I. Program Outline
(Version 5, October 22, 2009)

Welcome (8:40 – 8:55 a.m., Madison Ballroom)

Session 1A: Development of Marginalized Areas and Peoples: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – (Capital Ballroom A)

Chair: Udaya R Wagle, Western Michigan University, USA

1. Developing Kham: An inquiry into the use of environmental and economic history for developing policy in Tibetan Regions
   Jared Phillips, University of Arkansas, USA

2. The impact on commercial activity of road construction in the Annapurna Conservation Area, Nepal
   Michal J Bardecki, Ryerson University, Canada

3. Surviving on margins: Dilemmas of a Himalayan primitive tribe – Bhuxas over developmental paradigms in globalizing India
   Bina Saklani, HNB Garhwal University, India

4. Social and economic policies for reducing horizontal inequalities in post-conflict Nepal
   Bishwa N Tiwari, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
   Steven Archambault, University of New Mexico

Discussants: Bina Saklani (1), Jared Phillips (2), Steven Archambault (3), Michal Bardecki (4)

Session 1B: Resources and Environment-I: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Madison Ballroom)

Chair: Vinod K Bhardwaj, BBD Government PG College, India

1. Greening historic core for the mitigation of urban environmental problems of the Kathmandu Valley
   Upendra Sapkota, Ball State University, USA

2. Benefit Estimation of Water Quality Improvements in the Bagmati River: Choice Experiments
   Hari Katuwal, University of New Mexico, USA
   Alok K Bohara, University of New Mexico, USA
   Jennifer Thacher, University of New Mexico, USA

Eric Strahorn, Florida Gulf Coast University, USA

Discussants: Eric Strahorn (1), Upendra Sapkota (2), Hari Katuwal (3), Alok Bohara (3)

Nepal Study Center Presentation
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Lunch Break
11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (University Room)

Session 2A: Food, Health and Education: 1:05 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. – (Madison Ballroom)

Chair: Michal J Bardecki, Ryerson University, Canada

1. An assessment of the potential impacts of dietary norms in food consumption structure and expenditure in Nepal
   Arun KC, West Virginia University, USA
   Nilam Prasai, Regional Research Institute, WVU, USA
2. Geographic disparity in access to healthcare in Nepal
   Gyanesh Lama, Washington University, USA
3. Preparing communities for disaster management: Myths and challenges
   SM Patnaik, University of Delhi, India
   Nilika Mehrotra, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Discussants: Gyanesh Lama (1), Arun KC (2)

Session 2B: Money, Finance and Remittances: 1:05 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Capital Ballroom A)

Chair: Jeffrey Drope, Marquette University, USA

1. The Impact of microfinance and remittances on the lives of Nepali people
   Bishal B Kasu, Illinois State University, USA
2. Remittance to Nepal from foreign employment: changes and implications
   Udaya R Wagle, Western Michigan University, USA
3. Towards a South Asian common currency: Evidence from macroeconomic shocks
   Krishna Regmi, University of New Hampshire, USA
4. Indo-Nepal open international border: Challenges and management
   Vinod K Bhardwaj, BBD Government PG College, India

Discussants: Udaya Wagle (1), Vinod Bhardwaj (2), Bishal Basu (3), Krishna Regmi (4)

Coffee Break: 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. (Foyer of Madison Ballroom)
Session 3: Conflict and Political Transformations: 2:25 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (Madison Ballroom) – including 15 min coffee break at 3:15 p.m.

Chair: Eric Strahorn, Florida Gulf Coast University, USA

1. Nepali indigenous movements: Recommendations to create a ‘fully democratic’ Nepal
   Pasang Y Sherpa, Washington State University, USA

2. Civilian Conflict and Internal Displacement, Dimensions of Forced Migration in Nepal
   Prakash Adhikari, University of New Mexico, USA

3. Nuclearization of the Kashmir conflict
   Nyla A Khan, University of Nebraska-Kearney, USA

4. Son preference and gender bias: Emerging skewed demographic trend in Uttarakhand Himalaya, India
   Atul Saklani, HNB Garhwal University, India
   Bina Saklani, HNB Garhwal University, India

5. Impacts of information technology on prostitution (a scenario of conservative societies)
   Rashida Valika, SZABIST, Pakistan

Discussants: Vijaya Sharma (1), Pasang Sherpa (2), Prakash Adhikari (3), Rashida Valika (4), Nyla Khan (5)

Conference ends at 5:45 p.m.