepal <b>Discussant:</b> <b>Dannah Dennis</b> Hamilton College, New York</p>
<p><b>Mark Liechty</b> Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA</p> <p><b>Disasters and 'Conditions of Possibility': Rethinking Causation through an Analysis of Nepal Earthquakes</b></p>	<p><b>Manoj Suji, Nilima Rai</b> Research Associate, Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Sambriddhi Kharel</b> Independent Researcher</p> <p><b>Role of Actors and Institutions in Translating the 2030 Agenda for Gender Equality Commitments in National Discourse: A Case Study of Nepal</b></p>
<p><b>John Whelpton</b> The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Between Two Big Ones: Earthquakes in the Nepali Consciousness, 1934-2015</b></p>	<p><b>Pearly Wong</b> PhD Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison</p> <p><b>Development (In)Convenience: Agrarian Change and the Experience of Development in Dakshinkali, Nepal</b></p>

<p><b>Jeevan Baniya</b> Assistant Director, Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Anisha Bhattarai</b> Research Associate, Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Sita Nepali</b> Research Associate, Social Science Baha</p>	<p><b>Discourses in Nepali Newspaper Op-eds about Rescue, Relief, Recovery and Reconstruction in the post-Gorkha Earthquake</b></p>	<p><b>Shangrila Joshi</b> The Evergreen State College, Olympia, USA</p>	<p><b>Neoliberalization, Climate Change, and Community Forestry in Nepal</b></p>
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## Day 2: 25 July (Thursday)

### SESSION 4: 9–11 am

HALL A–Panel A4	HALL B–Panel B4
<p><b>School Education in Nepal: Planning and Practice</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Dyuti Baral</b> Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Discussant: Lok Ranjan Parajuli</b> Senior Researcher, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu</p>	<p><b>Dignity without Danger: Collaboratively Analysing Stigma and Taboos to Develop Innovative Strategies to Address Menstrual Exclusion in Nepal</b> (<i>Convener: Sara Parker, Liverpool John Moores University</i>)</p> <p><b>Chair: Bindu Pokhrel</b></p> <p><b>Discussant: Meera Mishra</b></p>
<p><b>Shak Bahadur Budhathoki</b> Education Coordinator, Mercy Corps Nepal</p> <p><b>Improving Learning Outcome through School Improvement Plan (SIP)</b></p>	<p><b>Madhusudan Subedi</b> Professor, Central Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University</p> <p><b>Sara Parker</b> Reader, Department of Sociology, Liverpool John Moores University</p> <p><b>BK Shrestha</b> Director, Global Action Nepal</p> <p><b>Dignity Without Danger: Opportunities and Challenges of Engaging Partners in Collaborative Action Research</b></p>
<p><b>Krishna Adhikari,</b> Britain–Nepal Academic Council (BNAC), UK</p> <p><b>Gopal Nepali</b> Samata Foundation, Lalitpur</p> <p><b>David N. Gellner</b> Professor, University of Oxford</p> <p><b>Dalits in the School Curriculum in Nepal</b></p>	<p><b>Stefanie Lotter</b> Senior Teaching Fellow SOAS, London</p> <p><b>Rajya Gurung, Lina Baniya</b> Senior Researchers, Dignity Without Danger, Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University</p> <p><b>Exploring The Diversity of Stigmas and Taboos Surrounding Menstruation - Preliminary Insights from The Field–Western and Eastern Nepal</b></p>
<p><b>Toya Nath Bhattarai</b> PhD Candidate, Kathmandu University</p> <p><b>Controversy Over Medium of Education in Nepal: Some Milestones</b></p>	<p><b>Sara Parker and research team (TBC)</b></p> <p><b>Reflecting on The Role of Diaries in Collaborative Action Research Opportunities and Challenges</b></p>
<p><i>TEA BREAK: 11–11:30 am (served in Kailash Hall, ground floor)</i></p>	

