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## I. NEWS

### **\*NEPAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 14th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA, NOV. 1 - 3, 1985, MADISON, WISCONSIN**

Make plans now to attend the 14th Annual Conference on South Asia where the Nepal Studies Association also meets. Himalayan subjects are well represented in the tentative program for panels which has just been released. Registration forms for the Conference are found at the back of this issue of the HRB. Due to this conference coinciding with the University of Wisconsin Homecoming Football game, hotel/motel rooms in Madison will be at a premium during the weekend of Nov. 1-3. Blocks of rooms are reserved at several nearby hotels for the conference and will be held through September 15. Persons needing housing should contact the Conference Coordinator's Office 8:30 - 12:30 Monday through Friday at (608) 262-3384, and at other times messages can be left at (608) 262-3012. The Coordinator's Office can help arrange housing only through September 15. After that time, those needing housing will be on their own. The present program (still subject to changes) is:

NOTE: O = Panel Organizer; C = Panel Chairman; panels in boldface refer to those on Himalayan subjects.

#### **Friday, November 1, 1985**

##### 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. (long time slot)

STRUCTURAL VARIATION IN SOUTH INDIAN MARRIAGE ALLIANCE O: David Rudner  
C: Pauline Kolenda  
AFGHAN UPDATE O: Esmael Burhan C: TBA  
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN PAKISTAN/SOCIO-POLITICAL CONFLICT & FORCES  
OF CHANGE IN PAKISTAN (Combo of 2 panels) O: Abid Hussain/Qaisar Abbas  
C: Mushtaq Rahman/Qaisar Abbas  
**CULTURAL MULTIPLICITY & GROUP DIFFERENTIATION IN NEPAL (I&II)**  
O: Terry Cooke C: David Holmberg  
REGIONALISM O&C: G.M. Naidu  
THE SOUTH ASIAN LANDSCAPE (Omnibus) C: TBA

##### 1:15 to 3:00 p.m.

ISLAMIC STATES & THE AFGHAN ISSUE O&C: S.S. Nyang  
REBELLIOUS INDIA & THE SECOND WORLD WAR O&C: Peter Fay  
**ASPECTS OF THE KATHMANDU VALLEY CIVILIZATION: HISTORY, TIBETAN  
CONTACTS, LANGUAGE & RITUAL** C&O: Mich Novak  
SHADOW PUPPETRY IN S & SE ASIA: ICONOGRAPHY, NARRATIVE DEVELOPMENT &  
TRANSMISSION C&O: Jon Goldberg Belle  
BIHAR: A STATE IN CRISIS O: C.M. Naim C: Walter Hauser  
POTENTIAL FOR DETENTE IN SOUTH ASIA: MULTINATIONAL PERSPECTIVE  
C&O: Stephen P. Cohen  
AFGHAN REFUGEES INSIDE & OUTSIDE AFGHANISTAN O: Esmael Burhan

##### 3:15 to 5:00 p.m.

SOCIAL DYNAMICS OF CONFLICTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE KHYBER PASS C&O:  
Joseph Elder  
PERCEPTIONS OF BASIC NEEDS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO  
DEVELOPMENT IN SRI LANKA C&O: Robert Oberst  
S. ASIAN LIBRARY COLLECTIONS IN THE 80's: COLLECTION POLICY IN A CHANGING  
ENVIRONMENT C&O: Jack Wells  
K-12 TEACHING WORKSHOP: INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION TRACKDOWN: A FUN  
WAY TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD C&O: Jane Joyce  
DOGMA & PRACTICE IN INDIAN MYSTICISM O: Makarand Paranjape C: G.L. Tikku  
STUDIES IN THE ART OF TANTRA C&O: John Huntington  
**WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES IN NEPAL** O: Ujjwal Pradhan  
C: David Holmberg

##### 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

FESTIVAL OF INDIA SPECIAL SESSION O: Program Committee

**Saturday, November 2, 1985**

8:15 to 10:00 a.m.

