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Building Global
Scholarly Network
and Knowledge
Sharing

How?

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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 visitorship programs and publishing NSC Working Paper Series.



Journal Publications and Book Reviews



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

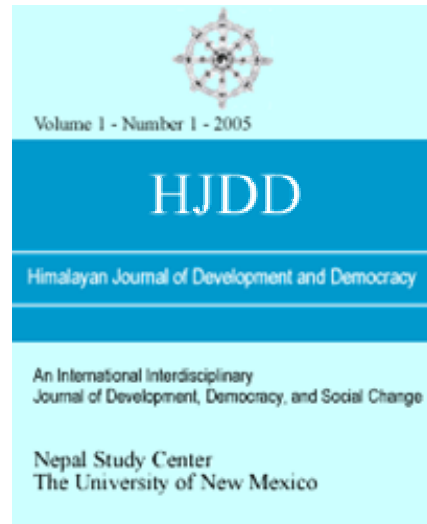
Research Room: (4 computers and software --Arc-GIS, STATA, SAS, GAUSS etc.)

- 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*

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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 and wider perspective on development, democracy, conflict, and the environment. It strives 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 (JHDD and LDNB), 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 manuscript 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 about two 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 strongly encourage cross-country analyses.

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Himalayan Policy Research Papers Archive: *Browse*

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Nepal Study Center website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://quaero.unm.edu/~justin/nsc/hrpa/browse.php>. The website header includes the Nepal Study Center logo and the text "Nepal Study Center The University of New Mexico". A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: "you are here > Himalayan Research Papers Archive > Browse". The main content area features a navigation menu with links for "Information", "Browse", "Search", "Submit", "Subscribe", and "Help". Below this menu, a prompt asks the user to "Please select the category by which you wish to browse:" with three buttons: "By Title", "By Author", and "By Date". A vertical sidebar on the left contains a list of site navigation options: Home, Objectives, Research, Graduate Studies, Visiting Fellows, NSC Working Papers, LDN Online Forum, Collaboration, Journals, Seminars, Friends of NSC, Giving, Announcements, Feedback, and Links. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications including "User bohara logged i...", "Nepal Study Center - ...", and "Microsoft PowerPoint ...", and the system clock displaying "9:06 AM".

Himalayan Policy Research Papers Archive: *Search*

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the search page of the Himalayan Research Papers Archive. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://quaero.unm.edu/~justin/nsc/hrpa/search.php>. The page header includes the Nepal Study Center logo and the text "The University of New Mexico". A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: "you are here > Himalayan Research Papers Archive > Search".

The main content area features a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Objectives, Research, Graduate Studies, Visiting Fellows, NSC Working Papers, LDN Online Forum, Collaboration, Journals, Seminars, Friends of NSC, Giving, Announcements, Feedback, and Links. The search interface includes a "Simple Search" section with a text input field and a "Go" button. Below it is an "Advanced Search" section with a "Search type:" dropdown menu set to "Keyword", a "Search for:" input field, and two additional rows of "AND" dropdown menus followed by "Keyword" dropdowns and input fields. "Search" and "Clear" buttons are located at the bottom of the advanced search section.

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Himalayan Policy Research Papers Archive: *Submit*

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The website header includes the Nepal Study Center logo (a circular emblem with a compass rose) and the text "Nepal Study Center The University of New Mexico". A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: "you are here > Himalayan Research Papers Archive > Submit".

The main content area is titled "Himalayan Research Papers Archive" and features a navigation menu with the following links: [Information](#), [Browse](#), [Search](#), [Submit](#), [Subscribe](#), and [Help](#). There is also a link for "DSpaceUNM Log In".

The "Submit" page provides instructions for manuscript submission:

- You can submit your manuscript by following a few simple steps.
- First, please provide your name and email address so we can track your submission and inform you when it has been accepted and published.

There are two input fields for "Your name:" and "Your email address:", both highlighted in yellow. A "Begin Submission" button is located below these fields.

A **Caution** note states: "While uploading the manuscript you must follow a simple format (e.g., author's name, title, date, key words). This facilitates the search engine to find your work in a most efficient manner." Below this, it notes: "Some formatting examples are given in the HELP section of this repository."

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows Start button, the user "User bohara logged i...", and several open applications: "Nepal Study Center - ...", "Microsoft PowerPoint ...", and the system clock showing "9:09 AM".

Himalayan Policy Research Papers Archive: *Subscribe*

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the website for the Nepal Study Center at The University of New Mexico. The address bar shows the URL: <http://quaero.unm.edu/~justin/nsc/hrpa/subscribe.php>. The page title is "Nepal Study Center - Himalayan Research Papers Archive - Microsoft Internet Explorer".

The website header includes the Nepal Study Center logo and the text "Nepal Study Center The University of New Mexico". A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: "you are here > Himalayan Research Papers Archive > Subscribe".

The main content area is titled "Himalayan Research Papers Archive" and features a navigation menu with links for "Information", "Browse", "Search", "Submit", "Subscribe", and "Help". A "DSpaceUNM Log In" link is also present.

The primary heading is "Subscribe to the Himalayan Research Papers Archive". Below this, the text asks: "Would you like to be notified as new items are added to the archive?". It then explains: "Subscribe to the Himalayan Research Papers Archive through UNM's DSpace repository and receive email updates as new items are added to this collection."

A **Note** states: "You do not need to subscribe to view or submit items in the HRPA."

The page is divided into two sections: "Already registered with DSpaceUNM?" and "New Member?".

