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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Conflict Analysis and Resolution

George Mason University, Virginia (2019)

MA. Conflict Analysis and Resolution

University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, UK (2008)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Open Institute for Social Science, Kathmandu, Nepal**
Co-Founder and Assistant Professor, Sept. 2019-Present
Co-Director, Writing and Research Program, Sept. 2019-Present
- **Department of Peace Conflict and Development Studies, Tribhuvan University**
Advisor, Course Curriculum Design Committee, Sept 2016 - Present
- **Department of Peace Conflict and Development Studies, Tribhuvan University**
Adjunct Professor, Teach a seminar course for PhD students
- **Armed Police Force Command and Staff College, Kathmandu, Nepal,**
Visiting Professor May 2016-Present
- **Nepal Army War College, Kathmandu, Nepal**
Visiting Professor June 2020 – Present
- **Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu Nepal**
Research Fellow, Oct. 2017- Oct. 2019
- **Alliance for Social Dialogue/Open Society Foundation**
Senior Policy Fellow, Oct. 2016 – July 2017
- **George Mason University, Virginia.**
Research Assistant, Jimmy and Roselyn Carter School for Conflict and Analysis and Resolution, Fall 2012-Fall 2013
- **George Mason University, Virginia.**
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Jimmy and Roselyn Carter School for Conflict and Analysis and Resolution, Fall 2014
- **National Defense University, Washington, DC**
Teaching Assistant, May 2009-May 2010

TEACHING:

- **Open Institute for Social Science, Kathmandu, Nepal**
Fall 2019: Critical Epistemology and Methodology, and Field Methods
Spring 2020: Critical Epistemology and Methodology, and Field Methods
Fall 2020: Critical Epistemology and Methodology, and Field Methods
Spring 2021: Critical Epistemology and Methodology, and Field Methods
Fall 2021: Critical Epistemology and Methodology, and Field Methods
- **Department of Peace Conflict and Development Studies, Tribhuvan University**
Spring 2021: Qualitative Research: Peace and Conflict Studies in Humanities
Spring 2019: Theory and Research

REGULARLY LECTURED TOPICS:

Environmental Justice, Climate Change and National Security, Peacebuilding, Theories of Peace and Conflict, and International Relations and Geopolitics

GRADUATE ADVISORS

Current advisees:

Major. Anup Basyat, MA in Security and Strategic Studies
Major. Bashu Pangeni, MA in Security and Strategic Studies
Anjana Poudel, Higher-Diploma Program on Writing and Research
Sita Mademba, Higher-Diploma Program on Writing and Research

Past advisees:

Lt. Col. Surya Karki, MA in Security and Strategic Studies
Major. Niraj Rana, MA in Security and Strategic Studies
Major. Aditya Silwal, MA in Security and Strategic Studies

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- **International Alert, Dec 2021-Jan 2022.**
Lead Researcher. Write an analytical policy report looking at the linkage between climate change and conflict and inform developing climate resilience and mitigation programming.
- **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Nov. 2019–Feb. 2020**
Lead Researcher. Produced a policy paper to inform its five years program.
- **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Nov. 2018- Jan. 2019**
Research Analyst. Co-authored a conflict assessment policy briefing to inform better planning and programming.
- **The Asia Foundation (TAF), Washington DC and Nepal, May – Nov. 2013**
Researcher Analyst. Carried out ethnographic research and wrote a paper on the challenges of access to justice for women experiencing violence in Nepal.
- **International Crisis Group (ICG), Brussels/Kathmandu, June 2010 –Dec. 2011**
Research Analyst. Conducted extensive field research and wrote policy briefings and reports analyzing Nepal’s conflict dynamics and potential mitigation strategies.

