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Convenors: Tristan Brustlé, Anne Castaing, Francie Crebs, Virginie Dutoya, Stéphane Gros & Fabien Provost.  
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Jeevan Sharma

on

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Political Economy of Social Change and Development in Nepal  
5:30 pm | 7 August 2023 (Monday) | Yala Maya Kendra, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur  
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Mahendra Lawoti

on

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Causes and Consequences of Consolidation  
5:30 pm | 17 August 2023 (Thursday) | Yala Maya Kendra, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur  
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Appointment

Effective 1 August 2023, Jeevan R. Sharma has been promoted to professorship as 'Personal Chair in South Asia and International Development' in the Department of Social Anthropology, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh. He is also Co-Director of Centre for South Asian Studies at the University of Edinburgh and Convenor of Edinburgh Himalaya Collective.  
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Journals Articles

Participatory Local Governance in Rural Nepal

The Primacy of Informality  
Thaneshwar Bhusal  
Development Policy Review, 2023  
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Remittance in Nepal

Status, Trend and Economic Impacts  
Shiva Chandra Dhakal & Amrita Paudel  
Malaysian Journal of Sustainable Environment, 2:1, 2023  
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Asymmetrical Power Relationships in Disaster Reduction Remain the Key Barrier to Sustainable Recovery

Neoliberalism and Nepal's Post-earthquake Recovery Experiences  
Lai Ming Lam  
Sustainable Development, 2023  
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The Cross-Border Movement of Nepali Labour Migrants Amidst COVID-19

Challenges for Public Health and Reintegration  
Hem Raj Neupane, Philip Brown & Padam Simkhada  
People, Place and Policy, 17:1, 2023  
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Indebtedness to Care

Land, Loans and Love in Financializing Nepal  
Beth Prosnitz  
The Journal of Peasant Studies, 2023  
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Disaster Risk Reduction Reconsidered

Caroline Russell, Dipak Gyawali, Joanne Linnerooth-Bayer & Michael Thompson  
International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction, 2023  
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ICT and Institutional Transformations in the Global South

A Study of the Rejuvenation of the Guthi Institution in Nepal  
Shobhit Shakya & Wolfgang Drechsler  
The Journal of Community Informatics, 19:1, 2023  
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Factors Influencing Residential Satisfaction in Post-disaster Resettlement

A Case of Nepal  
Barsha Shrestha, Sanjaya Uprety & Jiba Raj Pokharel  
Preprints, 2023  
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Barriers in Accessing Family Planning Services in Nepal during the COVID-19 Pandemic

A Qualitative Study  
Anil Sigdel, Anu Bista, Hardik Sapkota & Edwin van Teijlingen  
Plos One, 18:5, 2023  
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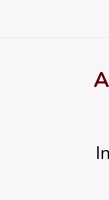
The Impact of COVID-19 on Nepali Women with a Special Focus on Women Migrant Workers

Surabhi Singh  
Peace Prints: South Asian Journal of Peacebuilding, 8:1, 2022  
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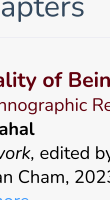
Disparity in the Use of Mass Media among Youth Population in Nepal

Shyam Thapa  
Nepal Public Policy Review, 3:2, 2023  
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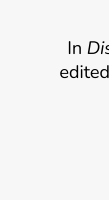
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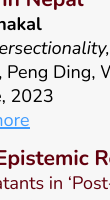
**Baneshwor Campus Journal of Academia**  
Vol 2, No. 1, 2023  
Research Management Committee, Baneshwor Multiple Campus, Kathmandu  
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**Communication Journal**  
Vol. 2, 2022  
Central Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Tribhuvan University  
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**European Bulletin of Himalayan Research**  
(EBHR)  
No. 60, 2023  
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**Journal of Social Protection**  
Vol. 3, No. 1, 2023  
Social Protection Civil Society Network, Kathmandu  
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Book Chapters

A Native Anthropologist's Positionality of Being an Insider/Outsider

A Reflective Account of Doing Ethnographic Research in Nepal  
Kapil Dahal  
In *The Palgrave Handbook of Social Fieldwork*, edited by Nasir Uddin & Alak Paul  
Palgrave Macmillan Cham, 2023  
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The Situation in Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of Women with Disabilities in Nepal

