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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Applications

Reading Seminar on Science, Technology and Society/Policy: Search for Interdisciplinary Perspectives

This interdisciplinary seminar focuses on social, political and economic influences on scientific research and technological innovation and how these shape our society. The readings will approach scientific controversies through apertures such as discourse and media analysis, network analysis, the sociology of social/science movements and ICT studies. Particularly, the seminar will offer multiple perspectives on applying Science Technology Society (STS) theories and methods to Nepali cases. The seminar is led by Sohan Prasad Sha with guest scholars joining for various sessions. Application deadline: 25 December 2018.

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Call on Academics (not based in Nepal)

If you plan to be in Kathmandu between 1 January 2019 and 28 February 2019 and would like to present your completed research (i.e., meaning you have mostly processed the research findings and have a written draft to present to your peers in Nepal), please consider giving a seminar at Martin Chautari.

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Call for Articles

Samaj Adhyayan

Martin Chautari announces call for articles for vol. 14 of its annual peer-reviewed journal, *Samaj Adhyayan*. Topical coverage is broad including virtually all aspects of social sciences, anthropology, history and political sciences. Each issue comprises of scholarly contributions, though not limited to, consisting of original research-based articles, commentaries, academic reviews of books, interviews, bibliographies and historical manuscripts. The deadline for submission is 1 January 2019.

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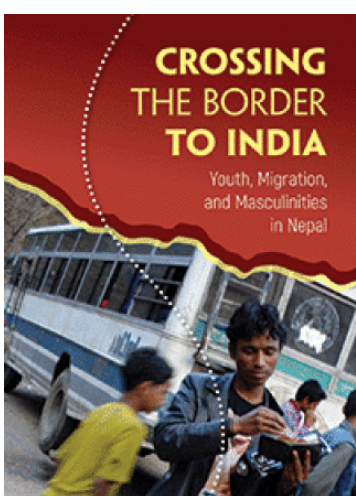
Fourth Chautari Foundation Lecture

The Annual Chautari Foundation Lecture is much more than a celebratory event specific to Martin Chautari's historical contribution to the culture of public debate in Nepal. Every Lecture is an occasion both of mature reflection on Nepal's past trajectory and of stimulating debate on its future by some of the best public minds. Manjushree Thapa, one of Nepal's preeminent English language writers, will deliver this year's foundation lecture on Thursday, 27 December 2018. The title of the lecture is 'On Shaky Ground: On Reconstructing a New Foundation for Nepali Literature'.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Books and Journals



Crossing the Border to India

Youth, Migration, and Masculinities in Nepal

Jeevan R. Sharma

Temple University Press, July 2018

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Nepal National Governance Survey 2017/18

Nepal Administrative Staff College, 2018

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A Survey of the Nepali People in 2017



A Survey of the Nepali People in 2017

The Asia Foundation, 2018

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Book Chapters, Journal Articles, etc

Resilience and Disaster Governance

Some Insights from the 2015 Nepal Earthquake

Christie Lam and Rob Kuipers

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction, 2018[Read more](#)(Email 00002753c3b0324b-dmarc-request@jiscmail.ac.uk for access.)

Examining Agency in Agriculture

The Feminization Debate in Nepal

Hritika Rana, Mahesh Banskota and Sagar Raj Sharma

Journal of International Women's Studies, 2018, 19:3[Read more](#)

Utopias of Youth

Politics of Class in Maoist

Post-Revolutionary Mobilisation

Exploring Women's Work and Respectability

Dan V. Hirsland

Identities, 2018, 25:2[Read more](#)

Culture Wars

Post-Revolutionary Mobilisation in Nepal

Dan V. Hirsland

In *Sporadically Radical: Ethnographies of Organised Violence and Militant Mobilization* edited by Steffen Jensen and Henrik Vigh, Museum Tusulanum Press, 2018

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Nepalese (New) Women Workers in the Hotel Industry

Exploring Women's Work and Respectability

Mona Shrestha Adhikari

In *Rethinking New Womanhood: Practices of Gender, Class, Culture and Religion in South Asia* edited by Nazia Hussein, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018

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Geo-Logics of Power

Disaster Capitalism, Himalayan Materialities, and the Geopolitical Economy of Reconstruction in Post-Earthquake Nepal

Dinesh Paudel and Philippe Le Billon

Geopolitics, 2018[Read more](#)

Marginalisation, Vulnerability and Social Justice

Critical Considerations for Social Protection

Niti Foundation, September 2018

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Revisiting the Patriarchal Bargain

The Intergenerational Power Dynamics of Household Money Management in Rural Nepal

Lu Gram, Jolene Skordis-Worrall, Jenevieve Mannell, Dharma, S. Manandhar, Naomi Saville and Joanna Morrison

World Development, 2018, 112[Read more](#)

Do Participatory Learning and Action Women's Groups Alone or Combined with Cash or Food Transfers Expand Women's Agency in Rural Nepal?

Lu Gram, Joanna Morrison, Naomi Saville, Shyam Sundar Yadav, Bhim Shrestha, Dharma Manandhar, Anthony Costello and Jolene Skordis-Worrall

Environment and Urbanization, 30:1, 2018[Read more](#)

The Long-Term Impact of Community Mobilisation through Participatory Women's Groups on Women's Agency in the Household

A Follow-Up Study to the Makwanpur Trial

Lu Gram, Jolene Skordis-Worrall, Dharma S. Manandhar, Daniel Strachan, Joanna Morrison, Naomi Saville, David Osrin, Kirti M. Tumbahangphe, Anthony Costello and Michelle Heys

PLOS One, 2018[Read more](#)

Photo Essay

The photo essay gives a brief overview of the experiences of community members following the earthquakes of 2015. It consists of images taken by researchers Bina Limbu, Manoj Suji, Prakash Chandra Subedi and Nabin Rawal while conducting fieldwork in spring 2018 as part of the research project 'Expertise, Labour, and Mobility in Nepal's Post-Conflict, Post-Disaster Reconstruction: Construction, Finance, and Law as Domains of Social Transformation'.

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The politics of the post-conflict and post-disaster nexus in Nepal

Elly Harrowell and Alpaslan Özerdem

Conflict, Security & Development, 2018, 18:3[Read more](#)

NEW RESEARCH

New Research project on **Frontlines of Capital in the Construction Industry**. Dan V. Hirsland, Centre for South Asian Studies at the University of Copenhagen, is embarking on a two-year research project financed by the Frontlines of Value project headed by Don Kalb at University of Bergen from November 1, 2018. The project explores links between class, construction and finance with a regional focus on Kathmandu. For more information, contact Dan V. Hirsland at hirsland@hum.ku.dk

Resource Guide

Access to the research guide, **Reconstructing Nepal: The 2015 Earthquakes and their aftermath**, created as part of the research project **Expertise, Labour, and Mobility in Nepal's Post-Conflict, Post-Disaster Reconstruction: Construction, Finance, and Law as Domains of Social Transformation**, published in English-language trans-disciplinary scholarly, governmental, and non-governmental textual and visual materials that address Nepal's series of earthquakes in April and May 2015, and the ongoing responses and repercussions of those events on all of Nepal's individuals, institutions, and regions.

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PhD Award

Bandana Gyawali was awarded a PhD degree by the University of Helsinki, Finland. Her dissertation, entitled 'Ambiguous Bikās: History of the Concept of Development in Nepal 1900–2006', explores the history of the modern sociopolitical concept of development as it was adopted in Nepal in the late Rana period of the 1920s and was semantically augmented in the successive political periods right up to the end of the Maoist 'People's War' in 2006.

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