



**18th BNAC Nepal Study Days**  
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## Conference Programme

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Day 1: Thursday, 22 Apr 2021	
8:45-9:00	Zoom entry (registration) <a href="https://ucl.zoom.us/j/92736293787">https://ucl.zoom.us/j/92736293787</a>
9:00-9:10	Introduction: <i>Krishna Adhikari</i> BNAC Chair
	Welcome: <i>Elaine Unterhalter</i> Co-Director, Centre for Education and International Development, UCL Institute of Education
9:15 – 10:00	<b>Keynote</b> - <a href="https://ucl.zoom.us/j/92736293787">https://ucl.zoom.us/j/92736293787</a> <b>The manipulation of participatory process: Constituent assembly and the promulgation of ‘regressive’ constitution in Nepal</b> <i>Professor Mahendra Lawoti</i> , Western Michigan University Chair: <i>Tejendra Pherali</i>

Parallel Sessions		
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10:05 – 11:35	<b>A1. Migration, Diaspora and International Relations</b> Chair: Krishna Adhikari	<b>B1. Governance</b> Chair: Ben Campbell
	<b>The growing influence of power: The party diplomacy of the Communist Party of China and its impact on Nepal-China Relations</b> <i>Naresh Khapangi Magar, King's College London</i>	<b>Uprating community forest management in Jalthal Nepal</b> <i>Lila Nath Sharma, Forest Action Nepal; Bhaskar Adhikari and Mark F. Watson, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh</i>
	<b>The “True Nepal” through Chinese content creators’ lens</b> <i>Zezhou Yang, SOAS, University of London</i>	<b>Function of endogenous institutions in governing the commons and private property resources among Thakalis of Mustang</b> <i>Bhola Nath Adhikari, Lumbini Buddhist University</i>
	<b>Resettlement and Rehabilitation: A study of Lhotshampa Community</b> <i>Sneha Agrawal, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai</i>	<b>The provincial health policies in Nepal: Opportunities and challenges for an effective implementation</b> <i>Sharada P Wasti, Padam Simkhada, University of Huddersfield; Edwin van Teijlingen, Bournemouth University; Simon Rushton, and Julie Balen, University of Sheffield</i>
	<b>‘The most deprived’: Needs assessment of elderly ex-Gurkha soldiers in the UK</b> <i>Lokendra P. Dhakal, Krishna Adhikari and (late) Chandra Laksamba, Centre for Nepal Studies UK</i>	<b>Federalization and health system in Nepal: A systematic review of the literature</b> <i>Pratik Adhikary, PHASE Nepal; Sujata Sapkota, Sujan Gautam, and Sujan Marahatta (Manmohan Memorial Institute of Health Sciences); Sarita Panday, Andrew Lee, Julie Balen, and Simon Rushton, (University of Sheffield); Edwin van Teijlingen, Bournemouth University; Padam Simkhada, and Sharada P Wasti (University of Huddersfield); Madhusudan Subedi, Patan Academy of Health Sciences</i>

11:40 – 13:10	<b>A2. Language and culture</b> Chair: David Gellner	<b>B2. Identity and space</b> Chair: Punam Yadav
	<b>Nepal Bhasa: Consequences natives face when a language dies</b> <i>Roji Maharjan, Tribhuvan University</i>	<b>Before belonging: Settler emplacement in the Far-west Tarai</b> <i>Amy Johnson, Northumbria University</i>
	<b>Use of software systems in the preservation of Nepali cultural history</b> <i>Sanyukta Shrestha, Pasa Puchah Guthi UK</i>	<b>Naessian biocentric self in Tharu folk songs: A study of nexus between ecology and subjectivity</b> <i>Mohan Dangaura, Tribhuvan University</i>
	<b>The fame of chhoyela (and yomari): Newar foodways in London and the spatiotemporal expansion of the Newar self in a transnational context</b> <i>Marilena Frisone, University of Cambridge / University of Padua</i>	<b>Ethnicity and the City: Production and division of social spaces in Kathmandu Valley</b> <i>Bawesh Pradhan, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India</i>
	<b>Comparative study between Nepali and Sri Lankan-Tamil diasporic youth in the UK – Culture, tradition and art forms</b> <i>Richard Antony and Sangita Shrestha, Centre for Nepal Studies UK</i>	<b>Hashtagging heroes next to memes of Empire: A look at evolving senses of Gurkha identity through digital spheres</b> <i>Premila van Ommen, University of the Arts, London</i>
Lunch		
<b>Early career researcher mentoring 13:10 – 14:00</b> (Coordinator: <i>Premila van Ommen, University of the Arts, London</i> Facilitator: <i>Edwin van Teijlingen, University of Bournemouth</i> ) <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86332268644">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86332268644</a>		
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14:00 – 15:30	<b>A3. Society and politics</b> Chair: Michael Hutt	<b>B3. Education</b> Chair: Tejendra Pherali
	<b>Which way forward for Dalit liberation in Nepal?</b> <i>Krishna P. Adhikari and David N. Gellner, University of Oxford</i>	<b>(Re)constructing a ‘good’ school: Materials, affects, and meanings of education in post-earthquake Nepal</b>

