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V. PUBLICATION AND FILM NEWS

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Kumar Khadga Bikram Shah, new Executive Director of CNAS, appointed the members of the Editorial Board of the CNAS Journal on December 8, 1983. The members are as follows:

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The Nepal Collection:

The Nepal Collection of the Tribhuvan University Central Library was established with only a few books on Nepal in 1962-3, the year the Tribhuvan Library began. This collection has grown over the years through the efforts and care of many people and financial support from the University itself, research centres and private individuals. Now the centre of study and research on Nepal, it is the largest collection in the country with 3433 titles comprising 10,571 volumes.

The major topics of this Collection are history, geography, culture, economics and politics. The Collection is organized according to the Dewey Decimal classification system. Two copies of all the publications are kept under lock and key; they may be used by Nepalese and foreign scholars in the library only.

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General Singh Shumshere J.B. Rana, son of P.M. Chandra Shumshere J.B. Rana, was Ambassador to Great Britain and India. In 1976, he donated his personal collection of 5000 volumes to the library, where it continues to be housed as a distinct collection. About one-third of the Collection deals with the history, religion, and culture of Nepal, India, Tibet and Sikkim.

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The library at Tribhuvan University welcomes contributions of all relevant writings to enrich its Nepal Collection. Please remember to send them copies of your theses, articles, seminar publications and books. Inquiries or gifts may be forwarded to: Mr. M.S. Karki, Act. Dept. Librarian, Tribhuvan University, Central Library, Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal.

*TIBETAN RUG ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER DISCONTINUED

With the upcoming exhibition of Tibetan rugs at the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C., the Tibetan Rug Association Newsletter will cease as a separate publication. Instead, the editors will give their assistance, as well as the mailing list, to the Textile Museum so that you can be informed about the opening of the exhibition. They want to continue updating the Tibetan Rug Association mailing list and would like to continue to build a membership list of individuals who share their interests and concerns. They have reduced the Tibetan Rug Association membership fee to $2.00 per year which will keep members on the computerized list. Back issues of the Newsletter will be available as long as supplies last.

Contact: Jane Schnell (3842 Windom Place NW, Washington DC 20016) or Diana Myers (3717 Warren Street NW, Washington DC 20016).
*ICIMOD NEWSLETTER BEGINS*

A Newsletter will be published four times a year by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development. News items, articles, comments and suggestions are welcomed. Write the Editor, ICIMOD, c/o SATA 4/80 Jawalakhel, GPO Box 3226, Kathmandu, Nepal.

*RECENT BOOKS, MONOGRAPHS, ARTICLES*

Bangdel, Lain S.
1982 *The Early Sculptures of Nepal*. Foreword by Krishna Deva. 260 pp., ill., maps, 33 cm. [maps on lining papers].

Order from: Ratna Pustak Bhandak
P.O. Box No. 98
Bhotahity, Kathmandu, Nepal

Price: $40.00

Or order from: D.K. Agencies
H-12 Bali Nsagar
New Delhi - 11015

Price: $50.00

Boulnois, Lucette

This contribution to the history of precious metals in Asia relies on documents in Western languages, in Russian and in Chinese. It includes two parts: the first one, on Tibetan gold; the second one, on the silver coinage minted by Nepal for Tibet before 1792. In both parts the 18th century period is given special attention.

In the first part are reported testimonies and legends dealing with the gold mines of Tibet (including the famous text by Herodote on gold-digging "ants" and the discussions it has raised) and actual facts, from old times till nowadays. Out of various sources, the identification of old and recent gold mines and gold fields, the extraction and circulation of gold, prices, gold/silver exchange rates, comparisons with world prices, and political consequences, are studied — as well as the ways gold was made use of, beliefs as to precious metals and mines, treasures accumulated in monasteries and their fate. Photographs of 18th century maps help to interpret reports.

The second part deals with the monopolistic treaties by which the Nepal kings, until 1792, acted as ministers for Tibetans, minting for them silver coins out of bullion provided by Tibet; with the evolution of this agreement during the whole 18th century, its commercial and political context, its numismatic aspects, the consequences of minting debased coins, the Gorkha conquest, the war with Tibet and China, the abrogation of the monopolistic treaty, Chinese attitude as to Tibetan coinage after 1793, and the source of the silver bullion used to mint Tibetan coins.

Order from: Editions du C.N.R.S.
295 rue Saint-Jacques
75005 Paris, France

Price: 146 Francs.

Dhar, Uppeandra. et al.

Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)

Price: $45.00
Gross, Philip Howard
Birth, Death, and Migration in the Himalayas: A Study in Social Demography and Community Intervention. xiv, 228 pp., ill., maps, 22 cm.

Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)
Price: $19.00

Gupta, Raj Kumar

Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)
Price: $59.00

Hongwei, Wang

Hongwei states that "Gorkha" should not be the name for the people inhabiting Nepal. He asserts that the majority of that country's population should be called "Nepalese."

Joshi, Sharad Chandra, D.R. Joshi, and D.D. Dani
1983 Kumaun Himalaya: A Geographic Perspective on Resource Development. vi, 324 pp., folded maps, 23 cm.

Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)
Price: $19.00

Murphy, Mary C.
The Integration of Traditional Health Practices and Beliefs with a Community Health Project in West Nepal.

This monograph includes a description of beliefs and practices pertaining to childbirth and common illnesses of the Kamis, Nauthars, Kham-speaking Magars and Tibetans of the Dhorpatan area in Baglung District, West Nepal. The study was conducted while Murphy was working as the Community Health Coordinator for a small integrated health project in Dhorpatan.

Order from: International Health and Development Trust
P.O. Box 10028
Eugene, Oregon 97440.

Price: $20.00 prepaid

Negi, Sharad Singh
1982 Environmental Problems in the Himalaya. ii, 188 pp., viii p. of plates, ill., maps, 23 cm.

Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)
Price: $15.00

Pant
1983 Interest Rate Policy in Nepal.

Order from Ratna Pustak Bhandar (address above)
Price: $3.50

Poudyal, Sriram
Sharan, P.  

Order from:  Ratna Pustak Bhandar (address above)

Price: $4.96

Shrestha, Dhruba Man, Alfred Fach III, and Krishna Prasad Rimal

This study consists of a clinical psychiatric survey of all those over 9 years old in a Brahman-Chhetri community of 1,202 people in the Kathmandu Valley. It was carried out along with a socio-economic and demographic survey of the society in order to identify which groups or segments of society are affected by mental disorders, and to help understand the ways in which people respond to these problems.

The research followed a multi-stage procedure. Following the socio-demographic household survey, a preliminary psychiatric screening was carried based on a structured interview schedule that was developed in India which is known as the Indian Psychiatric Survey Schedule (IPSS). This was tested and translated for use in Nepal and is particularly sensitive to the South Asian cultural context in terms of symptom expression (i.e. common somatic complaints, possession, etc.).

The final diagnostic evaluations were based on the classifications and diagnostic criteria of the Third Edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association (DSMIII). The multiaxial framework of this system of evaluation defines disorders in terms of a number of features (e.g. symptoms, stress, social adaptation, etc.), which are essential in studying a non-referred, non-western population.

Our findings demonstrated the presence of a range of psychiatric disorders. Out of the 830 people interviewed, 113 cases were identified which gives a prevalence rate of 13.6% of the population. Also, local concepts and responses to a number of major psychiatric disorders were examined in order to better understand the impact of these disorders on the family and community and to see what resources are available for dealing with such problems and what possible types of intervention may be appropriate.

Copies are available from:  UNICEF  
Ghadidhara  
Box 1187  
Kathmandu, Nepal  
and  
Handicapped Services Coordination Committee  
Maharajgunj  
Kathmandu, Nepal

Order from Nataraj Books (address above)

Price: $50.00


*Sarvadurgatiparisodhana Tantra* (Elimination of all Evil Destinies) is a Buddhist literary work belonging to the Yoga-Tantra class. This publication consists of an edition of the Sanskrit manuscripts and the Tibetan translations as available in the Tibetan Buddhist Canon. There are two distinct versions of this work both available in Tibetan translations separated from one another by about five hundred years. The edited Sanskrit manuscripts correspond to the later of the two. A complete English translation is given of this later version together with a substantial commentary drawn from the commentaries which are available in Tibetan translations of the Sanskrit originals.

This Tantra, in both its versions, is divided into three parts or chapters. The subject matter is presented in the form of discourses either by Sakyumuni or Vajrapani. The instructions given relate to the evocations (sadhana) and arrangement of various mandalas and the rites of initiations and consecrations which are given in them, as well as the descriptions of the ritual known as homa in Sanskrit and sbyin-sreg in Tibetan and funerary rituals of different kinds.

