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.

“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

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.”
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.

**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)

**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.

**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.