

# Sixth Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference

## Nepal Study Center

Thursday, October 20, 2011, Concourse Hotel, Wisconsin, Madison  
Pre-conference Venue of the 40<sup>th</sup> South Asian Conference at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison

### I. Program Outline

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**Welcome (8:20 – 8:30 a.m., Capitol Room A)**

**Session 1A: Resources and Environment Forum - I: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon (Capitol Room A)**

*Chair: Michal J Bardecki, Ryerson University, Canada*

*Alternate Chair: Keshav Bhattarai, University of Central Missouri, USA*

1. A watershed conservation success story in Nepal: Land use changes over 30 years  
*Bill Fleming, University of New Mexico, USA*  
*Jeanie P Fleming, University of New Mexico, USA*
2. Stream water quality along the Annaurna Circuit, Nepal  
*Rhona Scott, Ryerson University, Canada*
3. Solid waste pollution and the environmental awareness of trekkers along the Annapurna Circuit Trek in Nepal  
*Daniele Magditsch, Ryerson University, Canada*  
*Peter Moore, Ryerson University, Canada*
4. Who pollutes? Household solid waste management problem in Kathmandu, Nepal  
*Menuka Karki, University of New Mexico, USA*

**Coffee Break: 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

5. Effectiveness of some local baits for the management of hornets in apiaries of Kathmandu Valley  
*Chet P Bhatta, Ryerson University, Canada*  
*Aananda S Tamrakar, Tribhuwan University, Nepal*
6. Climate change in the Nepal Himalayas: What we know and what we need to know  
*Mahesh R Gautam, Desert Research Institute, USA*  
*Govind Timilsina, World Bank, USA*  
*Kumud Acharya, Desert Research Institute, USA*
7. Study of ecological and social dimensions of grazing exclusion in protected forests of West Sikkim  
*Shweta Bagwat, Institute for Financial Management and Research, India*  
*Manasi Pathak, Institute for Financial Management and Research, India*  
*Vivek Venkataramani, Institute for Financial Management and Research, India*

*Discussants (Number within parentheses is the number of the assigned paper in the list above):*

*Rhona Scott (1), Menuka Karki (2), Bill Fleming (3), Daniele Magditsch (4), Mahesh R Gautam (5), Shweta Bhagwat (6), Chet P Bhatta (7)*

**Session 1B: Agriculture, Development and Poverty Forum: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon  
(Capitol Room B)**

*Chair: Pramod Kantha, Wright State University, USA*

*Alternate Chair: Mohd S Khan, Aligarh Muslim University, India*

1. Maoist calls for land reform in the "New Nepal": Are the objective constraints too long?  
*Ravi Bhandari, St. Mary's College of California, USA*
2. Examining the role of agriculture policies in poverty reduction in Nepal: A pro-poor analysis  
*Rajendra P Poudel, Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Design, West Virginia University, USA*
3. Migration, remittance, poverty and inequality: Micro-simulation for Nepal  
*Chakra P Acharya, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan*
4. Remittances and inflation in South Asia: How strong is the connection?  
*Mukti Upadhyay, Eastern Illinois University, USA*  
*Kamal Upadhyaya, University of New Haven, USA*

*Discussants (Number within parentheses is the number of the assigned paper in the list above):*

*Kamal Upadhyaya (1), Chakra P Acharya (2), Mukti Upadhyay (3), Rajendra Poudel (4)*

**Nepal Study Center Presentation & Lunch Break  
12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Session 2A: Resources and Environment Forum – II: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Capitol Room A)**

*Chair: Bill Fleming, University of New Mexico, USA*

*Alternate Chair: Mahesh R Gautam, Desert Research Institute, USA*

1. Tourists' willingness to pay for entry to the Annapurna Conservation Area, Nepal  
*Caroline Wrobel, Ryerson University, Canada*  
*Anika Kozłowski, Ryerson University, Canada*
2. Knowledge, attitude and behavior towards environmental quality  
*Hari Katuwal, University of New Mexico, USA*  
*Alok Bohara, University of New Mexico, USA*
3. Attitudes toward dam construction in the Garhwal Himalayan Region of Northern India  
*Denise Scott, State University of New York at Geneseo, USA*  
*Annapurna Nautiyal, HNB Garhwal University, India*
4. Resource rich and income poor: Payment for access to protected areas in Nepal  
*Michal J Bardecki, Ryerson University, Canada*  
*J. Michelle Cook, Ryerson University, Canada*

**Coffee Break: 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

5. How instrumental are market-based policy instruments to regulate environment?  
*Keshav Bhattarai, University of Central Missouri, USA*
6. Challenges in effective implementation of the Environmental Protection Act 1997 and Environmental Protection Rules 1997 in Nepal  
*Sudeep Devkota, Ryerson University, Canada (to be presented by Michal Bardecki)*

*Discussants (Number within parentheses is the number of the assigned paper in the list above):*

*Hari Katuwal (1), Michal J Bardecki (2), Caroline Wrobel (3), Denise Scott (4), Mahesh Gautam (5), Keshav Bhattarai (6)*

**Session 2B: Conflict, Gender, Health and Migration Forum: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
(Capitol Room B)**

*Chair: Prakash Adhikari, Central Michigan University, USA*

*Alternate Chair: Jeffrey Drope, Marquette University, USA*

1. India's role in Nepal's peace process, help or hindrance?  
*Pramod Kantha, Wright State University, USA*
2. Gender role and peace building in Nepal  
*Shashi R Regmi, University of Notre Dame, USA*
3. Dynamics of Nepali migration: Assimilation with the Assamese society - A study of Sonitpur and Tinsukia Districts of Assam  
*Monimala Devi, DDR College, India*

**Coffee Break: 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

4. Fertility Decline in Nepal: Demographic Transition, Controlled Fertility, or Unmet Socio-economic Needs  
*Neelu Panth, Center for the Acceleration of African American Business, Missouri, USA*  
*Bishwa S. Koirala, Saint Louis University, Missouri, USA*
5. What ails primary education in India? A critique of public policy  
*Ghazala Aziz, Aligarh Muslim University, India*  
*Mohd S Khan, Aligarh Muslim University, India*

*Discussants (Number within parentheses is the number of the assigned paper in the list above):*

*Shashi R Regmi (1), Monimala Devi (2), Pramod Kantha (3), Mohd S Khan (4), Bishwa S Koirala (5)*

**Conference ends at 6:00 p.m.**