CONTENTS: Dedication; Preface; Bibliography; Introduction; Part I: Translation of the Tantra: Introductory Scene Mantras; Merits Arising From the practice of this teaching the Sandhana (Evocation); Rites for the Dead; Closing Scene; Mandala of Sakyamuni; Mandala of Vajrapani; Mandala of the Four Great Kings; Mandala of the Guardians of the Ten Directions; Mandala of the Eight Great Planets; Mandala of the Eight Great Nagas; Mandala of the Nine Bhairavas; Mandala of the Great Gods; Mandala of the King of Long Life; The Four Rites; Praises of those who promote this Kalparaja (Royal Work); Mandala of Cakravartin; Initiation and Instructions Given to Pupils; Drawing of the Than-ka; Different Rites for the Dead; A set of Divinities Belonging to the Durgatiparisodhana-Mandala; Rites in the Mandala; The Initiation of Pupils and Taking vows; Final praises; Vocabulary of Special Terms; Part II: Sanskrit and Tibetan Texts of Version B; Introduction; Part III: Tibetan Text of Version A.

Order from: Motilal Banarsidass
Bungalow Road, Jawahar Nagar,
Delhi-110 007 (India)

Price: Rs. 200


Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)

Price: $15.00


Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)

Price: $10.00
Valdiya, Khadg Sing
Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)
Price: $36.00

Verma, V.K. and P.S. Saklani (eds.)
1982 Himalaya: Landforms and Processes. vi, 166 pp., ill., maps (3 folded), 22 cm. Contributed articles.
Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)
Price: $19.00

Windisch-Graetz, Stephanie zu and Ghislaine zu Windisch-Graetz
1982 Himalayan Kingdoms: Gods, People & the Arts. 184 pp., col. ill., 32 cm.
Order from D.K. Agencies (address above)
Price: $59.00

*REPRINTS OF EARLY BRITISH WORKS ON THE HIMALAYAS*

D.K. Agencies is offering reprints of several late 19th and early 20th century British works on the Himalayan region. Among them are:

Harcourt, Alfred Frederick Pollok

Holdich, Sir Thomas Hungerford
1983 Tibet, the Mysterious. ix, 356 pp., 27 leaves of plates, ill., 6 maps, (2 folded), 22 cm. Reprint Originally published: London: Alston Rivers, 1906. Includes reproduction of the original t.p. $45.00

White, John Claude

Order from: D.K. Agencies
H-12 Bali Nagar
New Delhi - 11015

*TIBETAN DICTIONARIES*

Chandra, L.
1982 Tibetan-Sanskrit Dictionary. Kyoto: Rinsen, Compact, Vinyl, N-1793. $120.00
Order from: Asian Books, Inc.
12B Arrow Street
Cambridge, MA 02138 U.S.A.

Goldstein, M.
Order from: Ratna Pustak Bhandar
P.O. Box No. 98
Bhotahity, Kathmandu, Nepal

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The Research Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies offers, among other publications, several collections of historical documents from Nepal. These include the following:

Prithvinarayan Shah - Ranjit Mallakalik Kagatpotra (papers and documents of the time of Prithvinarayan Shah and Ranjit Malla), edited by Baidya, T.R.


Provides a list of items found in the Bhaktapur palace of the Malla King Ranjit Malla and also useful information on social, cultural, and economic studies of the late Malla period.

Gorkhako Aitihasik Sarvekshan (Historical documents from Gorkha), edited by Baidya, T.R. and B. Dhanabaja


Provides 35 inscriptions of the Lichhavi Shah period and 16 important documents of historical importance such as state correspondence and revenue records.

Lichhavi Kalka Abhilekh (Inscription of the Lichhavi period), edited by Bajracharya, Dhanabaja.

614 pp. Text in Sanskrit with comments in Nepali. Rs. 110.0

Contents: A collection of 190 inscriptions of the Lichhavi period with Nepali translation. The authoritative information on understanding the little known history of Ancient Nepal.

Baburam Acharya Ra Uhanka Kriti (Baburam Acharya and his works), edited by Bajracharya, D. and S.B. Thakur.


Dolakhako Aitihaskik Roop Rekha (A historical outline of Dolakha), edited by Bajracharya, D. and T.B. Shrestha.

200 pp. Text in Nepali. Rs. 29.52

Contents: A description of the political history, economic and social conditions, and the art of Dolakha. Information on inscriptions, historical correspondence, palm leaf inscriptions, historical notebooks, and diaries discovered during the field work in Dolakha.

Nuwakotko Aitihaskik Ruprekha, edited by Bajracharya, D. and T.B. Shrestha.

