

19th BNAC Nepal Study Days
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(NB: For participation, registration is required: Please register here: <https://forms.gle/voBEBJzdfaCBuVoSA>. Closes on 11 Apr 2022)

Conference Programme

(Please note the times indicated are UK time, which is 4:45 hours behind Nepal's time)

Parallel session A (Both days): 64 Banbury Road & Online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants)

Parallel session B (Both days): 61 Banbury Road & Online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants)

Day 1: Wednesday 13 th April		
9:00 - 9:45	Entry (registration). Venue: 64 Banbury Road & online. (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants)	
9:45-10:00	Introduction: Krishna Adhikari (BNAC Chairperson)	
	Welcome: David Gellner	
Parallel Sessions		
Time	Parallel Session A - 64 Banbury Road & online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants)	Parallel Session B - 61 Banbury Road & online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants)
10:00 – 11:15	<i>A1. History and Cultural Production (panel I)</i> Chair: David Gellner	<i>B1. Health (panel I)</i> Chair: Jeevan Sharma
	Musing on the Memory of Performance: From Content to Context of Selected Tharu Folk Songs <i>[online]</i> <i>Mohan Dangaura, TU, Nepal</i>	Socio-economic Inequalities in Hypertension, Diabetes and Overweight in Nepal: A Decomposition Analysis of 2019 Nepal STEPwise Survey <i>[online]</i>

		Uttam Paudel & Bihungum Bista , Nepal Health Research Council, Nepal
	'Guru Rinpoche is Shivaji': Identity and Ethnic Boundary Drift in Nepal's Ethnic Paintings <i>[in person]</i> Jingwei Li , Sichuan University China	Manifestations of Trauma amongst Ex-combatants in Nepal <i>[online]</i> Heidi Riley , University College Dublin
	Liberating Arniko to Transcultural Complexity <i>[in person]</i> Zezhou Yang & Tainyi Chen , SOAS, University of London, & Heidelberg University	Effect of School Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene on Health Status of Basic Level Students' in Nepal <i>[online]</i> Mohan Kumar Sharma & Ramesh Adhikari , TU, Nepal
11:15-11:30	[Coffee] Break	
11:30–12:45	A2. History and Cultural Production (panel II) Chair: Michael Hutt	B2. Health (panel II) Chair: Ram Prasad Mainali
	Transit Kathmandu <i>[online]</i> Dikshya Karki	Covid 19: Coping Strategies Among Nepali Community in the UK <i>[in person]</i> Naresh Khapangi Magar , Centre for Nepal Studies UK <i>[In person]</i> , Padam Simkhada , University of Huddersfield <i>[online]</i> , & Krishna Adhikari , University of Oxford <i>[In person]</i>
	The Making of Colonial Darjeeling, 1830-1930 <i>[In person]</i> Mingma Lhamu Pakhrin , JNU, Delhi	Sustainability of Community-based Health Promotion Interventions on Maternity and Neonatal Care in Nepal: Findings from Ten-Year Controlled, Non-randomised Study <i>[online]</i> Padam Simkhada <i>[online]</i> , University of Huddersfield; Vijay Singh GC , University of York <i>[online]</i> ; Edwin van Teijlingen , Bournemouth University; Sharada Prasad Wasti , University of Huddersfield
	Gurkha Knife in Polish War Two Memoirs <i>[In person]</i> Paulina Stanik , University of Warsaw	Using Participatory Visual Approaches to Engage Communities in Public Health Research: Openings and Obstacles for Listening to Ethnic Minority Women in a Participatory Video Project in Rural Nepal <i>[online]</i> Sarita Pandey , University of Essex, School of Health and Social Care
12:45-13:45	Lunch	

(BNAC Executive Committee Meeting 61 Banbury Road)

13:45-14:45	<p>Plenary 1: Nepal Conversations: Rethinking Knowledge Production and Exchange 64 Banbury Road & online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants) (Coordinators: Uma Pradhan, UCL (moderator) [in person]; Nimesh Dhungana, University of Manchester, (moderator) & Kumud Rana, University of Zurich [online] Panellists: Sara Parker, LJMU, Sohan Sha, Martin Chautari, & Janak Rai, TU (tbc)</p>	
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14:45 – 16:00	<p>A3. Politics and Federalism Chair: Krishna Adhikari</p> <p>Analysing Nepal's Foreign Policy: A Hedging Perspective [in person] Raunak Mainali, Centre for Social Change Nepal</p> <p>What does Federalism Mean for Political Representatives and Stakeholders? [online] Jayanta Rai, SOAS University of London</p> <p>Challenges and Opportunities of Federalisation in the Nepalese Health System Pasang D. Tamang [in person], Padam Simkhada and Bibha Simkhada (University of Huddersfield), & Edwin van Teijlingen, University of Bournemouth.</p>	<p>B3. Youth and (Social) Media Chair: Stefanie Lotter</p> <p>Mapping Social Media Use Among Youth Organizations Post-2015 Earthquake [in person] Phoenix Kenney, University of Cambridge</p> <p>'Gurkha Lives Matter!' Digital Divides and Youth Activism in Britain's Gurkha Justice Campaigns [in person] Premila van Ommen, University of the Arts, London</p> <p>Sustainability of Online News Media in Nepal: Financial Models and Prospects [online] Prabesh Subedi, Digital Media Foundation</p>
16:00-16:30	[Coffee] Break	
16:30-17:45	<p>Plenary 2: Dalits Chair: David Gellner A - 64 Banbury Road & online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants)</p>	