Already registered with DSpaceUNM? This section includes a link to "[Log In](#) to subscribe or unsubscribe from the HRPA mailing list."

New Member? This section includes a link to "[Register](#) with DSpaceUNM so that you can subscribe to the HRPA." It also provides instructions: "After submitting your email address, you will receive a confirmation email with a link through which you can complete your registration with DSpaceUNM. Then you can return to the HRPA **Subscribe** page and log in with your DSpace password to subscribe to the HRPA."

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications (User bohara logged i..., Nepal Study Center - ..., Microsoft PowerPoint ...), and the system tray with the time 9:13 AM.

Himalayan Policy Research Papers Archive: *Help*

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the 'Nepal Study Center - Himalayan Research Papers Archive - Help' page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://quaero.unm.edu/~justin/nsc/hrpa/help.php>. The page header includes the Nepal Study Center logo and the text 'The University of New Mexico'. A navigation menu on the left lists various site sections, with 'Himalayan Research Papers Archive' selected. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail 'you are here > Himalayan Research Papers Archive > Help' and a navigation bar with links for 'Information', 'Browse', 'Search', 'Submit', 'Subscribe', and 'Help'. The 'Help' link is highlighted. The main text provides instructions for uploading manuscripts, including a list of four hypothetical working paper formats: 1. Individual research manuscript, 2. Manuscript published under an organization, 3. Project report with institution as author, and 4. Published journal article. The page concludes with contact information for the editorial team.

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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

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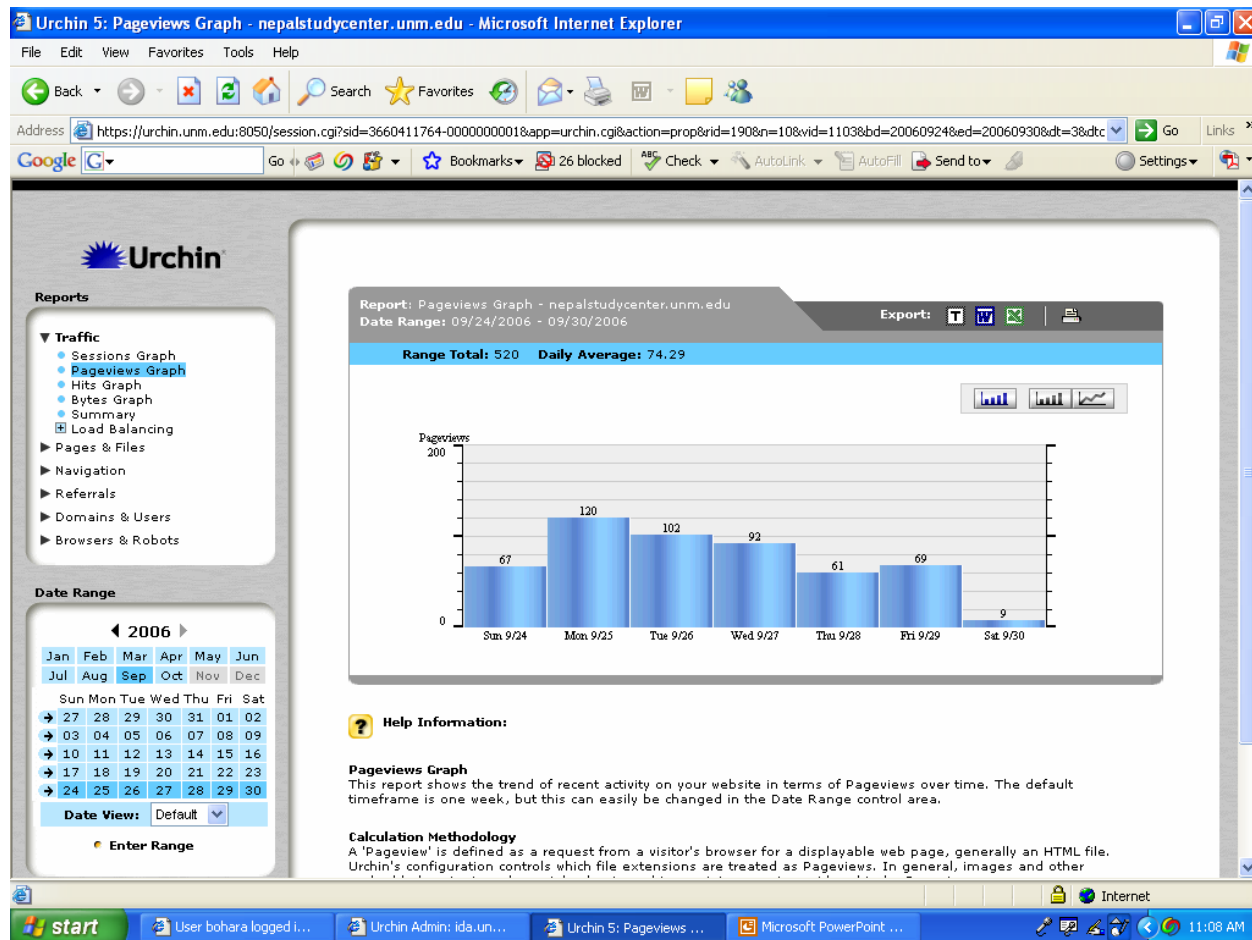
Research and Educational Collaborations

- **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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Website visiting statistics



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).
 - Affiliated Scholars' institutions: U. of Colorado, Arizona State U., Eastern Illinois U., U. of New Haven, Central Florida U., Central Missouri State University
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