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**Social Structure and Social Change**

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### **Background**

The Nepal Sociological Association (NSA) and the Central Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University, are organizing a conference on November 21 - 22, 2017 (Mangsir 5-6, 2074) in Pokhara. The theme of the seminar is *Social Structure and Social Change*. We believe this theme can capture the nature both of the relatively stable economic, political and cultural relations as well as the sharp turns many of such relations have taken during the last three decades in Nepal as well as the world.

The popularity of Sociology in Nepal has remained consistently high through the last couple of decades whether in terms of the number of universities, campuses and colleges that offer Sociology or in the number of students there who prefer to study the discipline. In addition, sociologists are hired by a large number of employers, including various branches of the government, private research organizations, private enterprises, social work organizations, development partners and donor organizations, international non-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, universities, etc. There are a sizable number of sociologists in the federal legislature and in each of the political parties. Sociologists also have a notable and increasing presence in the media and have been contributing to public education.

### **Objectives**

The longer run objective of the conference is to upgrade the level of professional competence among sociologists and to contribute to valid and relevant analysis of society and state worldwide and in Nepal. We believe that a conference is, foremost, an intellectual-professional space. Wide and intense variation and inequality is as much a social reality today as the rise of the world system that throws up mutually articulated similarities and "flatness". High quality social analysis is expected to contribute to continually refined and relevant knowledge as also to improve the parameters of policy discussion as well as the design of appropriate public intervention.

More concretely, it is expected that the panels, papers and discussions will contribute to the generation of knowledge in a few key areas that have more recently captured the public discourse in Nepal. For example we fully expect that the conference will focus on issues of gender, caste, ethnicity; democracy, governance and federalization; growth, employment and poverty and so on.

### **Outcomes**

Like all other professional conferences the world over, this conference is also designed to generate and renew professional motivation, mentoring, professional anchoring and engagement as well as personal friendships. National professional gatherings are particularly important in countries like Nepal because teachers,

colleges and campuses outside Kathmandu are often isolated from state-of-the-art knowledge in the discipline. Conference presentation and discussion during national conferences often provide the window through which world-scale ideas and insights are gleaned through by the participants. Such conferences, thus, pay off both in terms of quality and productivity. The organizers feel that the *gathering together* of professionals is sufficiently important to label the annual conference a *mela*. A *mela* expresses the joy of a body of similarly-interested persons who are collaborating together to complete a common task. In fact, we are also inviting sociologists who do not intend to present a paper this year but just wish to chat over tea and cookies, form professional and personal friendship, discuss preferences and priorities for the coming months and years, etc. We expect that those who enjoy sharing such space will be self-motivated to present a paper next year or the one after that. In an important sense we see conferences as arenas both for the actors and for the audience. The serious audience, we believe, is bound to turn up as the principal actor within a few years.

### **Procedure**

The conference will be organized primarily within the framework of panels on key themes. Panels have been encouraged because they encourage wide-eye and multi-sided analysis of a specific issue that is currently shaping our lives and therefore has caught public imagination. Panels also generate professional camaraderie of sorts that may outlive the life of a panel as such and may contribute to sustained intellectual exchange. Panels also set the agenda for research for the next few years. In addition, panel presentations may form the kernels around which textbooks for students may be prepared within the next couple of years. In fact, the conference organizers and the NSA expect to actively nurture the authors involved in at least a couple of the panels through the next year in a manner such that they intensively rework their papers and give it the shape of a joint book. Of course, the conference will also invite stand-alone papers. This will cater both to the relatively unconnected writers as well as those who do not focus on a specific theme but on a perspective as such.

### **Participants**

The Organizing Committee expects 200 sociologists to participate in the conference. Of this, we expect about 60 to be women. We expect another 60 participants from among the members of the ethnic groups, regional groups and the Dalits. We will also invite a few local politicians (e.g. Mayor and Chairpersons of Municipality) policy makers and media persons.

