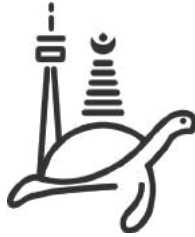
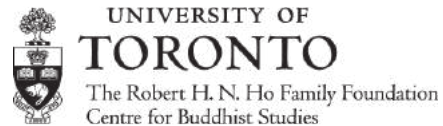


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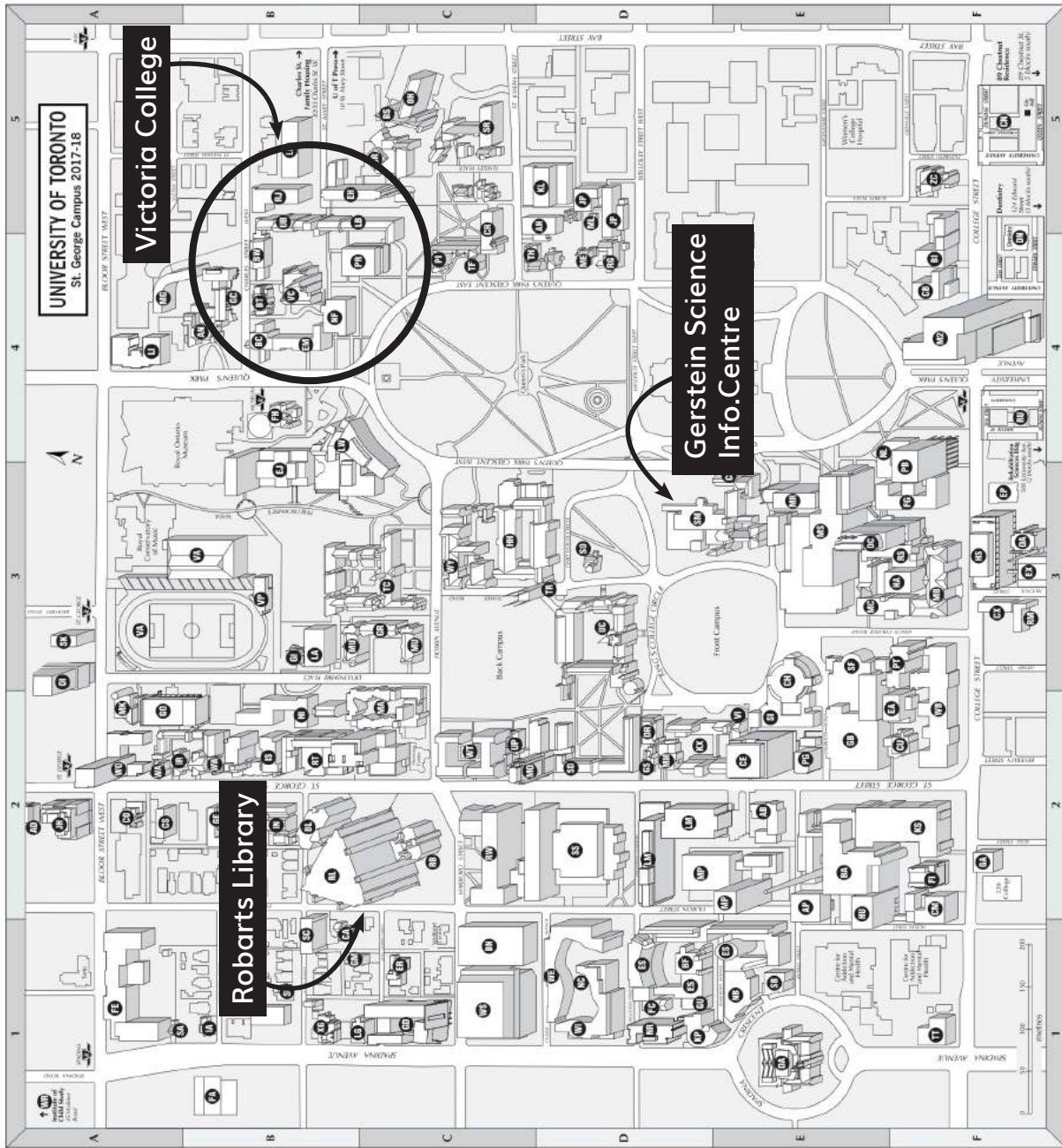
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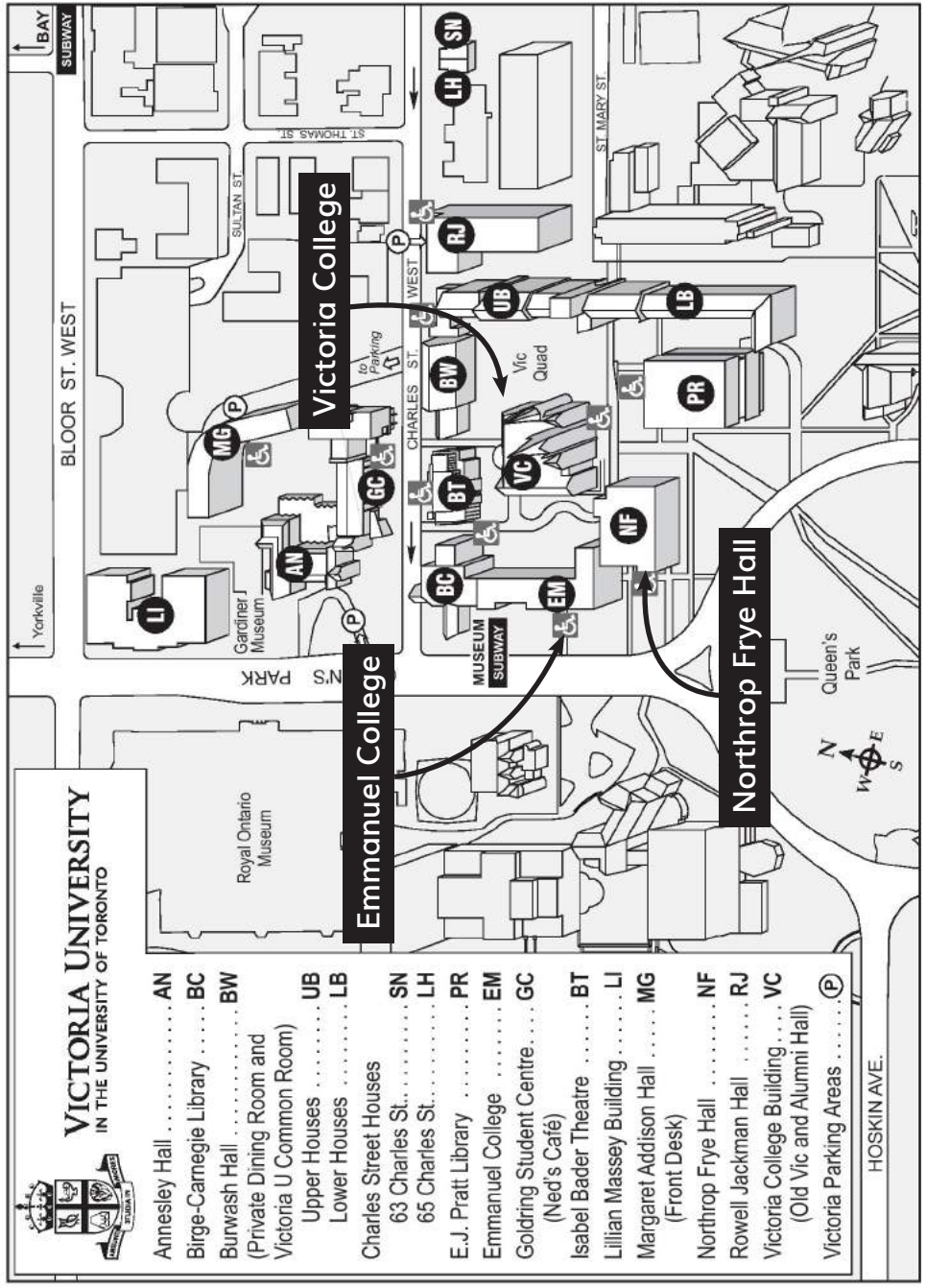
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Since Toronto Public Health and the University of Toronto do not require masks at this time, we will not enforce a mask mandate during the conference. Please read the latest [Covid-19 Planning Update](#) for more information on how U of T is planning for a safe, gradual return to campus.

