Announcement of Dor Bahadur Bista Prize
Guidelines
The Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS) annually awards the Dor Bahadur Bista Prize for best graduate student paper submitted to this ANHS competition. The prize honors the life, career, and service of Dor Bahadur Bista, Nepal’s first anthropologist and former Honorary President of the ANHS predecessor organization, the Nepal Studies Association (NSA). The purpose of the Prize is to recognize outstanding scholarship by students whose research focuses on the areas of High Asia (Hindu Kush – Karakoram – Himalaya – Tibetan Plateau) that comprise the principal interests of ANHS.

Submissions from all academic disciplines in the social sciences, humanities, and arts will be accepted. All submissions must not have been previously published. Multiple author papers are acceptable, provided that the graduate student applicant is the first author.

Eligibility is restricted to graduate students in good standing who do not hold the degree of PhD as of the submission deadline. Undergraduates, even those who have written honors theses, are not eligible to apply.

Requirements for Submission
To enter the competition, each student author must submit the following ELECTRONICALLY:

1. A one-paragraph (200-300 word) abstract of the paper
2. A curriculum vitae
3. The complete paper, not to exceed 8,000 words, sent in .doc or .docx format, with the word count clearly labeled
4. A transcript from your graduate institution, indicating graduate status or a letter of support from your graduate advisor, indicating your standing as a graduate student

Deadline for Submission: September 15, annually

Selection of Award: All submissions will be reviewed by an ANHS subcommittee made up of current Executive Council members (2) and an independent scholar, and the winner will be voted on by the Executive Council.

Date of Award: At annual general ANHS annual membership meeting (usually held at the South Asia Conference in Madison, WI).

Award: The author of the paper selected for the award will receive recognition at the annual South Asian Studies Conference, receive a cash award of $250, and be invited to submit their paper to Himalaya. A list of past winners and their paper titles are listed on the ANHS website.

Submit Entries ELECTRONICALLY To:
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