



HIMALAYAN  
STUDIES CONFERENCE  
TORONTO 2022

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>

Registration  
12:00

Registration

Welcome  
15:00-16:00

Opening Ceremony

Keynote I  
16:00-17:30

Keynote Lecture | Weathering the Occupation: Meteorological Wars and Climate Contestations in Kashmir  
Mona Bhan (Syracuse University)

Reception  
18:00-22:00

Conference Dinner

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>

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Registration  
08:00

Breakfast  
08:30-09:00

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Revisiting the Frontier: Colonial Legacies and Lived Realities in Himalayan Border-Worlds I

Himalayan Art Connecting Asia: The Legacy of John C. Huntington (1937-2021) I

Social and Physical Geographies of Climate Change I

Trade, Exploration, and Coloniality across Himalayan Frontiers

Migration and Transnational Futures I

Religion and Culture I: Connecting across Space and Time

The Promises and Perils of Himalayan Infrastructures I

Coffee Break  
10:30-11:00

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Himalayan Art Connecting Asia: The Legacy of John C. Huntington (1937-2021) II

Social and Physical Geographies of Climate Change II

Natural Resources and Local Livelihoods in the Broader Himalayan Region

Migration and Transnational Futures II

Religion and Culture II: Environment and Sacred Geographies

The Promises and Perils of Himalayan Infrastructures II

Lunch  
12:30-14:00

Sessions 3  
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Pathways of Tourists and Mobile Professionals in the Himalayas

Controversies on Sacred and Impure Blood

Envisioning a Just and Plural Climate Change Science for the Himalaya

Youth Participation in Practices of Care and Recovery

Chronicling Refugees, Exile Communities, and Divided Families across the Himalayas

Bhutanese Futures: Tensions, Preparations, and Prospects

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15:30-16:00

Keynote II  
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Keynote Lecture | Taming India's Northernmost Border: Ecologies of Violence, Care, and Resistance in the Himalayas  
Karine Gagné (University of Guelph)

Meeting  
18:00-19:30

Canadian Himalaya Initiative

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>

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<b>Registration</b> 08:00							
<b>Breakfast</b> 08:30-09:00							
<b>Sessions 4</b> 09:00-10:30	Securitization and Violent Encounters across Himalayan Borderlands	Borderlands, Livelihoods, and Identities	Herding in the Himalayan Contemporary I	Decolonizing Himalayan Studies: How, Where, Why, Who, and When?	Reaching for High Peaks: Mountaineering, Neoliberalism, and Identity	Working Across Disciplines: Socioenvironmental and Sociotechnical Interfaces in Himalayan Research	Spatiotemporalities and/of Infrastructures in the Indian Himalaya I
<b>Coffee Break</b> 10:30-11:00							
<b>Sessions 5</b> 11:00-12:30	Tibetan Histories: Past and Present	Representing Himalayan Pasts and Futures through Art and Literature	Herding in the Himalayan Contemporary II	Pedagogies and Practices for Nepal and Himalayan Studies	The Politics of Labor in the Himalayas and Beyond	Re-Indigenizing Research in the Himalayas	Spatiotemporalities and/of Infrastructures in the Indian Himalaya II
<b>Lunch</b> 12:30-14:00	<b>ANHS General Meeting</b>						
<b>Sessions 6</b> 14:00-15:30	Himalayan Linguistic Futures: Language as Expressive Practice, Learning, and Survivance I	Dalit Rights Activism in the US and Canada	Himalayan Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration	Democracy and the State in the Himalayas I	Religion, Markets, and Modernity	Disaster, Response, and Reconstruction	
<b>Coffee Break</b> 15:30-16:00							
<b>Sessions 7</b> 16:00-17:30	Himalayan Linguistic Futures: Language as Expressive Practice, Learning, and Survivance II	Project Himalayan Art: Developing Resources for Integrating Himalayan Culture into Teaching on Asia	Youth Deliberation on Post-Federalism and Political Culture in Nepal	Democracy and the State in the Himalayas II	Religion and Political Change in the Himalayas	Infrastructures of Democracy: The Book Project	
<b>Film</b> 18:00-19:30	<b>Ningwasum</b> Subash Thebe						

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>

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<b>Breakfast</b> 08:30-09:00							
<b>Sessions 8</b> 09:00-10:30	Himalayan Histories from Below	Himalayan Masculinities I	Flash Ethnography Workshop: Himalayan Conversations	Power, Performance, and Ritual in the Himalayas	Values of Education I	Reckoning with New Uncertainties on a Himalayan Scale I	Postcolonial Nomadic Livelihoods in India and Pakistan
<b>Coffee Break</b> 10:30-11:00							
<b>Sessions 9</b> 11:00-12:30	Explorations of Identity and Politics in Literature and Poetry	Himalayan Masculinities II	HIMALAYA: The Future Role of the ANHS Journal as a Medium for Knowledge Production	Recasting the Northeastern Himalayas: Rewriting Histories of Lived Experiences	Values of Education II	Reckoning with New Uncertainties on a Himalayan Scale II	
<b>Lunch</b> 12:30-14:00							

## **KEYNOTE I:**

### **Weathering the Occupation: Meteorological Wars and Climate Contestations in Kashmir**

*Mona Bhan (Syracuse University)*

My talk explores what it might mean to reclaim weather and climate in Kashmir, a contested territory in the Northwestern Himalayas, as geopolitical agents whose effects, force and vitality can challenge and unsettle state-sanctioned boundaries. As Kashmir's climate vulnerabilities intensify because of India's occupational and settler-colonial regimes, how can weather intrusions unravel geopolitics and contest the fiction of national cartographies? To put it differently, how might foregrounding weather, rather than nation or borders, help re-envision Kashmir's futurities beyond the confines of Indian statehood? My talk will track the ways in which everyday weather intrusions can become sites of public contestation even as weather reportage is key to managing everyday political dissidence in Kashmir.

Mona Bhan is Ford-Maxwell Professor of South Asian Studies and Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Syracuse University. Her work focuses on the connections of economic development, humanitarianism, border wars, and counterinsurgencies in Kashmir. More recently, she has also published on human and non-human entanglements in the Anthropocene. Mona Bhan co-founded the Critical Kashmir Studies Collective in 2013.