## Program Schedule

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### Day I • 21 November 2017 • Urban Development Training Centre, Pokhara

08:00-09:00	Arrival, Registration and Breakfast	
09:00-10:00	Inaugural Session with Book/journal Release	
10:00-10:30	Tea Break	
<b>Session I, 10:30-12:00</b>		
Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
<b>Ethnicity and Identity</b>	<b>Identity and Inequality</b>	<b>Livelihood Diversification</b>
<p>Chair: Sudhindra Sharma</p> <p><b>Puspa Raj Rai</b> <i>Reservation for Janajatis in Nepal's Civil Service: Analysis from Intersectional Lens</i></p> <p><b>Binit Gurung</b> <i>Negotiating Difference: Being Indian Nepali in Delhi</i></p> <p><b>Tilak Biswakarma</b> <i>Maizan System and Conversion from Dalit to non-Dalit Caste: A Case Study of Inter-caste Married Couple of Madhesh</i></p> <p><b>Nabin Rai</b> <i>Generational Divide among the Gurkhas Resettled in the United Kingdom</i></p>	<p>Chair: Tulsī Ram Pandey</p> <p><b>Tika Ram Gautam</b> <i>Development and Disparity in Nepal: Deconstructing the Myth of Creating Equality</i></p> <p><b>Ram Bahadur Karki</b> <i>Social Construction of Poverty: Analysis of Nepal Living Standard Survey Data</i></p> <p><b>Tripti Das and Sambit Mallick</b> <i>'Digital Divide' – A New Form of Inequality in Post-Industrial Organization: A Study of Different Departments of Government of Assam</i></p> <p><b>Bidyut Jyoti Kalita and Anjan Bhuyan</b> <i>Socio Economic Issues, Poverty and Prospects of Diversification among Jute Growers in India</i></p>	<p>Chair: Kailash Nath Pyakuryal</p> <p><b>Shanti Bhusal</b> <i>व्यवसायीक तरकारी खेतीले कृषकको जीवनस्तरमा पारेको सकारात्मक प्रभाव</i></p> <p><b>Puskar Bahadur Singh</b> <i>सुदूर पश्चिम उच्च पहाडी भेगका दलित समुदायको जीविकोपार्जनमा निरन्तरता र परिवर्तन</i></p> <p><b>Pirt Bahadur Bist</b> <i>सामाजिक व्यवस्था, परिवर्तनको गतिशिलता र दलितको जीविकोपार्जन</i></p> <p><b>Kumar Ghimire</b> <i>From Kheti-Khola to Labor Chowk: Shifting Institutions and Livelihood Diversification of Musahars in Nepal Tarai</i></p>

<b>Session II, 12:00-13:30</b>		
Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
<b>Political Transformation and Governmentality</b>	<b>Marginality and Vulnerability</b>	<b>Health and Social Wellbeing</b>
Chair: Youba Raj Luintel  <b>Lokranjan Parajuli</b> <i>Homogenization of Social Movement Dynamics under a "Clever" Nepali State, 2007-2012</i>  <b>Prakash Rai</b> <i>Federalism: Sociological Perspectives</i>  <b>Dipesh Kumar Ghimire</b> <i>Social Causes of Rise of Democracy: A Study of 2006 Democratic Movement of Nepal</i>  <b>Tulsi Ram Pandey</b> <i>Democratic Authoritarianism and Challenges for the Establishment of Social Democracy in Nepal</i>	Chair: Biswo Kalyan Parajuli  <b>Anita Adhikari</b> <i>Marital Status and Suicide: A Study of Chitwan District</i>  <b>Manjur Ali</b> <i>Forgotten at the Margins: Muslim Manual Scavengers in India</i>  <b>Tek Nath Subedi and Jhakendra Gharti Magar</b> <i>Pathways of Public Sociology in Nepal</i>	Chair: Sara Parker  <b>Sunita Rai</b> <i>Socio-economic Correlates of Abuse in Elderly Homes</i>  <b>Madhusudan Subedi &amp; Ulla-Britt Engelbrektsson</b> <i>Factors Contributing to Delay in Diagnosis and Treatment of Leprosy: Analysis of Help-Seeking Narratives from a Community in Dang</i>  <b>Sangita Nakarmi</b> <i>Sociology and Psychological Health</i>  <b>Sunita Raut</b> <i>Globalization and Transformation of Family Care: A Study of Senior Citizen's Care Home in Bhaktapur</i>
<b>13:30-14:30 Lunch</b>		
<b>Session III, 14:30-16:00</b>		
Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
<b>Gender, Women Empowerment and Feminist Movement</b>	<b>Women, Menstrual Hygiene and Empowerment</b>	<b>Marriage, Kinship and Cultural Practices</b>
Chair: Gyanu Chhetri  <b>Radhika Dahal</b> <i>Feminist Movement in Nepal: A Structural Analysis</i>	Chair: Bindu Pokharel  <b>Sara Parker and Kay Standing</b> <i>Reusable Sanitary Pad Kits: Assessing their Impact on Women's and Girls'</i>	Chair: Sandhya Basnet  <b>Raj Kumar Rai</b> <i>Sociology of Marriage and Kinship System among Bantawa Rai in Eastern Nepal</i>

