

Celebrating the Work of Professor Michael J. Hutt

Pre-conference Symposium
8:45 am–5:30 pm, 25 July 2023
Hotel Shanker, Lazimpat, Kathmandu

Convenors:

In person: **Stefanie Lotter** (SOAS University of London) & **Jeevan Sharma** (University of Edinburgh)
Virtually: **Liana Chase** (Durham University) & **Mark Turin** (University of British Columbia)

Opening Remarks

Jeevan Sharma

University of Edinburgh

Panel 1: 9–10:30 am

MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT AND DIASPORA

Presenters

Rosy Chamling

Sikkim University

Locating 'Home' and 'Identity' for the Indian-Nepalis: Reflections on Two Essays by Michael Hutt

Lopita Nath (online)

University of the Incarnate Word

Bhutanese Refugee Crisis: Twenty Years after 'Unbecoming Citizens'

Jeevan Sharma

University of Edinburgh

Migration and the Suffering of Nepali-Speaking People in the Himalayan Region

BREAK: 10:30–11 am

Panel 2: 11 am–1 pm

LANGUAGE, POLITICS AND NATIONALISM

Presenters

Sara Bertotti (online)

SOAS University of London

Realising Peace and Change through Law in the Aftermath of Conflict in Nepal

Uma Pradhan

University College London

Imagining a Plural Nepal: Language, Inclusion, and Diversity in Multilingual School Textbooks

John Whelpton

Independent Scholar

Being Nepali with and without New Nepal

Bryony Whitmarsh

University of Southampton

The Memory Palace: Narayanhiti's Dark Heritage Recreation

Stefanie Lotter

SOAS University of London

LUNCH: 1–2 pm

Panel 3: 2–3:30 pm

LITERATURE, PUBLIC SPHERE AND COMMUNICATION

Presenters

Krishna P. Adhikari (online)

University of Oxford

Reading Culture: Tastes and Preferences in Rural Nepal

David N. Gellner (online)

University of Oxford

Kathryn S. March (online)

Cornell University

Talking about Not Talking: From 'Empty Words' to 'Dead Silence'

Monica Mottin (online)

Heidelberg University

The Identity and Politics of Street Theatre in Janakpurdham

BREAK: 3:30–4 pm

Roundtable: 4–5:30 pm

IS THERE A DISCIPLINE CALLED NEPAL STUDIES?

Moderators

Stefanie Lotter

(SOAS University of London)

&

Uma Pradhan

(University College London)

Panellists

Bidhya Chapagain

Herne Katha

Kanak Mani Dixit

Writer

Bhaskar Gautam

North South Collectives

Pratyoush Onta

Martin Chautari

Kumud Rana

Lancaster University

Mallika Shakya (online)

South Asian University

Abhi Subedi

Tribhuvan University

Closing Remarks