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Vijayendra Rao
on
Democratising Democracy

5:30 pm | 19 June 2024 (Wednesday) | Yala Maya Kendra, Patan Dhoka, Lalitpur
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Abstract submission deadline: 10 June 2024
Conference dates: 27–29 November 2024

Organiser and venue: Martin Chautari, Thapathali, Kathmandu
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The Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal & the Himalaya 2024

Conference dates: 24–26 July 2024
Modality: In-person

Venue: Hotel Shanker, Lazimpat, Kathmandu
Early-bird discount on registration fees till 15 July 2024
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Dor Bahadur Bista Prize for the Best Graduate Paper

The [Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies \(ANHS\)](#) is now accepting applications for the 2024 Dor Bahadur Bista Prize for the Best Graduate Student Paper. The purpose of the prize is to recognise outstanding scholarship by graduate students whose research focuses on the areas of High Asia (Hindu Kush – Karakoram – Himalaya – Tibetan Plateau). Submissions from all academic disciplines in the social sciences, humanities, and arts will be accepted.
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Call for Submissions

ANHS James Fisher Prize

The [Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies \(ANHS\)](#) is currently accepting nominations for the 2024 James Fisher Prize for First Books on the Himalayan Region. The prize honours the significant and substantive contributions of Dr. James Fisher to scholarship on the Himalayas, and it recognises particularly outstanding first books on the region. Applicants in all disciplines are encouraged to apply. The award recipient will receive a \$500 prize from ANHS and the awarded book will be featured on the ANHS website.
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2023 Dor Bahadur Bista Prize

Dor Bahadur Bista graduate student paper prize 2023 was awarded to Bhoomika Joshi from the Department of Anthropology at Yale University USA for her paper titled “Landscape Aesthetics of Remoteness in the Indian Himalayas”.
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Himalayan Studies Fellowship Awards- ANHS

The [Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies \(ANHS\)](#) was pleased to award one pre-PhD Fellowship (\$4500) funded by ANHS as well as one post-PhD Fellowship (\$4500) and one pre-PhD Fellowship (\$4500) in Himalayan Studies funded by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) this year. ANHS offers its congratulations to post-PhD fellow **Dr Aghaghia Rahimzadeh** (Independent Scholar), pre-PhD fellow **Amrit Tamang** (University of British Columbia) and pre-PhD fellow **Manoj Suji** (Concordia University).
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Journals Articles

Towards Carceral Protectionist Territories

Relational Geographies of Anti-trafficking Confinement in Nepal
Ayushman Bhagat & Sallie Yea
Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space, 2024
[Read more](#) (open access)

Exploring Policy Coherence to Understand Limited Progress of Gender and Social Inclusion in the Energy Sector

The Case of Nepal
Martlene Buchy & Shristi Shakya
Energy Policy, 190, 2924
[Read more](#)

Debating Secularism in Nepal

Conspicuously at Crossroad between Mission or Fashion?
Atindra Dahal
Current Opinion, 4:2, 2024
[Read more](#) (open access)

Significance of Erotic Arts of Carving and Tourism in Hindu Temples in Kathmandu Valley

Bishnu Prasad Dahal
Zhonggou Kuangye Daxue Xuebao (ZKDX), 2024
[Read more](#) (open access)

The Social Impact of State Restructuring in Nepal

Tara Nath Ghimire, Dol Raj Kafle & Shree Ram Poudel
Global Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, 3:5, 2024
[Read more](#) (open access)

An Un(Even) Playing Field?

A Political Ecology of Tourism Impacts in Upper Mustang, Nepal
Tashi W. Gurung & Shauna BurnSilver
Tourism Planning & Development, 2024
[Read more](#)

COVID-19 Corpse Management in Nepal

Handling the Deceased at Pashupati Electric Crematorium during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Hans Hadders
Mortality, 2024
[Read more](#) (open access)

Democracy and Ethnic Autonomy

Allies or Rivals in Nepal?
Hari Har Jnawali
Asian Ethnicity, 2024
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COVID-19 as a Challenge to Nepal's Newly Federalized Health System

Capacities, Responsibilities, and Mindsets
Bikash Koirala, Simon Rushton, Pratik Adhikary, Julie Balen, Srijana Basnet, Saugat Joshi, Alisha Karki et al.
Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health, 2024
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Employable Femininity and Multisensorial Hierarchies

Becoming Aesthetic Citizens in Nepal's Aviation Training Industry
Anne Kukuczka
Citizenship Studies, 2024
[Read more](#) (open access)

Securing the Peace or Renegotiating the Political Settlement?