## **KEYNOTE II:**

### **Taming India's Northernmost Border: Ecologies of Violence, Care, and Resistance in the Himalayas**

*Karine Gagné (University of Guelph)*

Following the independence of India, the region of Ladakh in the Indian Himalayas became a strategic border area which saw a progressive militarization after wars with China and Pakistan. The manifestation of power associated with the military production of the Indian state in the Himalayas is not just in the spectacular violence of wars and border skirmishes that are taking place in Ladakh, but also in the legacy of the relations – social, material, technocratic – which it entails. In this presentation, I explore the modalities of the ecologies of violence associated with the production of the Indian state in Ladakh. The first consists of the alteration of a landscape where geostrategic interests are undermining existing multispecies relationships. The second consists of the long-standing marginalization of areas that present little strategic interest because they are neither directly contiguous with Pakistan nor with China.

Building on ethnographic fieldwork conducted in Ladakh and Zaskar between 2011 and 2022, I examine how these ecologies of violence are met by local populations. First, I discuss how vernacular ideas about care for nonhumans explain a landscape that is changing under both militarization and climate change. Second, I explore how road building and climate change are terrains on which the population of Zaskar, a part of Ladakh that is in the shadow of the border, is claiming its citizenship and resisting state abandonment. I conclude by considering anxieties related to another form of violence that has been operating in Ladakh since the region became a Union Territory in 2019 and which amalgamates neocolonial development, Hindu nationalism, and the absence of legislation to protect local Indigenous populations.

Karine Gagné is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Guelph. Her research work is based in the Indian Himalayas, where she studies a range of issues, including climate change, ethics of care, human-animal relations, conservation, state production, citizenship, and climate knowledge. She is the author of *Caring for Glaciers: Land, Animals, and Humanity in the Himalayas*, published by the University of Washington Press, for which she was awarded the James Fisher Prize. She is currently leading two projects funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and which are based in Zaskar, Ladakh, and Spiti.

## FILM SCREENING:

### **Ningwasum**

*Subash Thebe Limbu (Visual Artist and Filmmaker)*

Developed from extensive ethnographic research, the science fiction documentary *Ningwasum* places the Indigenous Yakthung community from eastern Nepal in a futuristic space travel scenario. *Ningwasum* is centered around two Indigenous astronauts and time travelers from an alternative future, in which a Yakthung nation coexists with other nations and allies that have created their own advanced technology. The film explores concepts of time, memory, and belonging as well as experiences of colonization and cultural erasure. It imagines a future in which Indigenous people have asserted their identities through the use of technology, a creative space that film maker Subash Thebe calls "Adivasi Futurism." Filmed mostly in the Himalayas including the Wasanglung region of eastern Nepal, which is believed to be the shamanic home of the Yakthung people, *Ningwasum* is spoken entirely in the Yakthung language and weaves oral narratives, animation, and electronic music into its storytelling. It features Subin Limbu and Shanta Nepali as time travelers from the future.

Subash Thebe Limbu is a Yakthung visual artist based in Kathmandu, Nepal and London, United Kingdom. Working with film, sound, performance, and painting, he draws on science and speculative fiction to address Indigenous struggles resulting from the effects of colonization and climate change. Subash also produces *Antariksa*, a series of podcasts that explores current socio-political issues in Nepal and the Himalayan region.

Subash graduated with an MA in Fine Art from Central Saint Martins at the University of the Arts London (2016), where he received an UAL Vice Chancellors International Scholarship. He also holds a BA in Fine Art from Middlesex University and an Intermediate in Fine Art from Lalit Kala Campus in Kathmandu.

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## SESSION #1

09:00-10:30

Room 1

### **Revisiting the Frontier: Colonial Legacies and Lived Realities in Himalayan Border-Worlds I**

Chair: *Galen Murton (James Madison University)*

Bhutan, Sikkim, and India's 'Mongolian Fringe'

*Swati Chawla (O.P. Jindal Global University)*

Friendship and International Relations in the Himalayas: Bhutan and Beyond

*Nitasha Kaul (University of Westminster)*

The Ghost of the Disappeared Tibetan State: How Tawang became a Flashpoint in China-India Border Disputes

*Dibyesh Anand (University of Westminster)*

A New Monastic Geographicity? Buddhist Tourist Circuits in the Indian Himalaya

*Swargajyoti Gohain (Ashoka University)*

Room 2

**Himalayan Art Connecting Asia: The Legacy of John C. Huntington (1937-2021) I**

Chair: Sarah Richardson (University of Toronto)

Lute, Sword, Snake, and Parasol: The Study of Representations of the Four Great Kings in China and its Tibetan Connections  
Tianshu Zhu (University of Macau)

Deconstructing Buddhism: Exploring Evidence of Early Vajrayāna Practices by the Paṭola-Śāhi Dynasty  
Rebecca Twist (Pacific University)

Virupa in the Deccan: Parsing Vajrayana and Nath Sampradaya Legacies at Panhale-Kaji  
David Efurd (Wofford College)

A Teacher of Enlightenment: Memories of John C. Huntington  
Kimberly Masteller (The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art)

Room 3

**Social and Physical Geographies of Climate Change I**

Chair: John Metz (Northern Kentucky University)

Climate Change and Environmental Issues: A Case Study of Himachal Pradesh (India)  
Jagbir Singh (Swami Shraddhanand College)

The Impact of a Changing Climate in the Himalayan Region: A Case Study of Leh (Ladakh), India  
Gagan Deep (Ramesh Chand Institute of Management)

Climate Change and Water Scarcity: A Case Study of Leh, Ladakh  
Tashi Lhundup (University of Ladakh)

Climate Change and its Impacts on Medical Plants in the Himalayan Region  
Tenzin Dolma (Men-Tsee-Khang)

Room 4

**Trade, Exploration, and Coloniality across Himalayan Frontiers**

Chair: Stefan Lueder (Humboldt University Berlin)

Travel Writings and the Colonial Representation of 'Others:' Society, Religion, and Customs in Early Western Travel Writings on Ladakh  
Fida Hussain (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Guiding the Way: Local Knowledge and Colonial Representations of Himalayan Frontiers  
Suraj Kushwaha (Ashoka University)

On the Margins of Coloniality: Traversing Travails in the Great Trigonometrical Survey of the Himalayas  
Lucky Sharma (Central University of Himachal Pradesh), Kanwar C. Singh (Central University of Himachal Pradesh)

A Study of the Transportation Routes between the Tibetan Kingdom and ban 'jag nag po  
Sanggey Tondrup (Tibet University)



Trilateral Trade Relationships: Imperial British, China, and Tibet in the 19th Century  
Norbu Lhagyal (*Rashtriya Raksha University*)