PUBLICATIONS

- “The ‘Local-turn’ and Vibrant Political Space in Myanmar,” under peer review to be published for *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*.
- [“We can all be thinkers and writers,”](#) *The Record*, 22 Sept. 2021.
- [“Women, Men and Violence,”](#) Kantipur Daily, 18 August 2021.
- [“Future of Democracy in Asia,”](#) *The Kathmandu Post*, 10 June 2021.
- [“Asia’s New Cold War,”](#) *Nepali Times*, 7 March 2021.
- “Generation Z” and Future for Democracy in Myanmar, *Nayapatrika National Daily*, 8 April 2021.
- “Rethinking our conservation model,” *The Record*, 5 Nov. 2020.
- [“Political parties and social change”](#) *Kantipur National Daily*, 9 Nov. 2020.
- [“Why must we remember those who have died of Covid-19,”](#) *Kantipur National Daily*, 23 Oct. 2020.
- [“Why can't we talk about conflict anymore,”](#) *The Record*, 16 Oct. 2019.
- [“Thank you for your contribution!,”](#) *The Record*, 29 July 2019.
- The New Federal Restructuring and Social Movements Demands: A Critical Study Community Forestry Policies and Practices in Nepal (2017). A Policy Briefing wrote for Alliance for Social Dialogue/Open Society Foundation.
- [Identity Politics and Federalism in Nepal](#) (2010). The International Crisis Group.
- Violence Against Women and Access to Justice in Nepal (2013). The Asia Foundation.

- “The Reintegration of the Maoists Combatants: What Do We Need to Know?” in (edit.) Adhikari, P., Ghimire, S., and Maillik, V.), *Nepal Transition to Peace: A Decade of the Comprehensive Peace Accord (2006 - 2016)*, Nepal Transition to Peace Institute (2016).

MEDIA APPEARANCE

- “Myanmar coup and its implication in the region,” *Nepal Press*, 31 March 2021
- “How Peaceful is Nepal” [The Record](#), 10 March 2021.
- BIMSTEC and coup in Myanmar,” *Nepal Press*, 1 February 2021.
- “Natural resources exploitation and indigenous people in the Easter Hills of Nepal,” *Menchhyayem Community Radio*, 1 January 2021
- “Scientific forest management and its implication,” *BBC Nepali Service*, 19 May 2018.

INVITED SPEAKER

- *Speaker*. “*ECOCIDE: Leveraging the Law to Prevent Environmental Destruction*,” The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Geneva, Geneva Switzerland, 24th March 2021.
- *Panelist*. “Intersections with Indigenous Issues: Environmental Conflict & Security,” Worcester University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 14 Jan. 2021.
- *Speaker*. “Contemporary Political Scenario and Regimes Changes in Nepal,” Department of Conflict, Peace and Development, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, 28 Dec. 2020.
- *Speaker*. “*Pandemic, State and Peace in Nepal*,” Department of Conflict, Peace and Development, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, July 2020.
- *Speaker*. “*Impact of COVID-19 on SDG 16 in Nepal*,” Working Group on “SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions,” (organized by three Universities in Nepal) Kathmandu, Aug. 2020.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

- *Expendables? Environmental Authoritarianism and Indigenous Communities: An Observation from Nepal’s Protected Area Governance*, International Conference of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Tomorrow People Organization, Virtual, November 2021.
- *Contesting the “Local:” Peacebuilding and Natural Resource Management in Myanmar and Nepal*, “International Peace and Conflict Resolution Conference,” Bangkok, Thailand, Nov. 2017.
- *Politics of Environment: From Conservation to Conflict resolution in Myanmar and Nepal*, International Studies Associations, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong, June 2017.
- *Nepali-Burmese: The Selective Choices of Maintaining Rigid and Fluid Ethnic Boundaries*, “International Limbu Conference,” Jhapa, Nepal, October 2016.
- *Linking Theory to Practice with Classroom-Based Experiential Learning Activities*. International Summit on Conflict Resolution Education, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA. June 2014.
- *Looking Both Ways: Reflection & Debriefing as Capacity Building in Experiential Learning*, “Conference on International Teaching and Learning,” George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. USA. Sept. 2013.

GRANTS

- Provost Office, Dissertation Completion Grant January 2018, George Mason University
- Summer Research Fellowship 2017, George Mason University
- Conference Presentation Travel Grants 2017, George Mason University
- Conference Presentation Travel Grants 2017, George Mason University
- Pre-Dissertation Research Grant 2015, George Mason University