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We expect that all conference participants have kept up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and refrain from attending if feeling ill. The [Ontario Self-Assessment](#) provides you with recommendations on what to do next if you are unwell. The registration desk will also stock some testing kits for use on site if needed.

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- Almond Butterfly Bakeshop & Cafe, 100 Harbord St.

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- Tim Hortons, 246 Bloor St. & 700 University Ave. (Donuts/Sandwiches)
- Fat Bastard Burrito Co., 187 College St. (Burritos)
- Ghazale, 4 Walmer Rd. (Middle Eastern)
- Zaad, 348 Bloor St. (Middle Eastern)
- MeeTYou Cafe, 177 College St. (Chinese/Bubble Tea)
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Registration 12:00	Registration
Field Trip 13:00	Tibetan Art Works at the Royal Ontario Museum (For Pre-Registered Attendees Only)
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

	Room VC 101	Room VC 115	Room VC 215	Room NF 006	Room EM 105	Room EM 119/VC 212
Registration 08:00						
Breakfast 08:30-09:00						
Sessions 1 09:00-10:30	Himalayan Linguistic Futures: Language as Expressive Practice, Learning, and Survivance I	Himalayan Art Connecting Asia: The Legacy of John C. Huntington (1937-2021) I	Migration and Transnational Futures	Postcolonial Nomadic Livelihoods in India and Pakistan	Religion and Culture I: Connecting across Space and Time	Revisiting the Frontier: Colonial Legacies and Lived Realities in Himalayan Border-Worlds I
Coffee Break 10:30-11:00						
Sessions 2 11:00-12:30	Himalayan Linguistic Futures: Language as Expressive Practice, Learning, and Survivance II	Himalayan Art Connecting Asia: The Legacy of John C. Huntington (1937-2021) II	Chronicling Migrants, Refugees, and Exile Communities across the Himalayas	Bhutanese Futures: Tensions, Preparations, and Prospects	Religion and Culture II: Environment and Sacred Geographies	Revisiting the Frontier: Colonial Legacies and Lived Realities in Himalayan Border-Worlds II
Lunch 12:30-14:00						
Sessions 3 14:00-15:30	Pathways of Tourists and Mobile Professionals in the Himalayas	Controversies on Sacred and Impure Blood	Climate Change, Natural Resources and Local Livelihoods in the Himalayas	Envisioning a Just and Plural Climate Change Science for the Himalaya	Representing Himalayan Pasts and Futures through Art and Literature	Pedagogies and Practices for Nepal and Himalayan Studies
Coffee Break 15:30-16:00						
Keynote II 16:00-17:30		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

	Room VC 101	Room VC 115	Room VC 206	Room VC 211	Room VC 212	Room VC 215
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Breakfast 08:30-09:00						
Sessions 4 09:00-10:30	Spatiotemporalities and/of Infrastructures in the Indian Himalaya I	Herding in the Himalayan Contemporary I	Values of Education I	Borderlands, Livelihoods, and Identities	Working Across Disciplines: Socioenvironmental and Sociotechnical Interfaces in Himalayan Research	Recasting the Northeastern Himalayas: Rewriting Histories of Lived Experiences
Coffee Break 10:30-11:00						
Sessions 5 11:00-12:30	Spatiotemporalities and/of Infrastructures in the Indian Himalaya II	Herding in the Himalayan Contemporary II	Values of Education II	The Politics of Labor in the Himalayas and Beyond	Re-Indigenizing Research in the Himalayas	Project Himalayan Art: Developing Resources for Integrating Himalayan Culture into Teaching on Asia
Lunch 12:30-14:00						
Sessions 6 14:00-15:30	Democracy and the State in the Himalayas	Disaster, Response, and Reconstruction	Youth Deliberation on Post-Federalism and Political Culture in Nepal	Religion, Markets, and Modernity	Decolonizing Himalayan Studies: How, Where, Why, Who, and When?	Reaching for High Peaks: Mountaineering, Neoliberalism, and Identity
Coffee Break 15:30-16:00						
Meeting 16:00-17:30	ANHNS General Meeting					
Film 18:00-19:30	Ningwasum Subash Thebe					