Room 5

**Migration and Transnational Futures I**

Chair: *Sienna Craig (Dartmouth College)*

Migration and the Future of Aging in Place  
*Geoff Childs (Washington University), Sonam Lama (Independent Architect and Urban Planner)*

The Story of Ghost Villages in the Lower Himalayan Region: Augmenting Ecological and Security Vulnerabilities in the Region?  
*Tanushree Malakar (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

Transnational Futures: Aspirations of the Lahure Life  
*Sanjay Sharma (National University of Singapore)*

Being, Belonging, and Community-Making in Transnational Spaces: A Case Study of Nepali Students as Transient Immigrants in Canada  
*Amrita Gurung (Concordia University)*

Room 6

**Religion and Culture I: Connecting across Space and Time**

Chair: *Lauren Leve (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)*

Sacred Trees and Chaityas: How an Old and New Worldview Meet  
*Dmytro Markov (A. Yu. Krymskyi Institute of Oriental Studies)*

The Oneness of Geo-Ecology, Communities, and Cultures along the Kali/Mahakali River  
*Shekhar Pathak (People's Association for Himalaya Area Research, PAHAR)*

The Divine as Child and Mother Goddess: On the History and Practice of Kunwarikā Devī Worship in the Gharwal Himalaya  
*Vineet Gairola (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad), Shubha Ranganathan (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad)*

The Dusshera of Kullu: A Unique 'Site' for the Assimilation of Cultures  
*Sujata Chaudhary (McGill University), Tarun Thakur (Himachal Pradesh University)*

Interfaith Veneration of the Virgin Mary in the Himalaya  
*Joseph Evans (Villanova University)*

Room 7

**The Promises and Perils of Himalayan Infrastructures I**

Chair: *Katharine Rankin (University of Toronto)*

China's Trans-Himalaya Project: A Tibetan Perspective  
*Tashi Yangzom (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

The Promises and Perils of Highland Infrastructures: A Comparative Perspective of the Eastern and Western Himalayas  
*Archana Pathak (Indian Institute of Technology Mandi)*

Roads, Bridges, and Tunnels in the Mountains: National (In)Security across Indian Himalayan Regions  
*Stanzin Lhaskyabs (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

Toward the Dust: Life around the Un-dead Infrastructures of the Indo-Nepal Border  
*Prince Tomar (Tallinn University)*

“Riding Public Vehicles is Like Fighting in the Battlefield:” Experiences of Young Women Users of Urban Public Transportation Systems in the Kathmandu Valley  
*Sujata Thapa-Bhattarai (University of Toronto)*

## COFFEE BREAK

10:30-11:00

## SESSION #2

11:00-12:30

Room 1

### **Revisiting the Frontier: Colonial Legacies and Lived Realities in Himalayan Border-Worlds II**

Chair: *Arjun Sharma (KU Leuven)*

Geographies of Securitization across Himalayan Borderlands  
*Nadine Plachta (University of Toronto)*

Apportioning Scarcity and Abundance in Dolpo Geographies  
*Logan Emlet (Yale University)*

Becoming a “Revenue Village:” Colonial Frontier-Making and its Legacies in a Himalayan Borderland Community  
*Arjun Sharma (KU Leuven)*

Infrastructural Affects: Making Territories with Roads and Towns across Himalayan Frontiers  
*Galen Murton (James Madison University)*

Room 2

### **Himalayan Art Connecting Asia: The Legacy of John C. Huntington (1937-2021) II**

Chair: *Sarah Richardson (University of Toronto)*

Lessons from the Field: Considerations for the Future of Himalayan Art History  
*Kerry Lucinda Brown (Savannah College of Art and Design)*  
Marking Impermanence: The Life of the Object in Sonam Dolma Brauen’s Conceptual Art  
*Sarah Magnatta (University of Denver)*

Temples of Local Color: Representations of Taiwanese Identity  
*Christina Wei-Szu Burke Mathison (Ohio State University)*

Sometimes Legends Are True: Reflecting on John Huntington's "Buddhist Art, Theory, and Development" Seminar Almost Two Decades Later  
Sarah Richardson (University of Toronto)

Room 3

**Social and Physical Geographies of Climate Change II**

Chair: Milan Shrestha (Arizona State University)

Himalayan Environmental Crisis: Comparing THED and Climate Change  
John Metz (Northern Kentucky University)

Cultural and Religious Perceptions of Climate Change among the Tarali Community of Dolpa, Nepal  
Jag Bahadur Budha (Tribhuvan University)

How Individuals are Fighting Climate Change in Uttarakhand  
Arpita Chakrabarty (Cornell University)

Climate Change in the Hindukush Himalayan Region: Regime Building and the Role of Middle Power  
Suprita Suman (Independent Scholar)

Room 4

**Natural Resources and Local Livelihoods in the Broader Himalayan Region**

Chair: TBA

Cannabis Futures in the Indian Himalayas  
Prasenjeet Tribhuvan (Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur)

The Role and Status of Local Institutions in the Management of Traditional Farming Systems: A Case Study from Kharu Block, Ladakh  
Padma Ladon (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Situating the Terai in the Context of the Uttarakhand Himalayas: Imaginaries, Aspirations, and Contradictions  
Lakshyayog (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Trophy Hunting in the Himalaya: Conflicts between Local People and the State in the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve, Nepal  
Jhakendra Gharti Magar (Tribhuvan University), Dharendra Gharti Magar (Tribhuvan University), Sher Jung Thapa (Bharatpur Hospital)

What Does Natural Farming in the Indian Himalayas Tell Us About Post-Colonial Agriculture Science Research and Extension?  
Syed Shoaib Ali (Ambedkar University)

Room 5

**Migration and Transnational Futures II**

Chair: Geoff Childs (Washington University)

The Career Choices of Nepalese Migrants' Children in Japan  
Masako Tanaka (Sophia University)

From Everest Summiteer to Taxi Driver: Sherpa as a Translocal Himalayan Community Based on International Migration from Nepal to the United States  
*Ornella Puschiasis (INALCO)*

The Nepali Diaspora and Housing Politics in the U.S.  
*Andrew Nelson (University of North Texas)*

The Meaning of Housing and Land Ownership for Bhutanese-Nepali Refugees in the United States: A Creative Non-Fiction Approach to Storytelling about Refugees and Home  
*Kathryn Stam (SUNY Polytechnic Institute)*

Room 6

**Religion and Culture II: Environment and Sacred Geographies**

Chair: *Frances Garrett (University of Toronto)*

"The Gods Must Be Angry:" A Study of Sacred Geography, Buddhist Belief, Environmental Implications in the Langtang Valley, Nepal  
*Ananta Hallahan (Rangjung Yeshe Institute)*

