

UNM Social Sciences Building



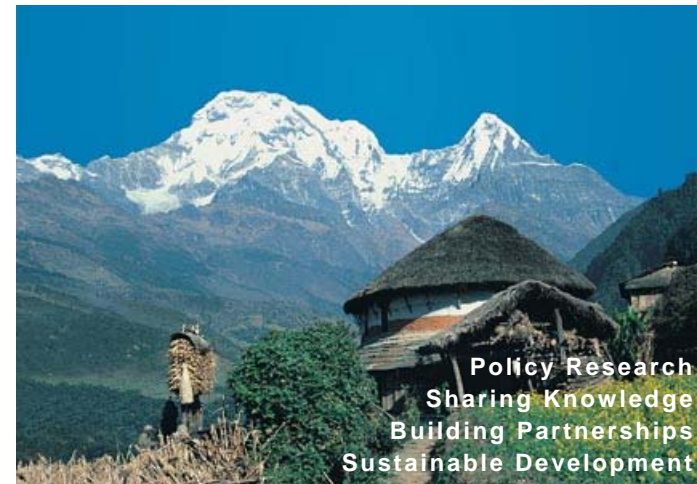
Students in the Center

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



Nepal Study Center

The University of New Mexico

PARTNERSHIPS

Partner institutions include

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



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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 American institutions and Himalayan countries for initiatives focused on research, teaching, sustainable community development, and technology and knowledge transfer.

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 activities in the region.

Electronic Journals

- Himalayan Journal of Development and Democracy (HJDD)
-peer-reviewed academic journal with a focus on policy research issues related to the Himalayan Region and countries in South Asia
- Liberal Democracy Nepal Bulletin (LDNB)
-peer-reviewed academic journal containing non-technical policy pieces focusing on governance, democracy, conflict, and social justice issues related to nations within the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Global Connectivity



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.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

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 Himalayan Region.
- Exploring the role tele-health can play in the rugged Himalayan mountains.
- Collaboration with local communities to create model villages that use information technology for an integrative development approach.
- Promoting community outreach and other volunteering opportunities in Himalayan communities.



EDUCATION EXCHANGE, RESEARCH AND TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Undergraduate Exchange

Himalayan Study Abroad Program "Environment and Society At the Top of the World"

Undergraduate students from the University of New Mexico compare environmental and development concerns surrounding the Rio Grande River in New Mexico with the Bagmati River in The Kathmandu Valley.

Students have the opportunity to

- Engage with local communities to implement sustainable development projects to create a model village.
- Understand the dynamics between people, culture, and water pollution.
- Learn about local cultural practices.

Research

The Center also facilitates opportunities for masters and doctoral students from the United States and the Himalayan Region to conduct collaborative research, carryout field surveys, participate in internships, and conduct post-doctoral research.

Teaching Opportunities

One of the Center's goals is to help establish a high quality graduate program in economics and public policy in the Himalayan Region. Doctoral students and scholars in the Center's network will have the opportunity to be visiting scholars and conduct research and teaching in the Region.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND E-SEMINARS

Dissemination of scholarly ideas through seminars, conferences, and workshops.

- Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference
- Electronic Online Seminars
- Lecture Series at the University of New Mexico