Understanding Popular Support for Post-conflict Constitutions
Jordan Kyle & Danielle Resnick
Democratization, 2024
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Generational Trends in the Transition to Womanhood in Lowland Rural Nepal

Changes in the Meaning of Early Marriage
Akanksha Marphatia, Laura Katharina Busert-Sebela, Dharna Manandhar, Alice Reid, Mario Cortina Borja, Naomi Saville, M. Dahal et al.
American Journal of Human Biology, 2024
[Read more](#) (open access)

A Crisis of 'Stranded Assets'

Covid-19 Border Closures and Climate Change in a Yak-herding Community in Eastern Nepal
Alice Millington
Inner Asia, 26:1, 2024
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Marxist past to Speculative Futures

Migration, Land Markets, and Political Storytelling in Nepal's Tarai
Jacob Rinck
The Journal of Peasant Studies, 2024
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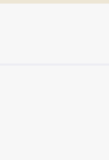
The Politics of Distraction in Planning English-Medium Education Policy in Schools

Pramod K. Sah
Current Issues in Language Planning, 2024
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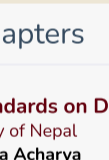
Out-Migration, Agricultural Abandonment, and Community Forest Management

Drivers of Afforestation in Privately Managed Land in Nepal
Alexander C. Smith, Reem Hajjar, Keshav R. Kanel, Jefferson Fox, Sumit Tuladhar & Jamon Van Den Hoek
Applied Geography, 167, 2024
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Journals



Patan Prospective Journal
Vol 3, No. 2, 2024
Democrat Professors'
Association, Nepal, Patan
Multiple Campus Unit, Lalitpur
[Read more](#) (open access)



Journal of Productive Discourse
Vol 2, No. 1, 2024
Madan Bhandari Memorial
College, Kathmandu
[Read more](#) (open access)

Book Chapters

Maintaining Professional Standards on Digital Platforms

A Case Study of Nepal
Bhanu Bhakta Acharya
In *Handbook of Digital Journalism: Perspectives from South Asia*, edited by Surbhi Dahiya & Kulveen Trehan
Springer Singapore, 2024
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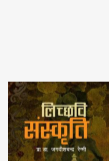
Caste, Ethnicity, and the State in Nepal

David N. Gellner
In *The Oxford Handbook of Caste*, edited by Surinder S. Jodhka & Jules Naudet
Oxford University Press, 2024
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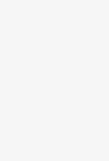
The Reality and Myth of the BRI's "Debt Trap"

Evidence from Nepal
Khadga Kc & Hari Prakash Chand
In *The Reality and Myth of BRI's Debt Trap: Evidences from Asia and Africa*, edited by Nian Peng & Ming Yu Cheng
Springer Singapore, 2024
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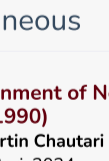
Children, Youth, and Participatory Arts for Peacebuilding
Lessons from Kyrgyzstan, Rwanda, Indonesia, and Nepal
Edited by **Ananda Breed, Helena-Ulrike Marambio, Kirrily Pells & Rajib Timalisina**
Routledge, 2024
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Maharajas, Emperors, Viceroy, Borders
Nepal's Relations North and South
Sam Cowan
FinePrint, 2024
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Nepal's Dalits in Transition
David N. Gellner & Krishna P. Adhikari
Vajra Publications, 2024
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Making Sense
Language, Ethics, and Understanding in Deaf Nepal
E. Mara Green
University of California Press, 2024
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Lichchhavi Sanskriti (in Nepali)
(Lichchhavi Culture)
Jagdishchandra Regmi
Indigo Ink, 2024
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Miscellaneous

Selected Documents Produced by the Government of Nepal during the Panchayat Era (1960–1990)

Compiled by **Martin Chautari**
Martin Chautari, 2024
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Ensuring Climate Justice for Workers

Addressing Climate-Induced Loss and Damage in South and Southeast Asia
Zenith Khan, Purnima Banjade, Priyanka Gurung, Hemant Ojha, Basundhara Bhattarai, Towrin Zaman, Bhimi Adhikari et al.
STRENGTH Policy Brief, Institute for Study and Development Worldwide (IFSD), Australia, 2024
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