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22nd BNAC Nepal Study Days Liverpool John Moore University

24-25 April 2025



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John Foster Building, School Social Science Liverpool John Moores University

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Entrance at top near Catholic Cathedral

Reception Number 01515148



For participation, registration is required:

Please [register here](#) or see QR link

Conference is free for members – or paid on the day £30 which include a years membership [Membership details here](#)

NOTES

Presentations all IN PERSON - 10 min + 5 min Q&A Plus 15 min Q and A at end of each session

Conference Programme

Day 1 Thursday 24th April 2025

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| 10.00-10.30 | Entry (registration & Coffee). Venue: John Foster Building Student Zone and outside G01 John Foster Building Entry registration tea and coffee | |
| 10.30 -10.50 | Welcome & Introduction: Sara Parker (BNAC Chairperson) John Foster G01 | |
| | Parallel Session 1A - John Foster Building G23 | Parallel Session 1B - - John Foster Building G13 |
| 11.00–12.15 | A1. Education Chair: Sara Parker | B1. Maternal and Child Health Chair: Bibha Simkhada |
| | Going back to school: Understanding motivation and experiences of older women in pursuing school and college education through Autoethnography (Nanda Kumari Gurung) | Stakeholder perspectives on understanding social determinants of the Mental Health of pregnant women in Nepal. (Lalita Sah) |
| | On Becoming a Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) Teacher- Professional Growth After Faculty Capacity Enhancement Training: Teachers’ case studies (Mani Ram Sharma) | A Systematic Review on Barriers and Facilitators to Access and Utilisation of Maternity Services Among Women in Nepal” (Alisha Ghale) |
| | Local Governments and School Education Delivery in Federal Nepal: What have we Learned?’ (Bishnu Prasad Adhikari) | Impact of community- focussed interventions, policies and programmes on growth and anaemia in children under five in LMICs: a systematic review of systematic reviews (Usha Ghimire) |
| | Re-reading Paulo Freire towards a critical pedagogy for Nepal (Matt Wood) | Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools in Nepal’s Healthcare (Narayan Poudel) |
| 12:15-13:00 | Lunch John Foster Building G01 | |

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| 13:00-14:15 | KEY NOTE Prof David Gellner 'Hierarchy, Belonging, and Resistance: From Buddhist Rituals to Dalit Activism'. | |
| 14:15 -14.30 | [Coffee] Break John Foster Building G01 / G03 | |
| | Parallel Session 2A - John Foster Building G23 | Parallel Session 2B - - John Foster Building G13 |
| 14.30 15.45 | A2. Public Policy Chair: Ben Campbell | B2. Public Health Issues Chair: Padam Simkhada |
| | Subnational Fiscal Policy Autonomy in Federal Nepal (Binay Mishra) | Bridging the gap between research, policy and practice: lessons from a 5-year participatory project on the impact of federalism on the Nepali health system (Julie Balen) |
| | <i>Nepali foreign policy dynamics in a post-monarchical Nepal: Has it changed? (Sanju Gurung)</i> | National health financing strategy of Nepal (2023-2033): A critical analysis (Geha Nath Khanal) |
| | Lost in politics: how household vulnerabilities are affected by political dynamics in the community (Bina Limbu) | Effectiveness of a Structured Teaching Program in Enhancing Knowledge of Health Research Ethics Among Members of Selected Ethics Committees in Nepal (Namita Ghimire) |
| | Policy design for River sourced Construction Materials: Sand/Gravel mining in Nepal (Dr Raj Shah, LJMU) | "Performance of Health Facility Operation and Management Committees in Nepal: Implications for Community-based Health Governance" (Amshu Dhakal) |
| 15.45 - 16.00 | Break (Room change) | |
| 16:00 - 17.30 | Plenary 1: Round Table Opportunities and Challenges of postgraduate study John Foster Building G01 POST GRADUATE PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT Ben Campbell "PhD Prize winner Dr Amber Moore (University of Toronto Department for the Study of Religion) Moderators: Rajeeb Kumar Sah, Bibha Simkhada <i>Session will provide a space to discuss opportunities and challenges of post graduate study and also reflect on Realities of Nepali Students Abroad: Navigating Challenges, Opportunities, and Potential Solutions</i> Venue: G01 John Foster If interested in joining the panel please email s.l.parker@ljmu.ac.uk | |
| | Break before evening event | |



EVENING EVENT – Eventbrite link to be shared soon



18.30

***Unite for Nepal - Insights from NGOs working in Nepal
Cultural show and social event with food***

Host: Sara Parker, Liverpool John Moores University

Short talks by

Sunil Sha Craniofacial Centre Nepal

Pat Wherity KASAIN – Afterschool clubs role in promoting quality

Netra Kharel Liverpool Nepalese Society (LNS)