<p><b>Samjhana Wagley</b> <i>Gender based Development in Nepal's Periodic Development Plans: Efforts and Achievements</i></p> <p><b>Chandra Bahadur Katuwal</b> <i>Role of Raja Yoga Meditation in Women Empowerment</i></p> <p><b>Krishna Kumar Sah</b> <i>Feminization of Agriculture in Madhesh</i></p>	<p><i>Education and Wellbeing</i></p> <p><b>Pradipta Kadambari</b> <i>Community Based Sanitary Pad Production: Opportunities and Challenges to Menstrual Hygiene</i></p> <p><b>Mina Devi Uprety</b> <i>Social Imaginations of Menstruation: Perceptions and Experiences of Young Generation</i></p> <p><b>Giri Bahadur Sunar</b> <i>Empowering Women through Self-Defense</i></p>	<p><b>Reena Burathoki and Om Kumari Rana</b> <i>Proposal: Changing Trends of Marriage among the Gurkha Diaspora in the UK</i></p> <p><b>Tanka Mani Poudel</b> <i>Inter-caste marriage in Eastern Nepal: Contexts and Consequences</i></p> <p><b>Madhav Poudyal</b> <i>आदिवासी जनजाति, हिन्दु वर्ण व्यवस्था र सामाजिक सांस्कृतिक अभ्यास</i></p>
<b>Session IV, 16:00-17:30</b>		
Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
<b>Nationalism, Democracy and Accountability</b>	<b>Modernity and Development Discourse</b>	<b>Local and International Social Institutions</b>
<p>Chair: Dinesh Prasain</p> <p><b>Sushav Niraula</b> <i>Rethinking Nationalism to Strengthen Nepali Democracy</i></p> <p><b>Sumanta Ghimire</b> <i>राष्ट्रियता, राष्ट्रवाद र नेपाल: एक समाजशास्त्रीय दृष्टिकोण</i></p> <p><b>Ram Chandra Baral</b> <i>दलतन्त्रको सामाजिकीकरण र प्रभावहरु</i></p> <p><b>Samrat Sharma</b> <i>Contextualizing Social Capital and Fragility of Nepali Society: An Approach towards Binding Society Together</i></p>	<p>Chair: Sita Rana</p> <p><b>Madhav Prasad Timilsina</b> <i>Analysis of the Role of NGOs and INGOs: Case Studies from Kavre District</i></p> <p><b>Dil Gurung</b> <i>Globalization, Community Forests and Women Empowerment</i></p> <p><b>Laxmi Thapa</b> <i>Foreign Employment Opportunity and Social Change</i></p> <p><b>Nabin Acharya</b> <i>Sociological Debates on Development and Nepal</i></p>	<p>Chair: Pramod Bhatta</p> <p><b>Hari Prasad Badu</b> <i>थारु समुदायको भलमन्सा प्रणाली</i></p> <p><b>Prem Bahadur Chalaune</b> <i>Nepal India Relations: From the Perspective of Sovereignty</i></p> <p><b>Pasang Sherpa</b> <i>Indigenous Peoples' Customary Laws and Practices in Conservation and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in Nepal</i></p>

