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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Dor Bahadur Bista Prize for the Best Graduate Paper

ANHS is accepting applications for the 2023 Dor Bahadur Bista Prize for the Best Graduate Student Paper.

This prize recognizes outstanding scholarship by graduate students whose research focuses on the Himalayan region. The winner will receive a cash award of \$300 and will be recognized at the annual South Asian Studies Conference, along with an invitation to submit the paper to HIMALAYA.

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The Institute for Social and Environmental Research, Nepal (ISER-N) is seeking a highly motivated and qualified recent Ph.D. graduate in public health or a social science discipline with strong quantitative skills, for a full-time postdoctoral position. The successful applicant will participate in an NIA-funded study on international labour migration, armed conflict, and dementia risk in the Chitwan District of Nepal.

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

## Journals Articles

## 'Formal Adoption – Informal Subversion'

Limits of International Constitutional Assistance

**Monalisa Adhikari**

*Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 2023

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## Identity Negotiation among Minorities

Case of the Nepali Community and Their Linguistic Landscape in Darjeeling

**Birendra Bhujel & Sweta Sinha**

*Language in India*, 23:5, 2023

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## Educational Policy and Teacher Professional Development

A Thematic Review

**Siddhartha Dhungana & Laxman Gnawali**

*The Harvest*, 2:1, 2023

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## Locating the Indians of Nepali Origin in India

A Study of the Gorkhaland Movement and Its Impact on Sikkim

**Amit Kumar Gupta**

*GUINEIS Journal*, 9:1, 2022

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## Formal Inclusion, Informal Exclusion

Implementation of Women's Quota System and Political Participation in Post-Civil War Nepal

**Dhana Laxmi Hamal**

*Journal of Genocide Research*, 2023

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## Two Buddhist Cultural Festivals of Bhaktapur

Panchadan and Samyakdan

**Balaram Kayastha**

*Contemporary Social Sciences*, 32:1, 2023

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## Social, Economic and Health Status of Aging People in Surrounding Areas of Kathmandu

**Kashi Nath Khanal**

*Interdisciplinary Journal of Management and Social Sciences*, 4:1, 2023

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## Multidomain and Multilevel Strategies to Improve Equity in Maternal and Newborn Health Services in Nepal

Perspectives of Health Managers and Policymakers

**Resham B Khatri, Yibeltal Assefa & Jo Durham**

*International Journal for Equity in Health*, 22, 2023

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## Permanent Imaginaries of Return and Fluid Realities

On Return Aspirations and Ambivalence among Nepali and Chinese Migrants in Australia

**Amrita Limbu & Yinghua Yu**

*Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 2023

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## Ideologies of Policy Arbiters in Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education Policy in the Nepalese Context

**Ram Bahadur Mouni**

*Language and Language Teaching*, 12:23, 2023

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## Educational Policies in Early Childhood Education Programs in Kenya and Nepal

Challenging Unjust Binary Mindset around Curricula Practices

**Lydia Nganga, Samara Madrid Akpovo, John Kambutu, Sapna Thapa & Agnes Muthoni Mwangi**

*Policy Futures in Education*, 2023

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## Association of Workload and Practice of Respectful Maternity Care among the Healthcare Providers, before and during the Early Phase of COVID-19 Pandemic in South Western Nepal

A Cross-Sectional Study

**Alpha Pokharel, Junko Kiriya, Akira Shibanuma, Ram Chandra Silwal & Masamine Jimba**

*BMC Health Services Research*, 23:1, 2023

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## Developing English Curricula in Higher Education

A Case of Kathmandu University

**Tikaram Poudel**

*The Journal of Development Practice*, 8, 2023

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## The Reintegration of Victims of Human Trafficking

Approaches and Practices in Nepal

**Mahendra Kumar Rai**

*The Journal of Knowledge and Innovation*, 9, 2023

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## At the 'Ends of Kinship'

Women Re(Kin)Figuring Literacy Practices in Protracted Displacement

**Katie Silvester**

*Literacy in Composition Studies*, 10:2, 2023

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## Student and Teacher Perception on English Language Use in Foreign-University-Affiliated Colleges in Nepal

**Rajendra M. Singh & D.N. Joshi**

*The Harvest*, 2:1, 2023

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## Democratic Transition of Nepal-2006