Surroundings and Agro-Pastoralist Harmonizing with the Help of Buddhist Ritual Practices and Local Deities' Offerings in the Highland Settlement of Zangrak (Kermi) Village in Northwestern Nepal  
*Sagar Lama (ICIMOD)*

The Legacy of Local Deities and Contemporary Livelihood Strategies in the Hepka Valley, Nepal  
*Pema Chhoiki Lama Tamang (Tribhuvan University)*

Himalayan Futures Between Religion and the Environment: The Case of the Boat on the Buddhist Sacred Lake  
*Lauren Leve (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill)*

Room 7

**The Promises and Perils of Himalayan Infrastructures II**

Chair: *Katharine Rankin (University of Toronto)*

Check Dams, Resource Management, and Socioeconomic Development in the Shivalik Hills of India  
*Elizabeth Chacko (George Washington University), Rabir Kang (Kennesaw State University)*

Constructing the Frontier: State-Making and Development Strategies in the Himalayan Borderlands of Arunachal Pradesh  
*Shubhanginee Singh (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

The Promise of Roads: An Exploration of the Political Economy of Infrastructures along India's Northwestern Borders  
*Priya Bose (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi)*

Roads, Futures, and Environmental Precarity in the Eastern Himalayas  
*Suchismita Das (Ahmedabad University)*

Spatial Congestion in an Urban Town of Darjeeling: A Sociological Perspective  
Rubina Thapa (North Eastern Hill University)

## LUNCH

12:30-14:00

## SESSION #3

14:00-15:30

Room 1

### **Pathways of Tourists and Mobile Professionals in the Himalayas**

Chair: Roger Norum (University of Oulu)

Alternative Community in the Himalayas: 'Responsible Community' or Tourists with a Twist?  
Yadav, Vijalakshmi (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Tourism, Climate Change, and COVID-19: A Case Study from Mustang, Nepal  
Emily Amburgey (University of British Columbia), Tashi Gurung (Arizona State University),  
Sienna Craig (Dartmouth College)

Tourism Livelihoods and Socioecological Adaptation on Nepal's Tamang Heritage Trail  
Ian Bellows (Cornell University)

The Chronopolitics of Expatria: Other(ed) Time in a Community of Mobile Professionals  
Roger Norum (University of Oulu)

Room 2

### **Controversies on Sacred and Impure Blood**

Chair: Chiara Letizia (Université du Québec à Montréal), Christoph Emmrich (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Janice Boddy (University of Toronto)

Once and Future Bleeding: Women, Priests, and Texts in Newar Preemptive Menstrual Rites  
Christoph Emmrich (University of Toronto)

Blood as Conceptualized in Menstrual Education in Nepal  
Solenne Hamon-Fafard (Concordia University)

Blood Sacrifice in the Discourse of Judicial Activism in Nepal: The Case of Gadhimai mela  
Chiara Letizia (Université du Québec à Montréal)

Blood is for Demons: The Rise of Daivik Shakti Neo-Shamanism in Pokhara  
Marie Lecomte-Tilouine (CNRS)

Room 3

### **Roundtable: Envisioning a Just and Plural Climate Change Science for the Himalaya**

Chair: Constanza Rampini (San José State University)

Participants: Ritodhi Chakraborty (University of Canterbury), Andrea Nightingale (University of Oslo), Hemant Ojha (University of Canberra), Ornella Puschiasis (INALCO), Pasang Yangjee Sherpa (University of British Columbia)

Room 4

**Youth Participation in Practices of Care and Recovery**

Chair: *Dinesh Paudel (Appalachian State University)*

Mapping Social Media Use Among Youth Organizations Post-2015 Earthquake  
*Phoenix Kenney (University of Cambridge)*

Landscape(s) of Resilience: Himalayan Youth Mobilization Initiatives During Disasters  
*Adrian Ashaf Khan (University of Toronto)*

Volunteering as Empathy-Based Activities during the Nepal 2015 Earthquake  
*Sanae Ito (Kyoto University)*

'Self-Manifestation:' Understanding Young People's Blood Donation Practices and Ideas of Distinction in the Small Town of Shimla in North India  
*Nilanjana Sen (University of Melbourne)*

Room 5

**Chronicles of Refugees, Exile Communities, and Divided Families across the Himalayas**

Chair: *Carole McGranahan (University of Colorado Boulder)*

The Chronicles of Exile: A Generational Perspective of a Tibetan Community-in-Exile  
*Swati Condrolli (Panjab University)*

Refugees in "Indigenous" Ethno-Federal Borderlands  
*Noel Mariam George (Indian Institute of Technology Madras)*

A Refugee Forever: Bhutanese Refugees in Camps at the End of Resettlement  
*Lopita Nath (University of the Incarnate Word)*

Partition of India: Fractured Narratives of Divided Families in Ladakh, India  
*Sonam Joldan (University of Ladakh)*

Room 6

**Bhutanese Futures: Tensions, Preparations, and Prospects**

Chair: *Ariana Maki (University of Virginia)*

A Case Study on Climate Change and its Effects on Himalayan Nations  
*Sonam Deki (Royal University of Bhutan)*

Facing Time and Change: A Case Study of Sumthrang Monastery in Central Bhutan  
*Sonam Nyenda (University of Virginia)*

Impacts of Nationalism and Regional Influences on the Political Transitions of Bhutan and Nepal  
*Deki Peldon (Royal University of Bhutan)*

Educating for a Bhutanese Future: Examining Educational Dimensions of Bhutanese Expatriate Life in New York  
*Matthew Robinson (University of Virginia)*

## COFFEE BREAK

15:30-16:00

## KEYNOTE II

16:00-17:30

### **Taming India's Northernmost Border: Ecologies of Violence, Care, and Resistance in the Himalayas**

*Karine Gagné (University of Guelph)*

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## BREAKFAST

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## SESSION #4

09:00-10:30

Room 1

### **Securitization and Violent Encounters across Himalayan Borderlands**

Chair: TBA

Reimagining the Paradise  
*Tehneet Abbas (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

Entanglements: Hydroviolence, Loss and Migration in Himalayas  
*Rahul Ranjan (Oslo Metropolitan University)*

Postcolonial Himalayas: Complex Indigeneities and the Discourse of Competing Victimhoods in Kashmir  
*Nitasha Kaul (University of Westminster)*

