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# NOTICES

## Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies

### 1992 General Information about the Centre Policies and Affiliation

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#### **Background:**

In 1966 the Tribhuvan University Syndicate conceived a plan to establish Institute of Nepalology (Nepal Adhyayan Samsthan) with a view to facilitating studies of Nepali history, culture, art, religion, tantra, language, literature and the like in order to project a faithful image of Nepal both on the national and international level. In 1968 Institute of Nepalology which was still a plan in principle was named Institute of Nepal Studies. In 1969 Institute of Nepal Studies actually came into being. The committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, and subcommittees of History, Culture, Nepali, Literature and Sanskrit were also set up. On July 16, 1972 Institute of Nepal and Asian Studies (INAS) replaced Institute of Nepal Studies under the provision of the Tribhuvan University Act, 1971. On September 8, 1977 the Institute was converted into Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies, a non-teaching centre so that it could concentrate on research. The Centre functions under the Executive Director who is both its academic and administrative head. It has the Executive Committee of which the Executive Director is the Chairman.

#### **Objectives:**

The programmes and activities of the Centre are guided by the following objectives:

- to plan and conduct research on the problems of national integration, and the impact of modernization;
- to promote and undertake the study of current development issues on ethnic diversities, tradition and change in political values, and cultural studies of Nepal and other Asian countries;
- to undertake issue-specific research on environmental studies, gender studies, population studies, and migration studies, applied linguistic and sociolinguistic studies;
- to encourage academic exchanges with other research organizations both within and outside of Nepal;
- to act as a venue for contact, affiliation, and coordination of research activities of Nepalese and foreign scholars working on Nepalese Studies;
- to maintain a comprehensive bibliographic database on SAARC and South Asia;
- to organize national as well as international seminars on current political and security issues;
- to disseminate research works on Nepal through publications.

The Centre has six program divisions based on conventional academic disciplines to the needs and reality of Nepal and on the interdisciplinary approach:

1. Culture and Heritage Studies
2. Social Change and development Studies
3. Himalayan Studies
4. Nepalese Political Studies
5. South and East Asian Studies
6. Documentation and Information

**Affiliation:**

The Centre functions as the academic contact point within the University system for affiliation of all foreign scholars working on Nepalese Studies. Foreign research scholars can seek affiliation with the centre through the Research Division, Rector's Office, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Kathmandu. The Research Division handles the administrative operational details, including visa formalities. A research proposal has to be compatible with the objectives of the Centre for affiliation.

Affiliated research scholars will have to maintain a periodic contact with the centre and lead discussion programs on their research problems at the Centre. They will have to submit a copy of their final report. They will also have to collaborate/ to be in contact with assigned Nepalese counterparts.

Increasing contact and cooperation with foreign scholars working on Nepalese Studies, both within and outside the country, will be promoted by the Centre through:

- a. exchange of visit by scholars:
- b. joint training programs for research scholars. Nepalese and foreign
- c. exchange of information and publication
- d. joint study/ research project
- e. joint seminar

**Publications:**

The Centre publishes in Nepali and /or English completed 'work-in-progress' reports in the forms of monographs, books, bibliographies, and occasional papers on specialized themes within the research interest of the Centre.

The Centre publishes a multi-disciplinary journal, Contributions to Nepalese Studies. Specialized, professional, and research articles and reviews of books in Nepali or English are published in the journal which comes out two times a year. It also brings out CNAS Newsletter in English to publicise its activities and programs.

## **New Cornell-Nepal Study Program**

The Cornell-Nepal Study Program (or the Samyukta Adhyayan Karikram Nepal) is a joint venture of Cornell University and the central campus of the Nepalese national university — Tribhuvan — at Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal. It builds a foundation in Nepali language and Nepalese studies. It involves North American students with their Nepalese peers in a joint study and research program on social and cultural diversity and on ecological and environmental studies. The program is administered through Cornell Abroad and advised by a Joint Advisory Board consisting of representatives from both Cornell and Tribhuvan Universities. Undergraduates and Graduates may apply.

For Nepalese nationals pursuing degrees at Tribhuvan University: A limited number of competitive scholarships are available for Nepalese students at Tribhuvan University who come from outside the Kathmandu Valley and who want to participate in the Program for room and board at the Program House. Additional competitive scholarships for field research are available for Nepalese students at Tribhuvan University who participate in the course on Field Research Design and Methods and who plan to submit a master's thesis related to culture and/or ecology at Tribhuvan University.

Housing at Cornell-Nepal Study Program House, adjacent to Tribhuvan University

One or two semester options beginning:

Fall (Aug. 1, 1993 - Dec. 15, 1993)

Spring (Feb. 1, 1994 - June 15, 1994)

### **1993-94 Program Applications available from:**

Cornell Abroad  
474 Uris Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853-7601

Samyukta Adhyayan Karikram Nepal  
Tribhuvan University  
Kirtipur, Kathmandu, NEPAL

## **Computer Bulletin Board Service**

More people are using E-Mail these days. Those with access to local computer bulletin boards available on USENET (from University Computer systems) may want to try the news reader service (type "rn" or "nn" after logging on to your local system) and search for "soc.culture.nepal". This is a mixture of wire news stories and informal political and/or scholarly dialogue. HRB may begin posting notices of upcoming conference information there. USENET is accessible via TELNET or INTERNET. (In Seattle, I have seen postings from as far away as Sweden and Japan.)

Has anyone heard of a Tribhuvan University TELNET or INTERNET link?

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**Call for contributions to:  
Himalayan Profiles:  
A Book of Life Histories and Biographies in Anthropological Perspective**

**Edited by Don Messerschmidt and Bruce Morrison**

Persons interested in contributing to an edited volume on life histories and biographies from the Himalayan area are invited to contact the editors with brief (1 page) proposals. We anticipate covering some or all of the following topics, dealing with the Nepal and Indian Himalaya:

Historical Nepali Persons

Contemporary or Near Contemporary Nepali Persons

Renowned Historical or Contemporary Expatriates

Individual or Composite Account based on research of a Specific Ethnic Group, Caste Group, Age Group or Other Group...

Chapters should cover:

*substantive* biographic material (e.g., a person's life history, a life vignette, a composite account), as well as

a discussion of the research *process* (e.g., the methodology, peculiarities or difficulties of the work, author/subject relationship and interaction, sources, etc.).

Whether your subject is well known or obscure, an individual or a group, please write:

a *description* of how you will handle the subject and write the chapter, and

a brief *justification* of the importance of your contribution to the book (i.e., to the understanding of Himalayan life or the times or other circumstances of note) from an anthropological perspective.

Please do not (yet) send complete chapters. In the process of making our selection we may decide to adopt a certain structure or style for authors to follow...which may require editing by you.

The final selection of contributors to the book will be made by the editors. We will write an introduction and possibly a final chapter, but we seek your suggestions of individuals qualified to critique the book and possibly to write a synthesis chapter.

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