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

	Room VC 101	Room VC 115	Room VC 206	Room VC 211	Room VC 212	Room VC 215
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Breakfast 08:30-09:00						
Sessions 7 09:00-10:30	Reckoning with New Uncertainties on a Himalayan Scale I	Himalayan Masculinities I	Flash Ethnography Workshop: Himalayan Conversations	Trade, Exploration, and Coloniality across Himalayan Frontiers	Power, Performance, and Ritual in the Himalayas	The Promises and Perils of Himalayan Infrastructures I
Coffee Break 10:30-11:00						
Sessions 8 11:00-12:30	Reckoning with New Uncertainties on a Himalayan Scale II	Infrastructures of Democracy: The Book Project	HIMALAYA: The Future Role of the ANHS Journal as a Medium for Knowledge Production	Himalayan Histories from Below	Explorations of Identity and Politics in Literature and Poetry	The Promises and Perils of Himalayan Infrastructures II
Lunch 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.

Mona Bhan's keynote presentation will be followed by a discussion from Galen Murton, Assistant Professor in the Geography Program at James Madison University.

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.

Pasang Yangjee Sherpa, Assistant Professor of Lifeways in Indigenous Asia at the University of British Columbia, will join us as a discussant for Karine Gagné's keynote.

Room NF 003

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.

100 Queens Park

FIELD TRIP

Royal Ontario Museum

A special pre-conference behind-the-scenes tour of Tibetan art works not presently on public display at the Royal Ontario Museum:

For conference participants in Toronto who may be here earlier than the conference starts on Thursday afternoon, there is an opportunity for a limited number (up to 15 participants) to visit the special objects, thangka paintings, and manuscripts in the Tibetan collections of the Royal Ontario Museum. This special group tour will be led by Sarah Richardson from the Department of Historical Studies at the University of Toronto. It will start at 1pm on Thursday October 13, with guests asked to meet at the ROM staff entrance, 100 Queens Park.

To reserve your spot on the tour, please contact Sarah Richardson at sarah.richardson@utoronto.ca, as soon as possible, and before Monday October 10 at 5pm.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

REGISTRATION

12:00

Room VC 213

WELCOME & KEYNOTE I

15:00-17:30

Weathering the Occupation: Meteorological Wars and Climate Contestations
in Kashmir

Mona Bhan (Syracuse University)

Room VC 112

RECEPTION

18:00-22:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

REGISTRATION

08:00

BREAKFAST

08:30-9:00

SESSION #1

09:00-10:30

Room VC 101

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)

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 VC 105

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 Patola-Śāhi Dynasty

Rebecca Twist (Pacific University)

Virupa in the Deccan: Parsing Vajrayana and Nath Sampradaya Legacies at Panhale-Kaji

David Eford (Wofford College)

A Teacher of Enlightenment: Memories of John C. Huntington

Kimberly Masteller (The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art)

Room VC 215

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)

Transnational Futures: Aspirations of the Lahure Life

Sanjay Sharma (National University of Singapore)

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)

Being, Belonging, and Community-Making in Transnational Spaces: A Case Study of Nepali Students as Transient Immigrants in Canada

Amrita Gurung (Concordia University)

Room NF 006

Postcolonial Nomadic Livelihoods in India and Pakistan

Chair: *Verena La Mela (University of Fribourg)*

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)

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 Monyul Case in Western Arunachal Pradesh, India

Ru-Yu Lin (University of Sussex)

Room EM 105

Religion and Culture I: Connecting across Space and Time

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

Interfaith Veneration of the Virgin Mary in the Himalaya

Joseph Evans (Villanova University)

The Divine as Child and Mother Goddess: On the History and Practice of Kunwarikā Devī Worship in the Garhwal Himalayas

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)

Angun Bédang: Religious Revival, Tribal Enlightenment, and Futurities in the Indo-Chinese Borderlands