Militarized Mountains and the Radicalized Development of Infrastructure in the HKH Region: A Security Dilemma between National Interests and Environmental Concerns  
*Abhiroop Singh (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*  
China and India's Push for the Brahmaputra River: A Catastrophe in the Making  
*Kumar Purusottam (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

Room 2

**Borderlands, Livelihoods, and Identities**

Chair: *Zarina Urmanbetova*

Geopolitical Multilayers of Cross Border Trade: Borders and Regions of Northeast India  
*Jublee Handique (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

Struggle for Existence in the Era of Spatial Expansion: A Case Study of the Endangered Umla Village in the Trans-Himalayan Region of Ladakh  
*Dolma Skalzang (Central University of Punjab)*

Borders and the Challenges of Identification  
*Chimet Ladol (University of Ladakh)*

Identity, Livelihood, and Traditional Occupations in Humla under the Threat of Modernization Efforts  
*Yubaraj Lama (Tribhuvan University)*

The Cross-Himalayan Trade of Medicinal Plants in the Nepal-China Borderlands  
*Arjun Chapagain (City University of Hongkong)*

Room 3

**Herding in the Himalayan Contemporary: Continuity, Change, Uncertainty, Possible Futures I**

Chair: *Austin Lord (Cornell University)*

Herding Morphologies in the Langtang Valley: Disaster, Climate Change, and Unsettled Moral Ecologies  
*Austin Lord (Cornell University)*

Roots and Routes of Pastoral Displacement: A Multiscale Analysis of the Genesis and Implementation of the Grazing Ban in Sikkim, Eastern Himalaya  
*Rashmi Singh (Ambedkar University Delhi)*

Agencies of the Present: Landscape-Making and the Herders of Lower Mustang, Nepal  
*Dane Carlson (Principia College)*

From Shelter to Touristic Site: The 'Gothstay' Concept and Changing Notions of Yak and Yak Herding in the Nepal Himalaya  
*Jiban Mani Poudel (Tribhuvan University)*

Room 4

**Roundtable: Decolonizing Himalayan Studies: How, Where, Why, Who, and When?**

Chair: *Ritodhi Chakraborty (University of Canterbury)*

Participants: *Mabel Denzin Gergan (Vanderbilt University), Mark Turin (University of British Columbia), Pasang Yangjee Sherpa (University of British Columbia), Shangrila Joshi (Evergreen State College)*



Room 5

**Reaching for High Peaks: Mountaineering, Neoliberalism, and Identity**

Chair: Roger Norum (*University of Oulu*)

The Sherpa Vocation in Nepal  
Gulati Medhavi (*Panjab University*)

Climbing for Credit: Reciprocity, Neoliberalism, and Wage Structures in the Himalayan Mountaineering Industry  
Young Hoon Oh (*University of California Riverside*)

The Whiteness of Mount Everest  
Peter Hansen (*Worcester Polytechnic Institute*)

The Construction of Sherpa Identity in Darjeeling: A Sociological Study of the Sherpas of Lamba Dara Busty  
Rinzing Ongmu Sherpa (*Jawaharlal Nehru University*)

Room 6

**Roundtable: Working Across Disciplines: Socioenvironmental and Sociotechnical Interfaces in Himalayan Research**

Chair: Katie Oven (*Northumbria University*), Discussant: Meredith Reba (*Yale University*)

Participants: Jeevan Baniya (*Social Science Baha*), Anudeep Dewan (*University of British Columbia*), Katie Oven (*Northumbria University*), Nick Rosser (*Durham University*), Surya Narayan Shrestha (*NSET*)

Room 7

**Spatiotemporalities and/of Infrastructures in the Indian Himalaya I**

Chair: Rohit Negi (*Ambedkar University*)

Negotiating the 'Waterless' City: Discursive, Situated, and Embodied Dimensions of Water Crises in Shimla, India  
Yaffa Truelove (*University of Colorado Boulder*), Naomi Hazarika (*University of Colorado Boulder*)

Temporal Tunnels: Exploring Shifting Spatiotemporal Rhythms at the Rohtang Tunnel  
Kesang Thakur (*Himachal Pradesh University*), Anu Sabhlok (*Indian Institute of Science Education and Research*)

City on a Hill: A Historical Spatial Ecology of Water Scarcity in Shimla  
Ankur Parashar (*Ambedkar University*)

Dam(n)ed Landscape: Large-scale Infrastructures and Disrupted Ecosystems in the Himalaya  
Ashim Kumar Manna (*KU Leuven*)

**COFFEE BREAK**

10:30-11:00

## SESSION #5

11:00-12:30

Room 1

### **Tibetan Histories: Past and Present**

Chair: TBA

Perceptive Apparatus and Intricacy of Tibet (Mongol) and Ladakh (Mughal) War  
Tsetan Namgyal (*Jawaharlal Nehru University*)

Two Ways to be Sovereign  
Ugyen Choedup (*Pennsylvania State University*)

Present-Past Dogs and Vulture of Cultural Revolution in Contemporary Tibetan Art  
Gendun Gyatso (*Jawaharlal Nehru University*)

Cultural Memories of the 6th Dalai Lama in Contemporary Tawang  
Jamphel Soepa (*Dzongsar Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Institute*)

Room 2

### **Representing Himalayan Pasts and Futures through Art and Literature**

Chair: Sarah Richardson

Shift in Visions: Studies of Early Photography in the Hill Kingdoms of Punjab Province and  
Adjacent Areas 1860-1930  
Ankana Sen (*Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad*)

Nepali Climate Fiction and Future-Making  
Evan Tims (*Henry Luce Foundation*)

Where is Shangri-La? Imagining Kathmandu in Film  
Dikshya Karki (*Heidelberg University*)

Circulating Desires: Tourism, Instagram, and Landscapes Photography in Kumaon (India)  
Damini Pant (*University of California San Diego*)

Room 3

### **Herding in the Himalayan Contemporary: Continuity, Change, Uncertainty, Possible Futures II**

Chair: Dane Carlson (*Principia College*)

Against the Tide: The Future of Transhumant Herders in the Kailash Sacred Landscape  
Binaya Pasakhala (*ICIMOD*)

When Climate Precarity Meets Political Precarity: A Case of Tibetan Refugee Nomads from  
Ladakh, India  
Tenzin Yangkey (*University of Arizona*)

Hired Herding and the Future of Pastoralism: A Case from the Western Himalayas  
Aayushi Malhotra (*BITS-Pilani*)  
A Multispecies Agropastoral Ecology Facing Disembeddedness in Limi, Nepal  
Tara Bate (*University of Zürich*)