	Changing Dynamics of Discrimination Based on Caste and Practice of Untouchability: An Intergenerational Experience <i>[online]</i> <i>Ujjwal Sundas & Gopal Nepali, Samata Foundation</i>	
	Facing Multi-Layered Deprivation: State of Dalits of Nepal's Tarai <i>[online]</i> <i>Rakshya Ram Harijan, Chief Attorney Office, Madhesh Province, Nepal & Krishna Adhikari, University of Oxford</i> <i>[online]</i>	
	Dalits as subjects, Dalits as authors <i>[in person]</i> <i>Michael Hutt, SOAS</i>	
18:30	Dinner at Nepali Restaurant	
Day 2: Thursday, 14 April 2022		
9:30-10:30	Plenary 3 Roundtable on Jeevan Sharma's book: 64 Banbury Road & online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants) Political Economy of Social Change and Development in Nepal Panellists: David Gellner , <i>Oxford University</i> (Moderator) <i>[in person]</i> , Mallika Shakya , <i>South Asian University</i> <i>[online]</i> , and Ramesh Sunam , <i>Waseda University</i> <i>[online]</i>	
10:30-10:45	[Coffee] Break	
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10:45 – 12:00	A4. Migration (panel I) Chair: Krishna Adhikari Widening the Theoretical Remit of Return Migration and Reintegration <i>[in person]</i> <i>Prakash Khanal, Himalayan Development International</i> Characteristics of Labour-Migration between Nepal & India <i>[online]</i> <i>Deepak Chandra Bhatta, Far-Western University</i>	B4. Education Chair: Tejendra Pherali Roles of Technology and the English Language in Reinforcing or Reducing Marginalisation in Low-resourced Contexts <i>[in person]</i> <i>Saraswati Dawadi</i> <i>[in person]</i> , <i>Agnes Kukulska-Hulme and Mark Gaved</i> <i>[in person]</i> , <i>Open University, UK</i> Bureaucratising Social Justice: The Reproduction of Social Inequality through Scholarship Programs in Nepal <i>[in person]</i> <i>Uma Pradhan, UCL</i> <i>[in person]</i> , <i>Todd Wallenius</i> <i>[online]</i> , <i>Karen Valentin</i> <i>[online]</i> , <i>Aarhus University</i>

	<p>Exploring Marital Relationships and Health of Non-migrating spouses of Low and Semi-skilled International Migrant Workers From Nepal <i>[in person]</i></p> <p>Shraddha Manandhar, University of Huddersfield <i>[in person]</i>, Edwin van Teijlingen, University of Bournemouth, Padam Simkhada <i>[online]</i>, University of Huddersfield, Philip Brown,</p>	<p>Participation of Nepalese Female Students and Faculty in International Academic Community-Challenges and Impact <i>[online]</i></p> <p>Anna Sadecka, University of Warsaw</p>
12:00-12:20	<p>PhD Dissertation Prize 2022 – Announcement. 64 Banbury Road & online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants)</p>	
12:20- 14:00	<p>Lunch</p>	
13:00-14:00	<p>BNAC General Assembly (AGM)- BNAC Members only. 64 Banbury Road & online (Teams link has been emailed to all registered participants)</p>	
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14:00 – 15:15	<p>A5. Migration (panel II) Chair: Jeevan Sharma</p> <p>Trapped in Debt: Invisible Violence of Migration in Nepal <i>[in person]</i> Ina Zharkevich, University of Oxford</p> <p>Hearts in Australia, Souls in Nepal: Migration and Affective Intergenerational Aspirations <i>[online]</i> Amrita Limbu, Western Sydney University</p> <p>They too Served: Nepali Women and Children of the British Gurkha Regiment in Asia (1947-1971) <i>[In person]</i> Hema Kiruppalini, National University of Singapore</p>	<p>B5. Gender and Development Chair: Ben Campbell</p> <p>Causes of Low Performance in English: Perspectives of College Teachers <i>[online]</i> Gambhir Bahadur Chand, Far Western University Nepal</p> <p>An Overview of Menstrual Normativity in Nepal <i>[in person]</i> Stefanie Lotter, SOAS & Neeti Aryal Khanal, TU</p> <p>Categorising the Uncategorised: Understanding the Diversity and Marginality of Gurkha Women <i>[online]</i> Sanjay Sharma, National University of Singapore</p>
15:15-15:30	<p>[Coffee] Break</p>	

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15:30– 17:10	<p>A6. Energy, the Environment, Earthquake Chair: Ina Zharkevich</p> <p>Notes From a Buffer Zone of Just Energy Innovation [in person] Ben Campbell, Durham University & Manoj Suji, Independent Researcher</p> <p>People, Animals and Escalating Tensions: The Case of Bardia National Park (BNP) [In person] Nolwen Vouiller, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales</p> <p>Reconstruction Narrative of Nepal Himalayas [online] Kamal Bahadur Mahat, Triveni Rural Municipality</p> <p>Living and Dealing with Landslides: The Political Ecology of Landslide Risks in Nepal [online] Ramesh Shrestha, [online], Nick Rosser & Ben Campbell [In person] Durham University; & Katie Oven, Northumbria University</p>	<p>B6. Occupations and Diversification Chair: Stephen Biggs</p> <p>Current Demands in the Nepali Electricity Sector: For a Social Reproduction Theory of Infrastructure. [online] Mikkel Vindegg, CICERO Centre for International Climate Research, Oslo.</p> <p>Understanding Risk in High-Altitude Mountaineering through Climbing Sherpas' Narratives in Nepal [online] Medhavi Gulati, Panjab University, India</p> <p>Experiments in Collective Farming in Nepal, Bihar and West Bengal: Lessons for Land Reform and the Agrarian Future of the Gangetic Plains [online] Fraser Sugden, University of Birmingham</p> <p>Identity and Cultural Change among the Nepali Youth in Rushmoor, UK [in person] Prajol Gurung, University of Oxford</p>

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