HALL A–Panel A5		HALL B–Panel B5	
<b>Colonialism: Historicising the Subaltern</b>		<b>Community Institutions: Old and New</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: <i>Michael Hutt</i></b> Professor, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussant: <i>Hema Kiruppalini</i></b> National University of Singapore</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: <i>Suresh Dhakal</i></b> Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussant: <i>Pritisha Shrestha</i></b> Syracuse University, New York</p>	
<p><b>Amanda Taylor,</b> <b>Claire Blaser</b> Postgraduate (MA) Student, SOAS, London</p> <p><b>Martin Brooks</b> Postgraduate Associate, SOAS, London</p>	<p><b>New Insights into Colonial Encounters in the Himalaya</b></p>	<p><b>Tek Bahadur Dong</b> OneSeed Expeditions, Regional Director for Nepal and Bhutan</p>	<p><b>Cultural Tourism: An Ethnographic Study of Home- Stay in Briddim, Rasuwa, Nepal</b></p>
<p><b>Nokmedemla Lemtur</b> PhD Student, Center for Modern Indian Studies, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany</p>	<p><b>Labour in the High Himalayas: Recruitment and Agency of Mountaineering Expedition Labour on Nanga Parbat and Everest (1922–1939)</b></p>	<p><b>Mitra Pariyar</b> Leverhulme Research Fellow, Kingston University, London</p>	<p><b>Fighting Caste through Religious Conversion: Early Experiences of Nepali Dalit Christians</b></p>
<p><b>Sanjay Sharma</b> PhD Student, National University of Singapore, Singapore</p>	<p><b>‘Invisible Counterparts’ of the ‘Warrior Gentlemen’: Tracing out the Mobilities of ‘Gurkha Women’</b></p>	<p><b>Shobhit Shakya</b> Junior Research Fellow and PhD Student Ragnar Nurkse, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia</p>	<p><b>Guthis Abroad: Catering to the Social Needs Amongst the Newar Diaspora</b></p>
<b>LUNCH: 1:30–2:30 pm</b> (served in the dining hall, ground floor)			

HALL A–Panel A6		HALL B–Panel B6	
<b>Stigma: Changing the Narratives</b>		<b>Disaster and Suffering: Ascendency of Resilience</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: <i>Madhusudan Subedi</i></b> Professor, Central Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University and Patan Academy of Health Sciences</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discussant: <i>Amar BK</i></b> PhD Candidate, University of Pittsburgh</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair: <i>John Whelpton</i></b> The Chinese University of Hong Kong <b>Discussant:</b> <b><i>Jeevan Baniya</i></b> Assistant Director, Social Science Baha</p>	

<p><b>Sauharda Rai</b> PhD Student, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, USA</p> <p><b>Bonnie Nicole Kaiser</b> Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of San Diego, USA</p> <p><b>Brandon A. Kohrt</b> Charles and Sonia Akman Professor of Global Psychiatry, The George Washington University, USA</p>	<p><b>Recovery Narratives in Global Mental Health: Understanding the Benefits and Harms of Mental Health Service User's Storytelling in Nepal</b></p>	<p><b>Jinglu Song</b> Department of Urban Planning and Design, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Bo Huang</b> Institute of Space and Earth Information Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T</p> <p><b>Rishikesh Pandey</b> School of Development and Social Engineering, Pokhara University, Pokhara, Nepal</p>	<p><b>The Determinants of Disaster-Resilience in the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal: An Assessment of Recovery, Reconstruction and Resilience in Nepal after 2015 Earthquake</b></p>
<p><b>Aidan Seale-Feldman</b> Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer, Bioethics Program, University of Virginia, VA, USA</p>	<p><b>Thinking with Ghosts: Bhut laagyo, Hysteria, and the Politics of Conceptualization</b></p>	<p><b>Sapana Basnet Bista</b> PhD Researcher, Liverpool John Moores University, UK</p> <p><b>Shaurabh Sharma</b> HI International</p> <p><b>Rose Khatri</b> Liverpool John Moores University, UK</p> <p><b>Padam Simkhada</b> Liverpool John Moores University, UK</p>	<p><b>Indiscriminating Earthquake Discriminatory Aid: Effectiveness of Blanket Approach to Aid Distribution to People with Disabilities</b></p>
<p><b>Yasuko Fujikura</b> Research Fellow Institute of Research in Humanities, Kyoto University, Japan</p>	<p><b>Dealing with Marginality: Gender and Caste in Western Nepal</b></p>		