Shweta Krishnan (George Washington University)

Room EM 119

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

Chair: *Galen Murton (James Madison University)*

Friendship and International Relations in the Himalayas: Bhutan and Beyond

Nitasha Kaul (University of Westminster)

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

Swati Chawla (O.P. Jindal Global University)

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)

COFFEE BREAK

10:30-11:00

SESSION #2

11:00-12:30

Room VC 101

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 VC 105

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 VC 215

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

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

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

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)

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

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

Room NF 006

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)

Room EM 105

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)

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)

Sacred Trees and Chaityas: How an Old and New Worldview Meet

Dmytro Markov (A. Yu. Krymskyi Institute of Oriental Studies)

Room EM 119

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)

LUNCH

12:30-14:00

SESSION #3

14:00-15:30

Room VC 101

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 VC 105

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 VC 215

Climate Change, Natural Resources, and Local Livelihoods in the Himalayas

Chair: *Dinesh Paudel (Appalachian State University)*

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

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

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)

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

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

Room NF 006

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 EM 105

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 VC 212

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)*

COFFEE BREAK

15:30-16:00

KEYNOTE II

16:00-17:30

Room VC 213

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

Karine Gagné (University of Guelph)

MEETING

18:00-19:30

Room N 108, North Building, Munk School for Public Policy and Global Affairs,
1 Devonshire Place
Canadian Himalaya Initiative

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

REGISTRATION

08:00

BREAKFAST

08:30-9:00

SESSION #4

09:00-10:30

Room VC 101

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

Anu Sabhlok (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research), Kesang Thakur (Himachal Pradesh University)

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)

Room VC 115

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 VC 206

Values of Education I

Chair: *Karen Valentin (Aarhus University)*

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 (Martin Chautari), Pratyoush Onta (Martin Chautari), Devendra Uprety (Martin Chautari)

Room VC 211

Borderlands, Livelihoods, and Identities

Chair: *Verena La Mela (University of Fribourg)*

Reimagining the Paradise

Tehneet Abbas (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Postcolonial Himalayas: Complex Indigeneities and the Discourse of Competing Victimhoods in Kashmir

Nitasha Kaul (University of Westminster)

Partition of India: Fractured Narratives of Divided Families in Ladakh, India

Sonam Joldan (University of Ladakh)

Struggle for Existence in the Era of Spatial Expansion: A Case Study of the Endangered Umla Village in the Trans-Himalayan Region of Ladakh

Skalzang Dolma (Central University of Punjab)

Geopolitical Multilayers of Cross Border Trade: Borders and Regions of Northeast India

Jublee Handique (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Room VC 212

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

Chair: *Katie Oven (Northumbria University)*, Discussant: *Karen Seto (Yale University)*

Participants: *Jeevan Baniya (Social Science Baha)*, *Anudeep Dewan (University of British Columbia)*, *Nick Rosser (Durham University)*, *Surya Narayan Shrestha (NSET)*, *Mukta Tamang Lama (Tribhuvan University)*

Room VC 215

Recasting the Northeastern Himalayas: Rewriting Histories of Lived Experiences

Chair: *Shangrila Joshi (Evergreen State College)*

Vulnerability and Resilience: Climate Change and the 'Deep Ecology' of Zos in 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)

COFFEE BREAK

10:30-11:00

SESSION #5

11:00-12:30

Room VC 101

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)

Room VC 115

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

Chair: *Dane Carlson (Principia College)*

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 VC 206

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 VC 211

The Politics of Labor in the Himalayas and Beyond

Chair: *Verena La Mela (University of Fribourg)*

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

Kanako 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 VC 212

Re-Indigenizing Research in the Himalayas

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

Restorative Approaches to Interspecies Relations in the Himalayas

Amelia Hall (Naropa University)

TBA

Natalie Avalos (University of Colorado Boulder)

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)

Indigenous Knowledge, Gender, and Climate Change in Nepal

Sangita Thebe Limbu (University College London)

Room VC 215

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: *Kerry Lucinda Brown (Savannah College of Art and Design), Annabella Pitkin (Lehigh University), Andrew Quintman, (Wesleyan University)*

