Sixth Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference
Nepal Study Center
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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 Annapurna 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

   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):
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*
   *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 Kozlowski, 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.