Pushpa Shrestha Nepalese Association UK

Cultural Dance show – with audience participation

Nepali food & refreshments

Other NGOs may join tbc – if interested in having a table or display area please contact

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Opportunity to display material from research or NGO's

Day 2 Friday 25th April 2025

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| 9:00-09:45 | <p>Plenary 2: Ethics from NHRC Team</p> <p>Chair: Padam Simkhada University of Huddersfield</p> <p>Co-chair: LJMU Co Chair or Stefanie maybe as she has supported PhD group formation ?</p> <p><i>Presentation and questions from the floor on their experiences of research in Nepal.</i></p> <p>Responses - Pramond Joshi & Megnath Dhimal (NHRC)</p> | |
| 09:50 – 10.00 | Break [room change] | |
| | Parallel Session 3A - John Foster Building G23 | Parallel Session 3B - - John Foster Building G13 |
| 10.00 – 11.15 | <p>A3. Social and Cultural Anthropology</p> <p>Chair: Ben Campbell Durham University</p> | <p>B3. Gender</p> <p>Chair: Sara Parker, Liverpool John Moores University</p> |
| | Rethinking Caste through Humanism: Jai Prithvi Bahadur Singh's Theories in Comparative Perspective (Krishna Adhikari) | Physical and Psychosocial aspects of menstruation: An Analysis of Public Policies in Nepal (Minakshi Dahal) |
| | Cultural values of Rifu among the Gurung – an anthropological study (Shanti Gurung) | Transitioning into the Third Gender: Navigating LGBT and human-rights regimes during the Maoist insurgency in Nepal (Kumud Rana) |
| | Buddhist God-Makers of the Kathmandu Valley – 45 Years' On (Tristram Riley-Smith) | Breaking the Stereotypes Within Us: Gender-Transformative Change Through Play in South-Eastern Nepal (Sara Begg) |
| | The Transformation of Vernacular Rituals in the Himalayan Buddhist World (Mari Miyamoto) | |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Break [room change] | |
| | Parallel Session 4A - John Foster Building G23 | Parallel Session 4B - - John Foster Building G13 |
| 11:30- 12.30 | <p>A4. Social and Cultural Anthropology</p> <p>Chair: Stefanie Lotter SOAS</p> | <p>B4. Migration</p> <p>Chair: Krishna Adhikari Oxford University</p> |
| | The Architectural Imagination of Kingship: A Religious Perspective on the Basantpur-Lohan Chowk Complex in Hanuman Dhoka, Kathmandu (Liwen Liu) | Integrating Nepali Migrants into British Society: Challenges and Opportunities (Lal Bahadur Pun) |
| | Déuda as a Catalyst for Social Change: Examining the Transformative Power of Traditional Performance Arts in Nepal (Nar B Saud) | Gurkha Veterans' Mental Health in the Context of Activism (Krishtina Gurung) |
| | Innovation and questions of negative aspirations within Sowa Rigpa [Tibetan medicine] in Nepal (Patricia Mundelius) | Returnee women Migrants: Power Structures and Ideologies in Diaspora (Anchala Chaudhary) |

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| 12:30 – 1.30 | Lunch John Foster Building G01 | |
| 13:30 – 2.30 | <i>Plenary 3: Round Table on The Hidden Health Burden of Migration: Struggles of Nepalese Labour Migrants from Departure to Return</i> Panellist: Pramod Regmi Moderator: Edwin Van Teijlingen | |
| 14:45-15:00 | [Coffee] Break | |
| | Parallel Session 5A - John Foster Building G23 | Parallel Session 5B - - John Foster Building G13 |
| 15:00-16:00 | <i>A5. Built Environment and Energy Transitions</i> Chair: Raj Shah | <i>B5. Socioeconomic vulnerabilities and Road Traffic Accident</i> Chair: Edwin Van Teijlingen |
| | A comprehensive BIM-based framework design for the sustainable design and construction of buildings in Nepal (Bibek Shrestha) | Living on the Edge: Navigating Socioeconomic Vulnerabilities and Climate Risks in Kutiyakavar at the Nepal-India Border (Deepak Chandra Bhatt) |
| | Seismic Soil Liquefaction Analysis Using Microtremor and Borehole Data (Ram Chandra Tiwari) | Road Traffic Injuries in Nepal (Khadga Katuwal) |
| | Rethinking Gender-Inclusive Energy Transitions: Actors and their Roles in Nepal’s Renewable Energy Innovation Systems (Asha Singh) | Land Reform Experiences of Nepal and Scotland, UK: Comparative Policy Review Perspectives (Purna B. Nepali & Fraser Sugden) |
| 16:00-16:30 | General Meeting & Closing | |