Room 4

**Roundtable: Pedagogies and Practices for Nepal and Himalayan Studies**

Chair: Galen Murton (*James Madison University*)

Participants: Heather Hindman (*University of Texas Austin*), Shangrila Joshi (*Evergreen State College*), Todd Lewis (*College of the Holy Cross*), Ariana Maki (*University of Virginia*), Carole McGranahan (*University of Colorado Boulder*), Andrew Quintman (*Wesleyan University*), Tseten Tsepak (*University of Colorado Boulder*)

Room 5

**The Politics of Labor in the Himalayas and Beyond**

Chair: TBA

The Future? A Phenomenological Approach to Understanding the Dialectics of Caste and Sanitation Workers in Darjeeling and Pokhara  
Amit Balmiki (*Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad*)

Transforming Caste into Networks for Business Opportunities: A Case Study from the Meat Industry in Nepal  
Kanakano Nakagawa (*Otemon Gakuin University*)

Heat in the Anthropocene: Living, Laboring, and Dying as Migrant Workers in the Middle East  
Nirvan Pradhan (*Jawaharlal Nehru University*)

Socio-Economic Transformations and Cloth Formation: A Case Study of Dhaka Cloth in the Singalila Borderlands  
Yuko Takamichi (*Kyoto University*)

Room 6

**Re-Indigenizing Research in the Himalayas**

Chair: Amelia Hall (*Naropa University*), Anne Parker (*Naropa University*)

Attending to Sacred Place through the Lens of Indigenous Science  
Anne Parker (*Naropa University*)

Storytelling on the Environment: An Alternative Approach to Research, Knowledge Exchange, and Community Building  
Jenny Bentley (*University of Zurich*), Minket Lepcha (*Filmmaker*)

Restorative Approaches to Interspecies Relations in the Himalayas  
Amelia Hall (*Naropa University*)

Indigenous Knowledge, Gender, and Climate Change in Nepal  
Sangita Thebe Limbu (*University College London*)

Room 7

**Spatiotemporalities and/of Infrastructures in the Indian Himalaya II**

Chair: Anu Sabhlok (*Indian Institute of Science Education and Research*)

What's Your Status? Water Infrastructure in Urban Mountain Towns  
Rinan Shah (*Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment*)

The Seasonal Town: Emergent Spatiotemporalities in the Urbanizing Himalaya  
Rohit Negi (Ambedkar University)

Fixity, Friction, and Temporality: Infrastructure in the Eastern Himalayan Town of Kalimpong  
Anisa Bhutia (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

Walled Anticommons within Overused Commons: A Dual Tragedy in Spiti Valley, India  
Surajit Chakravarty (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi)

## LUNCH

12:30-14:00

### ANHS General Meeting

## SESSION #6

14:00-15:30

Room 1

### **Himalayan Linguistic Futures: Language as Expressive Practice, Learning, and Survivance I**

Chair: Mark Turin (University of British Columbia)

Implementation of Linguistic Rights in Nepal  
Anudeep Dewan (University of British Columbia)

The Oral-Written Interface within Tibetan Buddhism  
Patrick Dowd (University of British Columbia)

Language Borders and Linguistic Boundary-Making in the Himalayas  
Maya Daurio (University of British Columbia)

Translanguaging as Transknowledging: Linguistic Practices and Epistemic Diversities in  
Nepal Bhasha Schools in Nepal  
Uma Pradhan (University College London), Prem Phyak (The Chinese University of Hong  
Kong)

Misframing sacētanā: Epistemic Injustice, Deficit Ideology, and 'Mother Tongue' Education  
Policy in Nepal  
Prem Phyak, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Room 2

### **Roundtable: Dalit Rights Activism in the US and Canada**

Chair: Sujata Thapa-Bhattarai (University of Toronto)

Participants: Kaushila Bishwakarma (Sahayatra), Santosh Biswakarma (Sahayatra), Prem  
Pariyar (Sahayatra), Sunam Paudel (Sahayatra)

Room 3

**Himalayan Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration**

Chair: TBA

Valuation of Ecosystem Services from an Important Wetland of Nepal: A Study from the Begnas Watershed System  
*Shivaraj Thapa (Beijing Forestry University)*

Need for Awareness Programs in the Nepali Education System about the Relationship between Underground Water and Ecosystem  
*Dinesh Kumar Yadav (Model Multiple College)*

The Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Himalayan Chure Region through Bamboo  
*Apsana Kafle (University of Alberta), Shyam Paudel (UNEP)*

Diverging Viewpoints on Cordyceps Harvesting and its Ecological Impacts: A Q-Method Study and Survey of Cordyceps Harvesters in the Himalayas  
*Suraj Upadhaya (Iowa State University)*

“Ek pokhari, ek ghar, or: One (Fish) Pond for one Household:” Reproduction of Socio-Spatial Inequities Induced by the Commodification of Pond-Related Water in the Nepalese Plains  
*Caroline Sarrazin (University of Paris Nanterre)*

Room 4

**Democracy and the State in the Himalayas I**

Chair: *Nilanjana Sen (University of Melbourne)*

Crafting Indigenous Futures through ‘Traditional Democracy:’ Tharu Activism in Contemporary Western Nepal  
*Tatsuro Fujikura (Kyoto University)*

Digging up the Dirt: Democracy and the Local News Media in a Border Town  
*Kristen Zipperer (Harvard University)*

Shrinking Political Spaces of Regional Parties in Assam’s Sixth Schedule Areas  
*Michael Islay (Institute for Social and Economic Change)*

Room 5

**Religion, Markets, and Modernity**

Chair: *Todd Lewis (College of the Holy Cross)*

Monasteries, Monks, and Markets in Spiti: The Political Economy of Social Change in India’s Himalayan Borderlands  
*Aniket Alam (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad)*

Nepal’s Attempts to Regulate the Movement of Children to Monasteries in an Era of Child Rights  
*Deborah Parkes (University of Ottawa)*

“The Marriage that Never Happened:” The Reconstitution of Religion in Modernizing Kinnaur  
*Aman Kant Panta (IIIT Hyderabad), Alam Aniket (IIIT Hyderabad)*

Lamenting Food: Visions of Cultural Change Among the Brogpa of Ladakh  
*Aleksandar Bogdanov (Sofia University), Proletina Robova (Sofia University)*

Room 6

**Disaster, Response, and Reconstruction**

Chair: *Dinesh Paudel (Appalachian State University)*

Aftermath: The Long-Term Sustainability of Civic Technology after Disasters  
*Shreyasha Paudel (University of Toronto), Robert Soden (University of Toronto)*