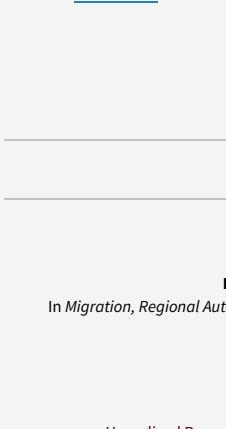
A Theoretical Sociological Analysis

**Tek Nath Subedi**

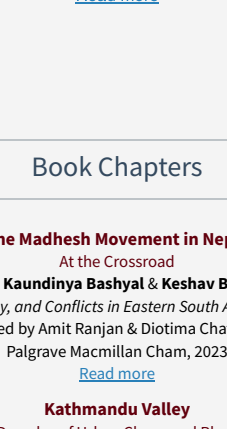
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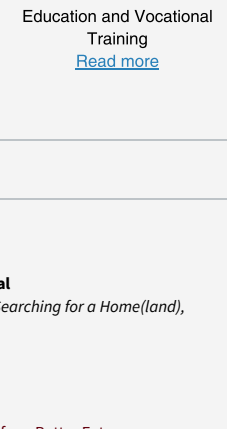
## Journals



**NCWA Annual Journal**  
Volume 54, No. 1, 2023  
Nepal Council of World Affairs  
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**Samaj Adhyayan**  
(in Nepali)  
Volume 18, 2023  
Martin Chautari  
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**Journal of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)**  
Volume 17, No. 1, 2023  
Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training  
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## Book Chapters

## The Madhesh Movement in Nepal

At the Crossroad

**Lalita Kaundinya Bashyal & Keshav Bashyal**

*In Migration, Regional Autonomy, and Conflicts in Eastern South Asia: Searching for a Home(land)*,

edited by Amit Ranjan & Diotima Chatteraj

Palgrave Macmillan Cham, 2023

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## Kathmandu Valley

Unrealised Proposals, Decades of Urban Chaos and Planning for a Better Future

**Rajjan Chitrakar**

*In Routledge Handbook of Asian Cities*, edited by Richard Hu

Routledge, 2023

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## Foothills, Forests and Fortresses

The Sikkim-Bhutan-Nepal Borderlands

**Alexander E. Davis**

*In The Geopolitics of Melting Mountains: An International Political Ecology of the Himalaya*,

by Alexander E. Davis

Palgrave Macmillan Singapore, 2023

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## Policy Development for English Medium Instruction at a Nepali University

Unpacking Hidden Motivations and Agendas

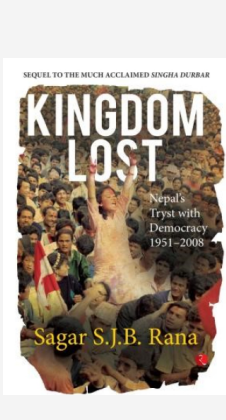
**Karna Rana & Pramod K. Sah**

*In Policies, Politics, and Ideologies of English-Medium Instruction in Asian Universities: Unsettling Critical Edges*, edited by Pramod K. Sah & Fan Fang

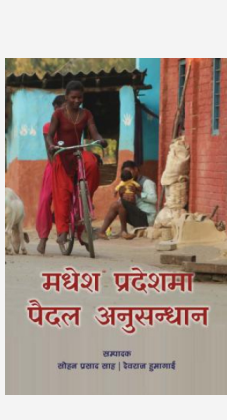
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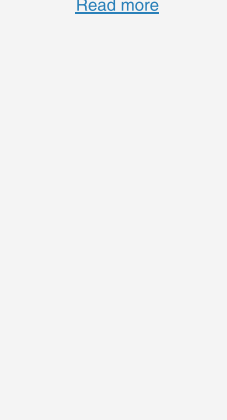
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**Nepal India Frontier Diplomacy in Reference to Kali River**  
Perspectives of International Law  
edited by **Surendra Bhandari & Achut Gautam**  
Law Associates Nepal, 2023  
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**Customary Self-Government Systems of Tamhang (Thakali) Nation**  
edited by **Krishna B. Bhattachan**  
Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact, 2023  
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**Glimpses of Hope**  
The Rise of Industrial Labor at the Urban Margins of Nepal  
edited by **Michael Hoffmann**  
In Series: *Dislocations*, edited by August Carbonella, Don Kalb & Linda Green  
Berghahn Books, 2023  
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**Kingdom Lost**  
Nepal's Tryst with Democracy (1951-2008)  
edited by **Sagar S.J.B. Rana**  
Rupa Publications, 2023  
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**Madhesh Pradeshma Paidal Anusandhan**  
(In Nepali)  
(Barefoot Research in the Madhesh Province)  
Edited by **Sohan Prasad Sha & Devraj Humagain**  
Martin Chautari, 2023  
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## Miscellaneous

## 'Only a Few Can Afford to Go to Korea'

The Costs of Nepali Migration to South Korea

**Jeevan Baniya, Sadikshya Bhattarai, Arjun Kharel, Nilima Rai & Dogendra Tumsa**

Research Paper XIV, CESLAM, 2023

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## Nepalma Data Samrachhyanko Awastha (in Nepali)

(State of Data Protection in Nepal)

Research Brief No. 37

Martin Chautari, 2023

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## How China Engages South Asia

Themes, Partners and Tools

Edited by **Constantino Xavier & Jabin Jacob**

Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), 2023

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