

## UNM Social Sciences Building



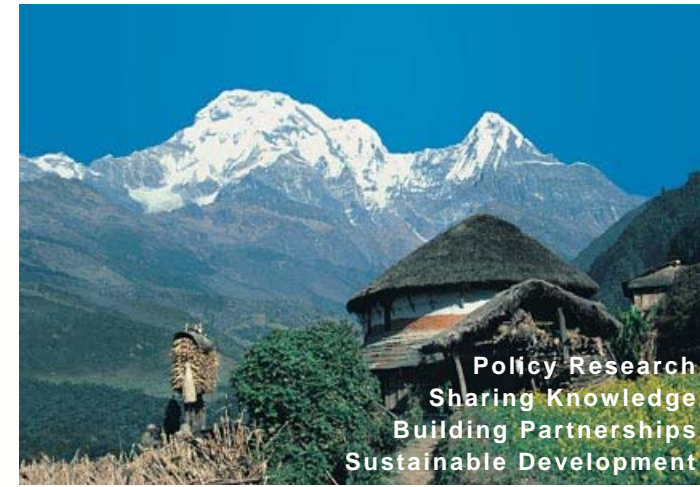
Students in the Center

Visit by Vice Chancellor from Kathmandu University

The Center recognizes the need to build institutional capacity to promote policy research, exchange of innovative ideas and knowledge sharing through global connectivity. The Center contributes to this goal through annual conferences, e-journals, e-seminars, electronic archives, and building institutional partnerships across continents. The Center also facilitates the transfer of innovative technology in sustainable development that helps fight poverty and protects the environment.



## Global Connectivity and Knowledge Sharing



Policy Research  
Sharing Knowledge  
Building Partnerships  
Sustainable Development

"In just a few years after its founding, the Center at UNM is making a significant contribution to research, academic exchange, policy analysis and debate on current developments in Nepal and the Himalayan region."

-Kul C. Gautam, Former UN Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF

## PARTNERSHIPS

Partner institutions include

- Kathmandu University
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
- South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics
- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- The National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC)
- South Asian Centre of Policy Studies (SACEPS)
- KIVA



## Nepal Study Center

with a focus on countries in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

## The University of New Mexico



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Amartya Sen, Nobel Laureate in Economics, on this century's challenges: "...it's a question of taking an adequately broad view of economics, along with its neighboring discipline, and it's also a question of paying more attention to those who are most likely to lose when a crisis hits."

# South Asia and the Himalayan Region

RESEARCH. EDUCATION. PARTNERSHIPS. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



## ABOUT THE CENTER

The Center at the University of New Mexico focuses on promoting knowledge sharing of policy research topics concerning the Himalayan Region and South Asia. It brings together scholars from North America, Europe, and other countries with those located in South Asia and the Himalayan region for joint initiatives focused on research, teaching, sustainable community development, and technology and knowledge transfer.

## NEWS

- As a result of NSC's efforts, UNM and Kathmandu University (KU) have signed an MOU to carry out joint research activities.
- NSC-UNM has opened a branch office on the KU campus.
- An MOU with International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) has made UNM a member of the 8-country Himalayan Consortium (HUC).



## RESEARCH

The Center's research program brings faculty and students from economics, political science, health and medicine, engineering, regional and community planning, ecology, and other fields. This interdisciplinary approach creates important synergies for addressing critical public policy problems.

## Focus Areas

Health—Environment—Poverty—Biodiversity—Social Capital  
Conflict—Food Security—Education—Climate Change  
Social Justice—Remittances—Energy—Water  
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

## Research Infrastructure

The Center's office at UNM has access to many critical data sets, and continues to expand its data library. The Center uses a variety of statistical packages and high powered GIS mapping tools. The Center's branch office in Kathmandu is available to facilitate various

## RESEARCH DISSEMINATION Workshops, Conferences, and E-seminars

- Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference
- Electronic Online Seminars
- Lecture series at the University of New Mexico
- Lectures and training series at NSC-UNM's KU branch office in Kathmandu

## Global Connectivity



### Electronic Peer-Reviewed Academic Journals

- Himalayan Journal of Development and Democracy (HJDD)  
*-focus on policy research issues related to the Himalayan Region and countries in South Asia*
- Liberal Democracy Nepal Bulletin (LDNB)  
*-focus on non-technical policy pieces related to governance, democracy, conflict, and social justice issues of SAARC countries*

### Himalayan research papers archive

The Center's open access research repository initiative is designed to showcase academic research work on the Himalayan Region and countries in South Asia.

### Technology transfer

The Center recognizes the importance of contributing to sustainable development in the Himalayan Region.

Projects include

- Facilitation of the KIVA microfinance network's presence in the Himalayan Region.
- Exploring the role tele-health can play in the rugged Himalayan mountains.
- Collaboration with local communities to create model villages using information technology for an integrative development approach.
- Promoting community outreach and other volunteering opportunities in Himalayan communities.



KIVA-Nepal Recipient



Himalayan Policy Research  
Conference—Madison

## EDUCATION EXCHANGE, RESEARCH AND TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

### Himalayan Study Abroad Program

"Environment and Society At the Top of the World"

Through interactions with local communities, undergraduate students from the University of New Mexico compare environmental and development concerns surrounding the Rio Grande River in New Mexico with those near the Bagmati River in The Kathmandu Valley. The exposure to Nepali culture and sustainable development activities

### Research

NSC facilitates opportunities for masters and doctoral students to conduct collaborative research, carryout field surveys, participate in internships, and conduct post-doctoral research.



### Teaching Opportunities

The Center aims to facilitate the establishment of a high quality graduate program in economics and public policy in the Himalayan Region. Doctoral students and scholars will have the opportunity to be visiting scholars and conduct research and teaching in the Region.

## DIASPORA KNOWLEDGE NETWORK

The NSC sees the vast diaspora knowledge society as an important resource of social, financial and intellectual capital, and plans to develop a Diaspora Studies Program (DSP) to promote research and analysis of this population.



UNM Provost Dr. Suzanne Ortega traveled to Nepal to sign MOUs with KU and ICIMOD.