COVID-19 and Technological Interventions in Nepal: The Mobilization of Civic Technologies as a Rapid Response to the Pandemic  
*Maya Daurio (University of British Columbia)*

Catastrophe, Continuity, and Change: Reconstructing Heritage in Bhaktapur, Nepal  
*Vanicka Arora (Western Sydney University)*

Assessment of Disaster Preparedness Among Women in the Lower Himalayan Region  
*Babita (Ramesh Chand Institute of Management)*

**COFFEE BREAK**

15:30-16:00

**SESSION #7**

16:00-17:30

Room 1

**Himalayan Linguistic Futures: Language as Expressive Practice, Learning, and Survivance II**

Chair: *Prem Phyak (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)*

Language Shaming among Ethnic Minoritized Students and Teachers in Nepali Schools  
*Pramod Sah (The Open University)*

Multiple Conceptualizations of Tibetan Languages in Chone  
*Bendi Tso (University of British Columbia)*

Glossaries for the Gods and Other Users: The Newar Online Dictionary Project  
*Christoph Emmrich (University of Toronto)*

Digital Libraries of the Himalayas: Forms and Politics of Knowledge Production  
*Aarjav Chauhan (University of Toronto), Robert Soden (University of Toronto)*

Room 2

**Roundtable: Project Himalayan Art: Developing Resources for Integrating Himalayan Culture into Teaching on Asia**

Chair: *Elena Pakhoutova (Rubin Museum of Modern Art), Karl Debreczeny (Rubin Museum of Modern Art)*

Participants: *Karl Debreczeny (Rubin Museum of Art), Elena Pakhoutova, (Rubin Museum of Art), Annabella Pitkin (Lehigh University), Andrew Quintman, (Wesleyan University), Kerry Lucinda Brown (Savannah College of Art and Design)*

Room 3

**Roundtable: Youth Deliberation on Post-Federalism and Political Culture in Nepal**

Chair: *Thomas O'Neill (Brock University)*

Participants: *Sandhya Acharya (Mahila Pahila), Kanchan Jha (Sano Paila), Samrat Katwal (Hands-On Institute), Brabim Kumar KC (UNDP-UNESP), Bijaya Raj Poudel (Hands-On Institute), Kalawati Rai (Rural Enterprise and Remittances Project)*

Room 4

**Democracy and the State in the Himalayas II**

Chair: *Kristen Zipperer (Harvard University)*

*Dzumsa' as Vessels of Economic Security and Preservation of Culture and Ecology: Understanding Traditional Local Self-Governance in Sikkim  
Sangay Lachenpa (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

*Human-Centric and Nature-Friendly Development: A Struggle of a Civil Movement  
J.B. Biswokarma (Independent Scholar)*

*Maternal Health Services in Upper Dolpa, Nepal: Factors Influencing Women's Decisions  
Tsering Wangmo (University of Washington)*

Room 5

**Religion and Political Change in the Himalayas**

Chair: *TBA*

*The Prospects for Indian Style Hindutva in Nepal  
Richard Bownas (University of Northern Colorado)*

*A Tale of Three Shrines: On Spirit Possession, Ontological Doubt, and Precarious Lives in Nepal  
Ina Zharkevich (University of Oxford)*

*Angun Bédang: Religious Revival, Tribal Enlightenment, and Futurities in the Indo-Chinese Borderlands  
Shweta Krishnan (George Washington University)*

Room 6

**Roundtable: Infrastructures of Democracy: The Book Project**

Chair: Katharine Rankin (University of Toronto)

Participants: Pushpa Hamal (University of Toronto), Shyam Kunwar (Independent Scholar), Lagan Rai (Tribhuvan University Biratnagar), Tulasi Sigdel (Nepal Administrative Staff College)

**FILM SCREENING**

18:00-19:30

**Ningwasum**

Subash Thebe Limbu (Visual Artist and Filmmaker)

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

**BREAKFAST**

08:30-9:00

**SESSION #8**

09:00-10:30

Room 1

**Himalayan Histories from Below**

Chair: Stefan Lueder (Humboldt University Berlin)

Re-analyzing the Nepali State: An Adivasi Janajati Perspective from Eastern Nepal  
Abhijit Dihidar (Goreswar College)

“Glorious History of Bishwakarma Caste:” Explicating Historically Neglected People of Nepal  
Tek Biswokarma (Independent Scholar)

“From Gallis and Nanis to the Allies of Halin:” The Footsteps of the Global Newah Movement  
Daya Shakya (World Newah Organization)

Cultural Safety under the Shadows of Dominant Hindu Traditions in the Himalayan Foot Hills  
Drona Rasali (University of British Columbia)

Room 2

**Himalayan Masculinities I**

Chair: Ritodhi Chakraborty (University of Canterbury)

“Sitting:” Understanding Upper Caste Youth Agency on a University Campus in the Small Town of Shimla in North India  
Nilanjana Sen (University of Melbourne)



TBA  
Deepa Joshi (Coventry University)

State, Science, and Engineering in the Tarai: Hegemonic Masculinity and Race Reworked  
'from within' in Nepal, 1880s-2010s  
Janwillem Liebrand (Utrecht University)

Room 3

**Workshop: Flash Ethnography Workshop: Himalayan Conversations**

Chair: Sienna Craig (Dartmouth College), Carole McGranahan (University of Colorado Boulder)

Participants: Emily Amburgey (University of British Columbia), Ishani Dasgupta (University of Pennsylvania), Anudeep Dewan (University of British Columbia), Aidan Seale-Feldman (University of Notre Dam), Tenzing Wangdak (UC Irvine)

Room 4

**Power, Performance and Ritual in the Himalayas**

Chair: Chiara Letizia (Université du Québec à Montréal)

Reading Sovereignty as a Theme in the Life of the 10th Shamarpa  
Lara Braitstein (McGill University)

The Tibetan Cult to the Lords of the Earth in Nepal: The Case of the *srid pa'i* Bon and Other  
Bon Rites Propitiating Stellar and Elemental Deities Known as the *sa bdag*  
Marc Desjardins (Concordia University)

Gods, Ghosts, and Godlings: Some Implications of the 'Divine Hierarchy' in the Central  
Himalayas  
John Leavitt (Université de Montréal)

Power in Performance, Power of Performance: Reflecting on the Evolution of Doing Fieldwork  
among Tibetan Opera Artists over the Last Three Decades  
Isabelle Henrion-Dourcy (Université Laval)