**Day 3: 26 July (Friday)**

**SESSION 7: 9–11 am**

HALL A–Panel A7	HALL B–Panel B7
<p><b>Nepali Women: Struggles for Autonomy and Agency</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Dipak Gyawali</b> Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Discussant: Neeti Aryal Khanal</b> Central Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University, Nepal</p>	<p><b>Transitions: Meeting Aspirations and Expectations</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Seira Tamang</b> Independent Researcher</p> <p><b>Discussant: Sanjaya Mahato</b> Independent Researcher</p>
<p><b>Pritisha Shrestha</b> PhD Student, Syracuse University, New York</p> <p><b>Bold, Brahmin and Banned: Recovering History's Unsung Rhetoric of a Revolutionary Woman of Nepal</b></p>	<p><b>Bhim Narayan Regmi</b> Lecturer, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal</p> <p><b>Additional Official Language Policy of Nepal: A Review</b></p>

<p><b>Sanjaya Mahato</b> Independent Researcher</p> <p><b>Pooja Chaudhary</b> Advocate affiliated with the Nepal Bar Association</p> <p><b>Dogendra Tumsa</b> Statistician, Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Bipin Upadhyaya</b> Statistician, Social Science Baha</p>	<p><b>The Untouchables: Prevalence of Sexual Relationship during Menstrual Period</b></p>	<p><b>Chiranjibi Bhandari</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Conflict, Peace and Development Studies, Tribhuvan University</p>	<p><b>Revisiting Ex- Combatants: Past Assumptions and Present Realities</b></p>
<p><b>Amar BK</b> PhD Candidate, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA</p>	<p><b>Autonomy, Gender, and Women’s Suffering in Nepal</b></p>	<p><b>Sara Bertotti</b> PhD Student, SOAS, London</p>	<p><b>Translating Hybridity and Change: The 2006 Comprehensive Peace Accord of Nepal</b></p>

*TEA BREAK: 11–11:30 am (served in Kailash Hall, ground floor)*

**Day 3** **SESSION 8: 11:30 am–12:50 pm**

<b>HALL A–Panel A8</b>	<b>HALL B–Panel B8</b>		
<p><b>Violence: Understanding its Forms and Consequences</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Katsuo Nawa</b> Professor of Cultural Anthropology, The University of Tokyo</p> <p><b>Discussant: Sudeshna Thapa</b> Research Associate, Social Science Baha</p>	<p><b>Borders and Boundaries</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Nabin Rawal</b> Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Nepal <b>Discussant: Rupak Shrestha</b> PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, University of Boulder, Colorado</p>		
<p><b>Lata Gautam</b> Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK</p> <p><b>Agatha Grella</b> University of West London, UK</p> <p><b>Jaya Satyal, Sharad Gajuryal</b> Annapurna Neurological Institute and Allied Sciences, Nepal</p>	<p><b>Understanding the Nature of Sexual Assault Cases in Nepal Through a Forensic Lens</b></p> <p><b>Yangchen Dolker</b> Research Associate, Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Khem Raj Shreesh</b> Social Science Baha</p> <p><b>Summer Farmers, Winter Traders: Loba’s Adaptation through Changing Socio-Political Times</b></p>		
<p><b>Harsha Man Maharjan</b> Researcher, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu</p>	<p><b>From Media Accountability to Violence: Audience Participation and Opposition in the Proposed LED Bulb Procurement Episode on Social Media</b></p>	<p><b>Anup Shekhar Chakraborty</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Political Studies, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, India</p>	<p><b>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</b></p>

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

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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

**Jeevan Baniya**

Assistant Director, Social Science Baha

**Tracy Ghale**

Senior Research Associate, Social Science Baha

**Nilima Rai**

Research Associate, Social Science Baha

**Amit Gautam**

Research Associate, Social Science Baha

**Lacchindra Maharjan**

Save the Children, Nepal

**Why Children Matter: Vulnerabilities and Needs of Children in Disasters**

**Nabin Maharjan**

PhD Candidate, Department of Child and Youth

Studies, Brock University, Ontario, Canada

**Richard C. Mitchell**

Professor of Child and Youth Studies, Brock

University, Ontario, Canada

**The UNCRC and Global Childhoods: Transdisciplinary Reflections from Nepal**

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

**SeSe Ma**

Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies,

Kyoto University, Japan

**Centering Himalayan Stray Dogs: Reframing the Narrative of Non-Human Being Subjectivity and Agency**

**Ravindra Nyaupane**

PhD Candidate,

Swansea University, UK

**Issues in the Development of Community-Led Tourism in Nepal—the Example of Dhorpatan**

**Mike Pretious**

Senior Lecturer in Management,

Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh

**Suvash Khadka**

University of South Wales, UK