Rama Dhakal  
In *Disability, Sexuality, and Gender in Asia: Intersectionality, Human Rights, and the Law*, edited by Wanhong Zhang, Elisabeth Bjørnstøl, Peng Ding, Wei Gao, Hanxu Liu & Yijun Liu  
Routledge, 2023  
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Strategic Silences and Epistemic Resistance

Agency of Women Ex-Combatants in 'Post-War' Space  
Keshab Giri  
In *The Emerald International Handbook of Feminist Perspectives on Women's Acts of Violence*, edited by Stacy Banwel, Lynsey Black, Dawn K. Cecil, Yanyi K. Djamba, Sitawa R. Kimuna, Emma Milne, Lizzie Seal & Eric Y. Tenkorang  
Emerald Publishing Limited, 2023  
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Commoning and Territoriality in the Public Space 'Plasma' of Historical Cities

Investigating Emplaced Network Dynamics in Bhaktapur, Kathmandu Valley, Nepal  
Shyam Sunder Kawan, Manfredo Manfredini & Haisong Wang  
In *Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Indonesian Architecture and Planning (ICIAP 2022)*, edited by Deva Fosterharoldas Swasto, Dwita Hadi Rahmi, Yani Rahmawati, Isti Hidayati, Jimly Al-Faraby & Alyas Widita  
Lecture Notes in Civil Engineering, 334, Springer, 2023  
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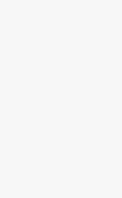
Employment Status of Visually Impaired Women in Nepal

Sarita Lamichhane  
In *Disability, Sexuality, and Gender in Asia: Intersectionality, Human Rights, and the Law*, edited by Wanhong Zhang, Elisabeth Bjørnstøl, Peng Ding, Wei Gao, Hanxu Liu & Yijun Liu  
Routledge, 2023  
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'Not in the Name of Dharma': A Judgement of the Supreme Court of Nepal on Mass Sacrifices at the Gadhi Māi Melā

Chiara Letizia & Blandine Ripert  
In *Animal Sacrifice, Religion and Law in South Asia*, edited by Daniela Berti & Anthony Good  
Routledge, 2023  
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Books



**Female Ex-Combatants, Empowerment, and Reintegration**  
Gendered Inequalities in Liberia and Nepal  
Michelle Steenberg  
Routledge, 2023  
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Miscellaneous

State of Urbanization in Nepal

The Official Definition and Reality  
Keshav Bhattarai, Ambika P. Adhikari & Shiva Gautam  
Himalayan Research Papers Archive, 2023  
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Returnee Migrant Workers in Nepal

Status of Employment, Skills and Access to Government Programmes  
Sadikshya Bhattarai, Arjun Kharel & Dogendra Tumsa  
Policy Brief No. 8, CESLAM, 2023  
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Key Considerations

Disability-Inclusive Humanitarian Action and Emergency Response in South and Southeast Asia and Beyond  
Obindra Chand, Katie Moore & Stephen Thompson  
Brief, Social Science in Humanitarian Action Platform (SSHAP), 2023  
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Migration Governance and Agrarian and Rural Development

Comparative Lessons from China, Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal and Thailand  
Amrita Lamba, Fraser Sugden, Mohammed Aderghal, Chen Fengbo, Raffaella Pagogna, Matteo Masotti, Mengistu Dessalegn et al.  
AGRUMIG-Policy Brief Series No. 25  
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NEW RESEARCH

Jeevan Karki was awarded a PhD degree in Sociology from the University of Auckland. In his doctoral research titled 'Rising from the Rubble? Examining Post-disaster Recovery and (Re-)Development in Nepal' he uses a Bourdieusian framework and undertakes qualitative inquiry and aims to critically examine the post-disaster emergency response, livelihood recovery, and housing reconstruction process in the aftermath of the 2015 Nepal Earthquake. The findings go beyond the narratives of successful post-disaster recovery and reconstruction programmes and show how the post-disaster is a complex and contested socio-political field and that the interventions may wittingly or unwittingly follow established vectors of inequality. Karki can be reached at [jkar943@aucklanduni.ac.nz](mailto:jkar943@aucklanduni.ac.nz)

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