		<i>Uma Pradhan, University of Oxford</i>
	<p><b>The role of social capital in disaster resilience in remote communities after the 2015 Nepal earthquake</b></p> <p><i>Sarita Panday, Simon Rushton, Jiban Karki, Julie Balen and Amy Barnes, The University of Sheffield</i></p>	<p><b>Towards understanding Janajati students: Learning performance in Nepali schools</b></p> <p><i>Jiban Khadka, Nepal Open University</i></p>
	<p><b>Mapping out hierarchies in a mid-Western prison</b></p> <p><i>Charlotte Ramble, London School of Economics and Political Science</i></p>	<p><b>Teacher identities and hierarchy: Narrative inquiry of primary teachers in Nepal’s public schools</b></p> <p><i>Khim Raj Subedi, Tribhuvan University and Martha M. Canipe, Northern Arizona University</i></p>
	<p><b>Do political quotas work? The lived experiences of women politicians in Nepal</b></p> <p><i>Punam Yadav, University College London</i></p>	
<b>Day 2: Friday, 23 Apr 2021</b>		
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9:00 – 10:30	<p><b>A4. Covid-19 and migration</b></p> <p>Chair: Jeevan Sharma</p> <p><b>Knowledge, attitudes, and practices amongst the literate cohorts of Nepal about COVID-19</b></p> <p><i>Mohan Kumar Sharma, Shanti Prasad Khanal, and Ramesh Adhikari, Tribhuvan University; Jib Acharya, ANC, Premium Services Ltd./Bournemouth University</i></p>	<p><b>B4. Gender relations</b></p> <p>Chair: Kumud Rana</p> <p><b>Are GBV response and rehabilitation services provided through One-Stop Crisis Management Centers in Nepal inclusive of needs of women and girls with disability?</b></p> <p><i>Sapana Basnet Bista, Liverpool John Moores University; Padam Simkhada, University of Huddersfield; Edwin van Teijlingen, Bournemouth University and Shaurabh Sharma, Humanity and Inclusion</i></p>

	<p><b>The Impact of Covid-19 on Dalit communities in Nepal</b> <i>Gopal Nepali, Samata Foundation; Ujjawal Sundas, Samata Foundation and Krishna Adhikari, Oxford University</i></p>	<p><b>Gender relations among Nepali care worker’s families in the UK: Implications of migration from intersectionality approach</b> <i>Sanjaya Aryal, University of Essex</i></p>
	<p><b>Employment narratives in the midst of Covid-19 in Western Nepal</b> <i>Kamal Bahadur Mahat, Triveni Rural Municipality, Salyan</i></p>	<p><b>Masculinity, ideology and change in the People’s War in Nepal</b> <i>Heidi Riley, University College Dublin</i></p>
	<p><b>Impacts of men's migration on non-migrating spouse's health and the implications for Nepal: A systematic literature review</b> <i>Shraddha Manandhar, Philip Brown, and Padam Simkhada, University of Huddersfield; Edwin van Teijlingen, Bournemouth University.</i></p>	<p><b>Homestay tourism as a form of women's empowerment in rural Nepal: Implications, opportunities, and challenges of development practice</b> <i>Jana Schmid, University of Zurich</i></p>
10:35 – 12:05	<p><b>A5. Health and care</b> Chair: Padam Simkhada</p>	<p><b>B5. Panel: Menstruation and social attitudes in Nepal</b> Chair: Sara Parker <i>Conveners: Sara Parker &amp; Kay Standing, Liverpool John Moores University; Madhusudan Subedi, Tribhuvan University; Stefanie Lotter, SOAS, University of London</i></p>
	<p><b>The Double-edged sword of ‘community’ in community-based psychosocial care: Reflections from rural Nepal</b> <i>Liana E. Chase, Durham University</i></p>	<p><b>Dignity without danger: collaboratively analysing stigma and taboos to develop innovative strategies to address menstrual exclusion in Nepal’: The fluidity of menstruation practices: Perceptions of Agency told by Nepali women</b> <i>Lina Baniya – ‘East’ team DWD</i></p>
	<p><b>An assessment of grip strength and BMI on vegetarian and non-vegetarian Nepalese children</b> <i>Usha Acharya, Nepal Open University</i></p>	<p><b>Politics of control- From fear to Shame: dictating women on how they should practice menstruation</b> <i>Rajya Laxmi Gurung– ‘West’ team DWD</i></p>
	<p><b>Transnational AIDS networks, regional solidarities and the configuration of male sexuality in Nepal</b></p>	<p><b>A preliminary investigation into educational materials on menstruation in Nepal</b></p>

	<i>Kumud Rana, University of Glasgow</i>	<i>Evie Clarke, SOAS</i>
12:05 – 12:20	Tea/ Coffee Break PhD Dissertation Prize 2021 – Announcement: <a href="https://ucl.zoom.us/j/92736293787">https://ucl.zoom.us/j/92736293787</a>	
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12:20 – 13:05	<b>A6. Media/ business</b> Chair: Uma Pradhan	<b>B6. Maternal health</b> Chair: Puspa Raj Pant
	<b>Polish print media on Nepal in the interwar period</b> <i>Paulina Stanik, University of Warsaw</i>	<b>Maternal mental health and under-nutrition in children under 5 in Rupandehi, Nepal</b> <i>Manisha Singh, Tomasina Stacey, and Padam Simkhada, University of Huddersfield; Julie Abayomi, Edge Hill University</i>
	<b>Testing asymmetric information in Nepalese reinsurance market</b> <i>Rajendra Maharjan, Golden Gate International College, Kathmandu</i>	<b>Maternal and neonatal health services in Jumla, Nepal: A health facility survey</b> <i>Pasang D Tamang, Padam Simkhada, Paul Bissel, University of Huddersfield; Edwin van Teijlingen, University of Bournemouth and Rose Khatri, Liverpool John Moores University</i>
13:05 – 13:30 Lunch		
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Britain Nepal Academic Council – AGM (BNAC members only)</b> Zoom Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83675326594">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83675326594</a> Meeting ID: 836 7532 6594	