**Day II • 22 November 2017 • Urban Development Training Centre, Pokhara**

08:00-09:00	Registration and Breakfast	
09:00-09:30	Plenary II. Speaker: <b>Chandra Bhadra.</b>	
09:30-10:00	Plenary III. Speaker: <b>Chaitanya Mishra.</b> <i>Marx in 2017 Nepal</i>	
<b>Session V, 10:00-11:30</b>		
Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
<b>Constitution, Election and Governance</b>	<b>Social Class, New Opportunity and Reification of Youth</b>	<b>Dalithood: "Internal" Reflections</b>
<p>Chair: Surendra Mishra</p> <p><b>Chiranjivi Acharya</b> <i>Citizenship in New Constitution of Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Sirjana Subba</b> <i>Local Elections and the Politics of Inclusion in Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Pravin Koirala</b> <i>Beyond Election: Connecting Decentralization with Development</i></p> <p><b>Ramesh Kafle</b> <i>स्मार्ट सिटी: अवधारणा र अभ्यास</i></p> <p><b>Birendra Prasad Shah</b> <i>A Historical Analysis of Madhesh and Madheshi Politics at a Glance</i></p>	<p>Chair: Uddhav Pyakuryal</p> <p><b>Youba Raj Luintel</b> <i>Is the 'Middle Class' Really Vanishing? A Note on the Expanding and Consolidating 'Middle Class' in Contemporary Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Madhusudan Subedi</b> <i>Inequality among Siblings: Individualization of Class Formation in a Globalized World</i></p> <p><b>Keshab Raj Silwal</b> <i>A Study of Reification of youth in Nepal: Changing Aspirations and Challenges</i></p> <p><b>Anchala Chaudhary</b> <i>Livelihood Practices in Transnational Space: A Case Study of Family Left Behind in Nepal</i></p>	<p>Chair: Khyam BK</p> <p><b>Resham BK</b> <i>Paths to Dalit Empowerment and Social Change: A Comparison of a "Maoist Affected" Village and a Neighboring Town in Sindhupalchok</i></p> <p><b>Arjun BK</b> <i>Social Stratification and Dalit Leadership: An Ethnographic Study of a Village in Western Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Neeru Ghale</b> <i>Injustice in Access to Water - Social Exclusion of Dalits in Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Bhola Paswan</b> <i>Scholarship Program for Tarai Dalits: A Critical Examination</i></p>
<b>Session VI, 11:30-13:00</b>		
Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
<b>Disaster, Reconstruction and Resilience I</b>	<b>Disaster, Reconstruction and Resilience II</b>	<b>Education, Social Policy and Governance</b>
Chair: Post Raj Dhungana	Chair: [To be Decided]	Chair: Kay Standing

<p><b>Sharada Khatiwada</b> <i>Gender and Post-Disaster Reconstruction: An Assessment of Post Earthquake Reconstruction Strategy in Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Narendra Mishra</b> <i>Flooding Disaster in Tarai of Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Narayani Devkota</b> <i>Disaster and Resilience: A Study of Barpak Village after April 2015 Earthquake</i></p>	<p><b>Bindeshwor Thapa Magar</b> <i>Social Capitals and 2015 Earthquake Recovery: A Case from Ramechhap, Central Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Chandra KC, Samyam Shrestha and Sudhindra Sharma</b> <i>Natural Disaster and Political Preferences: The Case of 2015 Earthquake in Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Nirmala Pandit</b> <i>Disaster and Poverty: A Case Study of Earthquake Victims</i></p> <p><b>Rukh Gurung</b> <i>भूकम्पपछि पुनर्निर्माणमा नीतिगत जटिलता : विलम्ब, अलमल र आक्रोश</i></p>	<p><b>Narayan Paudel</b> <i>Perception on Public School Performance: A Case of Kathmandu</i></p> <p><b>Pramod Bhatta</b> <i>'Public' Education through 'Community' Schooling: Rhetoric and Realities of 'Free' Education in Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Tejendra Budhathoki</b> <i>Localization of Authority and Public Fiscal Governance: An Ethnography of School-Community in Nepal</i></p> <p><b>Bala Ram Acharya</b> <i>Facebook: Patterns of Use and Impact</i></p>
<b>13:00-14:00 Lunch</b>		
<b>Session VII, 14:00-14:45:00</b>		
Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
<b>Social and Symbolic Life</b>	<b>Feminization and Researching Rural Women</b>	<b>Women, Inequality and Violence</b>
<p>Chair: Ajit Thapa <b>Rojisha Poudel</b> <i>Traditional and Modern Practices of Cremation: Significance and Challenges</i></p> <p><b>Sukra Raj Adhikari</b> <i>Yagnya as Social Institution in Vedic Social Structure</i></p> <p><b>Prapanna Maskey</b> <i>Looking at Gaijatra Symbolically: The Family versus the Society</i></p>	<p>Chair: Ganesh Man Gurung <b>Mira Mishra</b> <i>Revisiting Fieldwork among Rural Women</i></p> <p><b>Ruku Pandey</b> <i>Existing Debates and Real Life Experiences of Female Massage Workers in Urban Areas</i></p>	<p>Chair: Shanti Bhusal <b>Smritee Basnet</b> <i>Workplace Violence against Nurses Working in Selected Hospitals of Kathmandu Valley</i></p> <p><b>Rajya Laxmi Gurung</b> <i>Protection of Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRD): A Case Study of WHRD of Nuwakot District, Nepal</i></p>
<b>14:45 -15:00 Tea Break</b>		
<b>15:00 – 16:00 Hall A: Review of Past Year and Formation of Executive Committee of Nepal Sociological Association</b>		