13th Annual Nepal Study Days
16-17 April 2015
SOAS, DLT (Djam Lecture Theatre)

Thursday, 16 April

9:30       Welcome and coffee

10:00-11:15 Climate Change and the Environment
Chair: Mari Miyamoto

Ben Campbell
Climate Change: Numbers and Relationships
Rajendra Prasad Uprety and Kamal Shah
Soil Fertility Status of Bari and Khet Land in the Kavre-Palanchowk and Baglung Districts of Nepal
Colin Pendry and Bhaskar Adhikari
Plants and You: Linking Scientific Biodiversity Knowledge with Local People in Nepal

11:15-12:30 Nepal and the Gulf
Chair: Jeevan Sharma

Padam Simkhada, Edwin van Teijlingen, Manju Gurung and Uday Yadav
Health and Welfare of Nepali Female Returnees from Gulf Countries: A Mixed-Methods Study
Mikkel Vindegg
Working with Loadshedding: Labour Migration in the Kathmandu Valley Textile Industry
Chris Willman
Issues Associated with the Process and Context of Migration of Migrants and their Families from Nalang VDC

12:30       Lunch

13:30-14:30 BNAC Special General Meeting (open to all participants)
14:30-15:45 Cultural Heritage
Chair: Bryony Whitmarsh

Sanyukta Shrestha
*Traditional Artworks around the Door of Newah houses*

Celia Washington
*The Kathmandu Contemporary Art Centre*

Stefanie Lotter
*What is there to Gain from Public Knife-hoarding?*

15:45 Coffee

16:00-17:45 Post-conflict Nepal
Chair: Michael Hutt

Emilie Medeiros
*From Ethnography to Clinical Assessment: Capturing Children’s Subjective Worlds*

Min Bhatta
*Post-Conflict Constituent Assembly Elections and International Assistance in Nepal*

Feyzi Ismail
*Nepal’s 2010 General Strike: A Moment of Truth*

David Gellner
*Failing to Produce a Constitution for Nepal: 2012 and 2015 Compared*

18:30 Dinner at the Embassy of Nepal
12A Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QU
(40min by tube via Queensway or using a Boris Bike)

Friday, 17 April

9:00 Coffee

9:30-11.15 Health
Chair: Antony Costello

A.N. Poudel
*Economic Consequences of Stigma and Discrimination associated with HIV/Aids in Nepal*

Stine Helmersen
*Pharmacies in Kathmandu: Local Health Educators*

Jeevan Raj Sharma
*New Norms and Forms of Development: Brokerage in Maternal and Child Health Projects in Nepal*

Sarita Panday
*Role of Community Health Workers in Maternal Health Improvement in Nepal*
11.15-12:30 **Ageing and Care**  
Chair: Ben Campbell

Roberta Mandoki  
*Buḍhā-buḍhīlāī māya cāhincha: ‘Doing Family’ and Long-distance Care Arrangements among the Kathmandu Valley’s Senior Citizens*  
Sirjana Devkota  
*Should Ageing Nepal Plan Ahead the Future Needs and Provision of Assisted Living Housing Facilities?*  
Amy Alexander  
*Understanding Parents’ and Professionals’ Knowledge and Awareness of Autism in Nepal*

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13.30-14:45 **Gender**  
Chair: Sondra Hausner

Gayatree Timsina  
*Cultural Aspects of Educating Daughters in Nepal*  
Enni Mikkonen  
*Tensions of Transition in Women’s Position in Nepalese Rural Communities*  
Hanna Ketola  
*Gender, Agency and Peacebuilding Practices in Post-conflict Nepal*

14:45-16:00 **UK Nepalis and Bhutanese**  
Chair: David Gellner

Chandra Laksamba  
*Ethnic Minorities and Social Mobility: A Case Study of the Nepali Community in England*  
Nicole Hoellerer  
*Are We Bhutanese, Nepali or British? An Ethnographic Case Study of Bhutanese Refugees in Greater Manchester*  
Krishna Adhikari  
*The NRN Movement and the Question of Citizenship*

16:00 Coffee

16:15-17:30 **The Global Circulation of Cultural Forms**  
Chair: Ian Gibson

Premila van Ommen  
*K-pop, Kathmandu and Camden: Transnational Trends and Fashion Creativity amongst Young Nepalis in Britain*  
Michele Serafini  
*Playing at Football: Time, Pleasure and Identity Politics in Transnational Nepal*  
Michael Hutt  
*Mahila Tamang’s Books*