THINKING ABOUT THE CAUSES OF EVENTS IN EVERYDAY LIFE  
C&O: Charles Nuckolls  
HINDU DHARMA: PAST & FUTURE O: S.S. Rama Rao Pappu C: Dipankar Chatterjee  
HIMALAYAN RESEARCH IN PSYCHOLOGY: IMPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT O: King Beach C: James Fisher  
SOUTH ASIA & THE MODERN WORLD ECONOMY, Part I O: Ravi Arvind Palat  
C: Immanuel Wallerstein  
ETHNOSOCIOLOGY OF SOUTH ASIAN MUSLIMS C&O: Carol Prindle  
TRADITIONAL TIBETAN POLITY O: Jeanette Snyder, C: Geshe Sopa  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN SOUTH ASIA O&C: Angela Burger  
THE SOUTH ASIAN LANDSCAPE (Omnibus) C: TBA

10:15 to 12:00 noon

CHANGING EXPRESSIONS OF IDENTITY O: Sandy Freitag C: Anand Yang  
THE SOUTH ASIAN LANDSCAPE (Omnibus), C: TBA  
K-12 TEACHING WORKSHOP: TRADE & HISTORY C&O: Marilyn Turkovich  
SOUTH ASIA & THE MODERN WORLD ECONOMY, Part II O: Ravi Arvind Palat  
C: R.E. Frykenberg  
PERSPECTIVES ON MICRODEMOGRAPHY IN SOUTH ASIA O: Bruce Derr  
C: Susan Wadley  
NEW APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF SANSKRIT KAVYA LITERATURE  
C&O: Richard Salomon  
ISLAM & MARXISM IN SOUTH ASIA C&O: Zillur R. Khan  
SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN: IN THE FAMILY & BEYOND O&C: Abbie Ziffren

2:00 to 3:45 p.m.

RE-EMERGENCE OF MINORITY PROBLEMS IN SOUTH ASIA IN THE 1980's  
O&C: Paul Wallace  
METAPHOR & CONCEPTUALIZATION C&O: Paul Staneslow  
RELIGION & POLITICS IN 20th CENTURY HINDU INDIA O: Paul Mundschenk  
C: Robert Baird  
BANGLADESH 1985 C&O: Zillur Khan  
NEW MODELS, NEW ROLES: FOREIGN WOMEN & SOCIAL CHANGE IN 19th & 20th  
CENTURY INDIA O: Leslie Flemming C: R.E. Frykenberg  
HEROES, DEMONS, SAGES, & CRITTERS OF THE MAHABHARATA  
C&O: David Gitomer  
K-12 TEACHING WORKSHOP: TEACHING/LEARNING IS COMMUNICATION:  
TEACHING ABOUT INDIA BY USING THE SENSES & OTHER STRATEGIES  
C&O: Carol Hansen  
THE SOUTH ASIAN LANDSCAPE (Omnibus) C: TBA

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION ON THE BHOPAL DISASTER O: Program Committee

**Sunday, November 3, 1985**

9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL SESSION ON SOUTH ASIAN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

10:15 to 1:00 (long time slot)

WORKSHOP ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLISHING, & ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS, IN  
THE SOUTH ASIAN FIELD TODAY C&O: Margaret Case  
SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN & MASS COMMUNICATIONS: SOCIETAL IMPLICATIONS O:  
Rashmi Luthra C: Jyotsna Vaid  
RELIGION TOPICS C: TBA  
ORIENTALISM C&O: Gary Tartakov

In addition the following single papers will be presented on omnibus panel sessions:

**SOME CONSTRUCTIONS ABOUT WOMEN AND THE NEPALESE TWICE-BORN DOMICILE**  
Vivienne Kondos, University of Sydney, Australia  
**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE TRANSITION TO DELIBERATE FERTILITY CONTROL IN NEPAL, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND SRI LANKA**  
Ramesh Narsingh Amatya, University of Southern California  
**FINANCIAL POLICY, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND THE TOURIST INDUSTRY: THE CASE OF NEPAL** Ramesh Vaidya, University of Minnesota-Duluth

**\*ICIMOD PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION: REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

One of the aims of ICIMOD is to provide a means whereby information can be shared among all those concerned with mountain development. Because much of such information can be provided by photographs, ICIMOD intends to establish a photographic "library" dealing with all subjects relating to the mountains. From this "library" ICIMOD will then be able to provide users with some or all of the photographic material they require for illustration of documents, newsletters etc.