260 pp. Text in Nepali. 1976. Rs. 85.34

Contents: A collection of historical documents based on the outline of political, economic and cultural historical aspects of the Nuwakot area.


Includes index of about 900 historical documents found in Hanumandhoka. These documents are of great importance in the fields of religion, culture, politics, and economics.

The Centre also has the following books in press:

Shresthacharya, Isvarananda, ed.

The Newari Dictionary (In Press)
This is the follow-up publication of Jyapu Vocabulary. This dictionary is compiled with a view to preserving the rich diversity of the Newari language before it is reduced to a common civilization. It consists of the words and phrases spoken in the vicinity of Kirtipur.

Wake, C.J.


This book attempts to show that development is not a matter of desirability or feasibility: it is a matter of stark necessity in Nepal. Bikas (development) is one of the most commonly heard words in Nepal today. Therefore, the title of this book, which attempts to show why and how this is so.

For a complete listing of these and other publications,

Contact: The Research Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies
Tribhuvan University
Kirtipur, Kathmandu
Nepal

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Tibetan Art (701)
Sculptures: from Ladakhi regional gTsang, dBus, Khams Districts.
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This set includes 100 original slides of material collected in 1927, chiefly in Western Tibet. Previously unpublished, these 25 paintings comprise a remarkable group ranging in date from the 13th to the 19th century. Approximately one half of the thang-kas are in the Koelz Collection of Tibetan Art in the University of Michigan Anthropology Museum. The others belong to a private collection. An illustrated catalogue of the 1980 University of Michigan Museum of Art exhibition of these paintings is included in the price of the set. Additional copies of the catalogue can be ordered for $9.00 each.

Nepal I (3501)
This set includes a full coverage of the many important early Hindu sculptures at the Changunarayan and Pashupatinath temples, as well as views of those temples and their surroundings, including the Mrigasthali. The impressive Buddhist stupas at Swayambhunath and Bodhnath, and nearby shrines and images are also fully covered.

Nepal II: Major Hindu Temple Complexes (3601)
This set includes a general coverage of all major temples and sculptures in Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur. The Vishnu figures at Budhanilkantha and Balaju park, the temple of the goddess at Daxinkali, and fine examples of Nepalese woodcarving are also included.

Early Buddhist Art of India and Afghanistan (2801)
This set includes the Mahabodhi temple at Bodh Gaya, its Mauryan "throne" and its ancient railing (10 slides); Kushan portrait sculptures, including Kanishka (9 slides); various well-known Kushan sculptures from the Mathura Museum (31 slides); the beautiful newly-discovered standing Buddha from Govindnagar, dated to 434
A.D. (7 slides); the colossal Buddhas at Bamiyan and associated images (19 sides); and fine Buddhist sculptures in situ at Hadda (24 slides).

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*PUBLICATIONS FROM SOUTH ASIA BOOKS*

Vaidya, Karunakar
1979 Folk Tales of Nepal. Ratna Pustak Bhandar $1.75

Rahul, Ram
1978 The Himalayas as a Frontier. Culture and history of Tibet, Nepal. $2.50

Baral, Lok Raj

Woodman, Dorothy
1969 Himalayan Frontiers: A Political Review of British, Chinese, Indian and Russian Rivalries. London. Some illus. $7.00

Order from: South Asia Books
P.O. Box 502
Columbia, Missouri 65205 U.S.A.

*ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN NEPAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION*

NOTE: The previous 81 items were listed in HRB Winter, 1982, pages 22-24, HRB Fall, 1982, pages 86-87, and HRB Winter, 1983, pages 31-34; or a list will be sent to you free by the American Nepal Education Foundation, Oceanside, OR 97134.

82. Dhaubhadel, Harsha N. Planning and Management of Special Education in Nepal. Oceanside, OR: ANEF, 1983. (Master's Thesis, U of Ore) 60 p. $10.00


86. Beach, King. Perceptual Exploration in Nepalese Children. Oceanside; OR:ANEF, 1983. (Spec paper, City Univ, NY) 14 p. $2.25

88. Wood, Hugh B. Nepal Challenges Her Youth. Oceanside, OR: ANEF, 1983. (Convocation Address, Tribhuvan University). 12 p. $2.00

89. Hendel, Christopher. Impact of Tourism & Mountaineering on Khumbu. Oceanside, OR: ANEF, 1983. (Spec paper, Sou III Univ) 25 p. $4.00


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