Room 5

**Values of Education I**

Chair: Karen Valentin (Aarhus University)

Simultaneously in Public and Private Schools: The Dynamics in Play behind Enrollment  
"Anomaly"  
Lokranjan Parajuli (Martin Chautari), Devendra Uprety (Martin Chautari), Pratyoush Onta  
(Martin Chautari)

Values of 'Quality Education?' Blurred Public-Private Boundaries in State-Run Schooling in  
Nepal  
Uma Pradhan (University College London)

Actors and Networks in the 'Aidland': An Analysis of the Value of Interpersonal Relations in  
Aid Work in the Nepali Educational Sector  
Rajeshwar Acharya (Aarhus University)

Complexities of Locating the “Community” in Some Urban “Community Schools”  
Shyam Kunwar (Independent Scholar), Pratyoush Onta (Martin Chautari), Devendra Uprety  
(Martin Chautari)

Room 6

**Reckoning with New Uncertainties on a Himalayan Scale I**

Chair: *Austin Lord (Cornell University)*

Cryospheric Reckonings: Climate Injustice, Epistemological Entanglement, and Responsible  
Climate Science in the Wake of the Langtang Disaster  
*Austin Lord (Cornell University)*

Floods, Distributed Agency, and Speculative Futures of the Terai  
*Dane Carlson (Principia College)*

Unruly Mountains: Hydropower Assemblages and Geological Surprises in the Indian  
Himalayas  
*Saumya Vaishnava (Pennsylvania State University)*

The Politics of Sand and Riverbed Extraction in Nepal  
*Manoj Suji (Concordia University)*

Room 7

**Postcolonial Nomadic Livelihoods in India and Pakistan**

Chair: *TBA*

The Impact of Market Exposure on Economic Security and Social Capital: Empirical Evidence  
from a Pastoral-Nomadic Community in Changthang, Ladakh  
*Adina Ara (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

Ethnography and Nomadic Deterritories: Towards an Anthropology of Swat Pathans of the  
Himalayas  
*M.N. Nimal (Delhi University)*

Intersections of Colonialism and Covid-19 within Nomadic Lives: Nation-State Machinations  
and Pastoralism within the Gujjar and Bakkarwal Tribes of Jammu and Kashmir  
*Afreen Faridi (Jawaharlal Nehru University)*

The Land Question of the Himalayas: The Monyu Case in Western Arunachal Pradesh, India  
*Ru-Yu Lin (University of Sussex)*

**COFFEE BREAK**

10:30-11:00

## SESSION #9

11:00-12:30

Room 1

### **Explorations of Identity and Politics in Literature and Poetry**

Chair: Pushpa Acharya

Reincarnation of a Rebel: Rituals for the Future in Subedi's Bruised Evenings and Sarubhakta's "Thangla – Cold Desert Story"  
*Jiva Nath Lamsal (University of Sydney)*

Buddhist Values and Practices as "Everyday Nationalism:" A Case Study of Vegetarianism, Non-Sectarianism, and Pilgrimage in Shabkar's (1781-1851) Autobiography  
*Rachel Pang (Davidson College)*

En-gendering *gling sgrung*: Representation of Women and Social Mobility in the Gesar Epic  
*Kunlyab Pasang (Sarah College for Higher Tibetan Studies)*

Local Environments and Transnational Modernities in the Auto/biographies of Adzom Drukpa  
*Learned Foote (Rice University)*

Room 2

### **Himalayan Masculinities II**

Chair: Nilanjana Sen (University of Melbourne)

Contoured Masculinities: Exploring the Mutual Construction of Gender and Infrastructure on Himalayan Roads  
*Anu Sabhlok (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research)*

Gettin' Drunk and Hanging Out at State Stadium: An Ethnography of Men-of-Middle-Adulthood in Dimapur, Nagaland  
*Matthew Wilkinson (Australian Government Department of Education)*

"Who can save drowning men?" Transforming Relationships with Alcohol, Intergenerational Masculinities, and Place-Making in Uttarakhand  
*Ritodhi Chakraborty (University of Canterbury)*

Room 3

### **Roundtable: HIMALAYA: The Future Role of the ANHS Journal as a Medium for Knowledge Production**

Chair: Stefan Lueder (Humboldt University Berlin)

Participants: Mona Bhan (Syracuse University), David Citrin (University of Washington), Sienna Craig (Dartmouth College), Ishani Dasgupta (University of Pennsylvania), Michael Heneise (Arctic University of Norway), Jeevan Sharma (University of Edinburgh), Mark Turin (University of British Columbia)

Room 4

**Recasting the Northeastern Himalayas: Rewriting Histories of Lived Experiences**

Chair: *Shangrila Joshi (Evergreen State College)*

Race and the Question of National Identity in India  
*Roluahpuia (Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee)*

Vulnerability and Resilience: Climate Change and the 'Deep Ecology' of the Zos of Northeast India  
*Samuel Ngaihte (Manipur University)*

Urban, Rural, and the Himalayan Hills: Landscape Connectivity and Governance  
*Michael Lunminthang Haokip (Ambedkar University)*

Climate Change and its Impact on Eastern Himalayan Yaks Focusing on Sikkim  
*Sanghamitra Choudhury (Bodoland State University)*

Understanding the Creation of Migrant Borderland Geographies in the Center  
*Shivangi Kaushik (University of Oxford)*

Room 5

**Values of Education II**

Chair: *Karen Valentin (Aarhus University)*

Our Land, Our Life: The 'Value' of a Holistic Educational Initiative in Uttarakhand  
*Mohini Gupta (University of Oxford)*  
What is Happening to/in Public Schools during the Post-2015 Transition?  
*Pratyoush Onta (Martin Chautari), Lokranjan Parajuli (Martin Chautari), Devendra Uprety (Martin Chautari), Rukh Gurung (Martin Chautari)*

Literacy Development in the Himalayas as a Social Change  
*Mark Condra (Tribhuvan University)*

Room 6

**Reckoning with New Uncertainties on a Himalayan Scale II**

Chair: *Austin Lord (Cornell University)*

Insurgent Geologies and Sustaining Hope in Uncertain Times  
*Mabel Gergan (Vanderbilt University)*

Glacial Outburst Flood Risks and Societal Predicament  
*Milan Shrestha (Arizona State University)*

Rediscovering and Re-connecting the Old Rivulets and Water Bodies of Boudha, Kathmandu Valley  
*Minket Lepcha (Filmmaker)*

**LUNCH**

12:30-14:00