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The Britain-Nepal Academic Council

Established in 2000, BNAC is a unique body that serves and supports the scattered but substantial and still growing community of UK-based academics, students and researchers whose geographical focus is Nepal or its cultural extensions throughout the world.

Its Executive Committee consists of academics from the universities of Durham, Edinburgh, Leeds, Limerick, Oxford, LSE (London), SOAS (London) and University College (London), a representative of the Centre for Nepal Studies, UK, and a freelance researcher.

The Council

 promotes academic and scholarly links between academics based in British universities and other centres of learning and research who have a strong interest in Nepal, and their Nepali counterparts;

- advances the education of the British public in such fields as Nepali art, archaeology, anthropology, development, economy, health, history, law, language, literature, music, politics and religion;
- provides support and guidance for scholars engaged in study and research relating to Nepal, especially those engaged in doctoral research at British universities;
- organises occasional lectures by visiting scholars and academics, and meetings to discuss current issues in Nepal;
- organises an annual lecture, delivered by Nepali and Europe-based speakers in alternate years;
- organises a Nepal Study Day(s) at least once a year for the presentation and discussion of new and ongoing research projects, at a different UK university location each year;
- occasionally issues press statements, drawing the attention of concerned governments and authorities to issues of significant public importance requiring urgent action.



Get Involved

BNAC encourages individuals and institutions to get involved in its activities by:

- becoming a BNAC member (members enjoy a number of privileges, such as free participation in the Nepal Study Days);
- attending its annual and occasional lectures, and Nepal Study Days in the UK, and workshops and conferences organised in collaboration with other organisations in Nepal and in the UK;
- providing donations to support a range of activities, such as sponsoring students to attend Nepal Study Days and sponsoring the cost of bringing a speaker to the UK from Nepal.





