

*National Conference on*  
***Sociology of Nepal: Present  
and Future***

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## Concept Note



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#### **Introduction**

Like all social science disciplines—including Sociology, which emerged within a specific social and historical context, Sociology came to be regarded as a distinctive discipline in Nepal within a specific historical backdrop. Sociology, for the first time in Nepal, began to be taught and learned at the graduate level at Tribhuvan University in Kirtipur 1981, where it was led by Dr. Chaitanya Mishra. Sociology in Nepal continued to develop with the gradual changes in socio-historical context of Nepal as well as Tribhuvan University. The teaching of Sociology at Tribhuvan now has completed 34 years. A new full-fledged Department of Sociology has recently taken shape, in lieu of the existing Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Alongside, an autonomous subject committee on Sociology has been formed in order to promote Sociology within Tribhuvan University. It is believed that these processes have given a new enabling set up for the intellectual and organizational development of Sociology in Nepal in the years to come.

As Mishra (2010) highlighted in his *Badalindo Nepali Samaj*, the household and family, kinship network, neighbourhood, village, society, state, and the world are continuously changing. Further, the changes at all of these levels are interconnected to one other. The task of sociologists is to describe and explain such changes and to sketch how such changes take place across different levels of social life. Class, caste, ethnic, gender, regional as well as other divisions have recently received renewed prominence in the public sphere in Nepal and at different spheres of everyday life, including household, community, state, etc. as well as in the domains of livelihood, migration, etc. Sociologists in Nepal have been at the forefront of recognizing, analyzing, debating and public-opinionmaking on many of these important issues.

The proposed seminar continues the initiative taken last year when we organized the first Conference on Sociology of Nepal. We also realized that this platform could be a powerful platform for the academic engagement of young sociologists from Nepal and elsewhere. It is

expected that this conference will, among others, review the current status of Sociology in and of Nepal and put into effect a plan for further promote Sociology in Nepal.

### **Write-up specification**

The length of the abstract and paper should follow word limits of 300 words and 6,000 words, respectively. For formatting, referencing, bibliography, etc., please follow either the APA or the ASA style guide.

### **Registration fee**

On this happy occasion, when we are celebrating the setting up of an independent department and subject committee on Sociology, we have decided that there will be free registration for participants from outside Kathmandu Valley. In addition, the registration fee for participants from the Kathmandu Valley is pegged at only Rs. 1,000. The registration fee for students at the Master's level will be Rs. 500. All logistics, meals and snacks during the conference will be provided free of cost.

### **Dates to remember:**

17 November 2015	Last date of Abstract submission
18 November 2015	Notification of the acceptance of the abstract
21 November 2015	Submission of the conference paper
21 November 2015	Conference
1 January 2015	Submission of the final paper (for publication)

**Venue:** Hotel Orchid, Tripureshwar (Whole day)

**Accommodation arrangements:** For the accommodation of participants coming from out-of-the Valley, NUTA Guest House at TU Gate has been requested to provide accommodation for 4-5 Mangsir. Please contact Mr. Michael Lama, Guest House Manager, at 9841835573 and book yourselves or contact us for any assistance.

### **Advisory committee:**

- Prof. Dr. Chaitanya Mishra, Founding Chair, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Trivhuvan University.
- Prof. Dr. Kailash Nath Pyakurel, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Agriculture and Forestry, Chitwan (former head, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, TU).
- Prof. Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung, Member, Constituent Assembly (former head, Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, TU).
- Dr. Ganesh Gurung, Executive Director, National Institute of Development Studies (NIDS), Kathmandu (former member, National Planning Commission).

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### **Conference Organizing Committee**

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**8:30 -9:30 Session I: Inauguration**

Chair: Prof. Tulsi Ram Pandey, HOD, Central Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University

Chief guest: Prof. Gunanidhi Neupane, Rector, Tribhuvan University.

Special guests: Prof. Chandra Mani Poudel, Registrar, Tribhuvan University.

Guests: Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tribhuvan University

Advisors: NCSN-Prof. Chaitanya Mihsra, Founding chair, CDSA, TU

-Prof. Kailash Nath Pyakuryal, Former VC-AFU

-Prof. Ganesh Man Gurung, Member of Constituent Assembly

- Dr. Ganesh Gurung, NIDS

9:30-10:00 Tea break

**10:00-12:00 Session II: Sociology of Nepal: Present and Future**

*Chair: Prof. Kailash Nath Pyakuryal*

Prof. Tulsi Ram Pandey –Current Status of Sociology in Nepal: Progress/Update

Dr. Tika Ram Gautam-Future of Sociology in Nepal: Strategic Plan

Mr. Rukh Bahadur Gurung-Sociology from the Perspective of Student

Floor discussion

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch break

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