Already ICIMOD has a nucleus of black and white photographs mainly concerned with watershed management in Nepal. But the ICIMOD region covers Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, India and Pakistan as well, and photographs taken in these countries are particularly needed for the collection.

ICIMOD is soliciting any sort of photograph (black and white prints, color prints and color slide transparencies) of any size and of any format, covering a wide variety of subjects such as Forestry, Erosion Control, Irrigation, General Watershed Management, National Parks, Off-Farm Employment, Rural Energy, Mountain Engineering, etc. ICIMOD will welcome any photographs of these subjects that you feel you can contribute to their "library."

**\*CNAS SEMINAR ON FOLK STUDIES**

A seminar on "Folk Studies" was held on February 15, 1985 at CNAS. Mr. Khadga Bikram Shah, Executive Director of CNAS, in a welcome address, said that the study of folklore could help overcome socio-cultural and economic problems in a developing country. He also remarked that folklore would preserve cultural heritage, provide social entertainment and could be used in the development of communication at the same time.

The program of the seminar was as follows:

Session I: Folklore in Nepal: Moderator: Dr. Chuda Mani Bandhu  
Mr. S.M. Joshi: "Folklore Genres of Nepal"  
Mr. Harihar Bhattarai: "Folklore Studies in Nepal: Problems and Prospects"

Session II: Transmutation of Folklore: Moderator: Dr. Durga Prasad Bhandari  
Dr. Ruth-Inge Heinze: "Urban Shamanism"  
Dr. George De Vos: "Kappa: A Japanese Example of the Modern Transmutation of Folklore into Popular Cultural Media"

Mr. S.M. Joshi's paper on "Folklore Genres of Nepal" dealt with the 350-year-old folk play belonging to the period of Siddhinarsingh Malla and examined its humor and satire on socio-economic conditions.

Mr. Harihar Bhattarai's paper on "Folklore Studies in Nepal: Problems and Prospects" highlighted the role of folklore in Nepalese studies as a major theme and discussed its functional aspects and problems in the national context.

Dr. Ruth-Inge Heinze's paper on "Urban Shamanism" attempted to prove that shamans are not only the end product of a tradition but also modern citizens with the potential to develop new traditions.

Dr. George De Vos in his paper on "Kappa: Japanese Example of the Modern Transmutation of Folklore into Popular Cultural Media" led a discussion on the role of the comic book media in replacing oral literature in contemporary societies.

**\*HELP BUILD TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY'S COLLECTION ON ANTHROPOLOGY**

Jim Fisher, presently a Fulbright lecturer at Tribhuvan University is asking that back issues of the American Anthropologist or other journals be sent to him to give to the Tribhuvan University Library. He reports that the Library presently does not subscribe to any anthropological journals. Contributions or inquiries can be sent to Jim Fisher, The United States Educational Foundation in Nepal, P.O. Box 380, Kathmandu, Nepal.

**\*DON MESSERSCHMIDT APPOINTED TO EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD OF MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Donald A. Messerschmidt, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington 99164-4910, has been appointed in 1985 to the Editorial Advisory Board of the journal Mountain Research and Development, of the International Mountain Society. Dr. Messerschmidt and the editorial board wish to alert Himalayan area specialists to this important journal, and to elicit articles and book reviews and other information of importance to mountain scholars (for the section of the journal called Mountain Chronicles).

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