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Building Global Scholarly Network and Knowledge Sharing
How?

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• Amartya Sen (1998 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics)
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A Himalayan Focus on
Development, Democracy, Conflict and the Environment

Amartya Sen on this century’s challenges:
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The Nepal Study Center at the University of New Mexico is dedicated to fostering intellectual collaboration and sharing knowledge with a dedicated focus and wider perspective on the political economy of Himalayan states and societies.

The Center is focusing on five areas for development.

Building Research Capacity

Establishing research capacity, recruiting and mentoring graduate students, conducting public policy research, promoting collaborative research, conducting and coordinating visitship programs and publishing NSC Working Paper Series.
Focus on

- Development, democracy, conflict and the environment
- South Asian Region: Nepal, Himalayan region, and the countries in South Asia with a focus on cross-country analyses

Development broadly defined to include: health, education, environment, natural resources, regional trade, education, ethnic and gender discrimination, poverty, trafficking, child labor, migration, domestic and foreign employments, information technology.....
NSC Initiatives

- Research, Training, and Visitorship
- Journal Publications
- Conferences, e-Seminars, and Workshops
- Policy Research Paper Repository
- Research & Educational Collaborations
Research, Training, and Visitorship

Research Room: (4 computers and software --Arc-GIS, STATA, SAS, GAUSS etc.)

- Students: five doctoral students from Nepal, 2 from Bangladesh, 4 American students, 1 new student from India showing interest to come
- Post-docs (1 application from McMaster sponsored)
- Visiting fellows (1 application from Nepal sponsored)

Political Science and Economics Department have provided partial GS help for NSC for the last 4 semesters.
Journal Publications

- Himalayan Journal of Development and Democracy (HJDD): peer reviewed academic journal focused on policy research and analysis

- Liberal Democracy Nepal Bulletin (LDNB): essays and commentaries on democracy and its relations to development, good governance, and other socio-economic factors.
Conferences, e-Seminars and Workshops

- **Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference**
  - University of Wisconsin’s South Asian Conference (e.g., October 19, 06 event)

- **e-Seminars on special topics**
  - Topics of general interest involving scholars, professionals, and policy practitioners from around the world. (e.g., State Restructuring)

- **Examples:**
  - The Center collaborated with the Liberal Democracy Nepal forum and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) in Washington, DC, to conduct a highly successful workshop in DC in October 2005. The proceedings were published and posted on the Center’s website as a special issue of the LDNB journal.
  - NSC took deep interest in Members of Diaspora’s collective work on a paper on conflict resolution:
    - Close to 30 members of the Nepali diaspora produced a paper --the Middle Ground-- that became an inaugural issue of the Liberal Democracy Nepal Bulletin e-journal. Disclaimer: Not directly produced by NSC.
  - Dr. Ram S. Mahat (Finance Minister) and Dr. Shankar Sharma (Vice-Chairman, Nepal Planning Commission) gave seminars at UNM (Oct 27 and February)
Policy Research Paper Repository

- Scholars with policy research interest on Nepal, Himalayan region, and the countries in South Asia can post their working papers on this series, which will be disseminated across the world through UNM’s Dspace open repository system.

(Under construction.)
Himalayan Policy Research Papers Archive: Information

Global Scholarly Network of Himalayan Policy Research

Nepal Study Center at the University of New Mexico is dedicated to fostering policy research, intellectual collaboration, and knowledge sharing with a focus on a wider perspective on development, democracy, conflict, and the environment. It aims to promote scholarly global network of researchers and practitioners who are interested in the socio-economic and political economy of Himalayan states and societies in South Asia. NSC's activities include research, journal publications (HMCO and LKH), online research repository, policy debates, educational collaboration, and workshops and conferences.

Himalayan Research Papers Archive

This electronic portal provides a platform for scholars to deposit and disseminate their Himalayan related policy research work all across the globe. Researchers from around the world are urged to upload their manuscripts and working papers. For instructions, see below.

This portal links these papers to the open repository DSpace system of the University of New Mexico. The DSpace repository system is created by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to house and disseminate research all across the globe. Currently there are over a hundred universities and library systems associated with it and the number is ever expanding.

Area of research focus

This Research Repository is designed to showcase academic research work on Nepal, the Himalayan region and the countries in South Asia. We also encourage cross-country analyses.
Himalayan Policy Research Papers Archive: Browse
Himalayan Policy Research Papers Archive: Search
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2. Manuscript published under an organization
   - "Politics of Water Sharing: India, Nepal, and Bangladesh", Sandia Tiwari, Mark Twain, and Ashra Obtrone, January 2006, pp. 36, Institute for Water Policy Research, New Delhi (Show the metadata example)

3. Project report with collaboration as an author
   - "Politics of Water Sharing: India, Nepal, and Bangladesh", January 2006, pp. 36, Institute for Water Policy Research, New Delhi (Show the metadata example)

4. Published journal article

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**Title:** Investigating the Impact of Social Networks on Household Forest Conservation Effort in Rural Nepal

**Authors:** Nepal, Mani, Bohara, Alok K., Berrens, Robert P.

**Keywords:** Count data models, Forest conservation, Household survey, Nepal, Social networks

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**Abstract:** The objective of this paper is to investigate links between the strength and type of social networks, as a collective or community characteristic, and private forest conservation activity in rural Nepal. Using rural household data from the Nepal Living Standards Survey, this paper tests the effects of alternative social network (SN) indices on the number of trees planted on private land. To handle excess zeros and overdispersion in the data, we use...
Research and Educational Collaborations

- **Research & Educational Collaborations** between US/Nepali academic Institutions
  - Designing Liberal Democracy classroom experiment project (Sp. 2006) involving American students from the U. of Miami (Professor Jeff Drope)
  - Help establish a Graduate School of Economics and Public Policy (Kathmandu College of Management, Kathmandu University affiliated college)
    - Need for a 6-8 core fresh economics PhD faculty
    - Possible joint degree program with UNM

- **Faculty and institutional linkages and interest**
  - Other collaborating institutions: Texas A&M, U. of Aberdeen, UK,
  - Faculty from several universities: U. of Colorado, UNM, Texas A&M, Arizona State U., Eastern Illinois U., U. of New Haven, Central Florida U., Central Missouri State University
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Support Network

- National and international scholars from Canada, US, UK, and Nepal form a strong support group for NSC (e.g., editorial board, research network, and educational collaboration)

- Collaborating institutions: UNM, Texas A&M – Bush School of Public Policy, U. of Aberdeen (UK).

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