LUNCH

12:30-14:00

SESSION #6

14:00-15:30

Room VC 101

Democracy and the State in the Himalayas

Chair: *Nilanjana Sen (University of Melbourne)*

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

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

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

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

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

Room VC 115

Disaster, Response, and Reconstruction

Chair: *Milan Shrestha (Arizona 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)

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)

Room VC 206

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

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

Participants: *Sandhya Acharya (Mahila Pahila), Samrat Katwal (Hands On Institute), Pradip Pariyar (Samata Foundation), Bijaya Poudel (Hands On Institute)*

Room VC 211

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 VC 212

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 VC 215

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)

COFFEE BREAK

15:30-16:00

MEETING

16:00-17:30

Room VC 213

ANHS General Meeting

FILM SCREENING

18:00-19:30

Room NF 003

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Subash Thebe Limbu (Visual Artist and Filmmaker)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

BREAKFAST

08:30-9:00

SESSION #7

09:00-10:30

Room VC 101

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)

Room VC 115

Himalayan Masculinities

Chair: *Ritodhi Chakraborty (University of Canterbury)*

State, Science, and Engineering in the Tarai: Hegemonic Masculinity and Race Reworked
'from within' in Nepal, 1880s-2010s

Janwillem Liebrand (Utrecht University)

"Sitting:" Understanding Upper Caste Youth Agency on a University Campus in the Small
Town of Shimla in North India

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 VC 206

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 VC 211

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)

A Study of the Transportation Routes between the Tibetan Kingdom and *ban 'jag nag po*

Sanggye Tondrup (Tibet University)

Room VC 212

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 Des Jardins (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 VC 215

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)

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)

Spatial Congestion in an Urban Town of Darjeeling: A Sociological Perspective

Rubina Thapa (North Eastern Hill University)

COFFEE BREAK

10:30-11:00

SESSION #8

11:00-12:30

Room VC 101

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)

Room VC 115

Infrastructures of Democracy: The Book Project

Chair: *Katharine Rankin (University of Toronto)*, Discussant: *Mukta Tamang Lama (Tribhuvan University)*

Roads, Political Imaginaries, and State Building in Nepal
Katharine Rankin (University of Toronto)

Changing Dynamics of Labor Relations and Public Dynamics on Road Building in the Lowlands of Morang District, Nepal
Lagan Rai (Tribhuvan University)

Road Development and Dodges of Contracting Practices in Dolakha, Nepal
Shyam Kunwar (Martin Chautari)

Road Imaginaries and Road Building Modalities in Nepal: An Ethnographic Exploration of Everyday Administration in Mugu District
Tulasi Sigdel (Nepal Administrative Staff College), *Pushpa Hamal (Independent Researcher)*

Room VC 206

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 VC 211

Himalayan Histories from Below

Chair: *Verena La Mela (University of Fribourg)*

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)

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

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

Room VC 212

Explorations of Identity and Politics in Literature and Poetry

Chair: *Pushpa Acharya (University of Toronto)*

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
Kunkyab Pasang (Sarah College for Higher Tibetan Studies)

Local Environments and Transnational Modernities in the Auto/biographies of Adzom Drukpa

Learned Foote (Rice University)

Cultural Memories of the 6th Dalai Lama in Contemporary Tawang

Jamphel Soepa (Dzongsar Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Institute)

Room 215

The Promises and Perils of Himalayan Infrastructures II

Chair: *Sujata Thapa-Bhattarai (University of Toronto)*

The Promise of Roads: An Exploration of the Political Economy of Infrastructures along India's Northwestern Borders

Priya Bose (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi)

Check Dams, Resource Management, and Socioeconomic Development in the Shivalik Hills of India

Elizabeth Chacko (George Washington University), Rabir Kang (Kennesaw State University)

Roads, Futures, and Environmental Precarity in the Eastern Himalayas

Suchismita Das (Ahmedabad University)

The Promises and Perils of Highland Infrastructures: A Comparative Perspective of the Eastern and Western Himalayas

Archana Pathak (Indian Institute of Technology Mandi)

LUNCH

12:30-14:00

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