



CESLAM Kathmandu Migration Conference 2020
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Social Science Baha
15-16 September 2020

Conference Schedule
 (All times are in Nepal time)

Day 1: 15 September 2020 (Tuesday) 6:45 pm–9:45 pm	
Welcome remarks: Arjun Kharel, Research Coordinator, CESLAM 6:45 pm–6:50 pm	
Panel 1: State Policies and Migration 6:50 pm–8:40 pm	
<p>Chair: Suresh Dhakal Associate Professor, Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University</p> <p>Discussants: Prakash Khanal PhD Student, University of Reading, United Kingdom</p> <p>Sudeshna Thapa Research Officer, Social Science Baha</p>	
<p>Genealogy of Migration: The Study of Migration Process Keshav Prajapati (Manav) <i>Master of Philosophy, Tribhuvan University</i></p>	<p>Strategic Litigation to Protect the Rights of Migrant Workers: An Analysis of Supreme Court Judgments in Nepal Barun Ghimire <i>Program Manager, Law and Policy Forum for Social Justice (LAPSOJ)</i></p>
<p>Nepalese Migration to Japan and Korea: Converging Ends, Diverging Paths and Contrasting Effects Keiko Yamanaka <i>Lecturer, Asian American and Asian Diaspora Studies, Department of Ethnic Studies, and Department of Global Studies, University of California, Berkeley</i></p>	
<p>Keynote Address by A. Mushfiq Mobarak Professor of Economics, Yale University</p> <p>Moderator: Sambriddhi Kharel Sociologist and Independent Researcher 8:45 pm – 9:45 pm</p>	
<p>Migration and the Labour Market Impacts of COVID-19</p> <p>Social distancing policies to contain the global pandemic include restrictions that limit people’s geographic mobility and hence prevent migration as a source of income. In addition, many nations have responded to the public health crisis by revoking work visas for existing labor migrants and sending foreign workers home. In his keynote, Professor Mobarak will present evidence that both the public health risks of COVID-19 and the economic fallout from mitigation policies have been particularly damaging to households that engage in labor migration. Further he will discuss findings from a study done by a joint research team of the Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE) and the Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM) in Kathmandu which tracked 2,600 households in rural Nepal over five rounds of surveys during both lean and harvest seasons, before and after the COVID-19 lockdown. Their results suggest continued lockdowns may lead to even greater hunger, malnutrition, and desperation than what has already been observed. Read more from Professor Mobarak on this topic in his recent</p>	

[Foreign Policy article](#) and [Yale Insights article](#). Y-RISE is engaged in supporting developing country governments devise evidence-based COVID response strategies. Professor Mobarak will describe that work.

Day 2: 16 September 2020 (Wednesday)

6:45 pm – 9:00 pm

Panel 2: Migration, Livelihood and Reintegration

Chair and closing remarks: Amina Maharjan
Livelihood Specialist, ICIMOD

Discussants: Sanjay Sharma
PhD Student, National University of Singapore

Khagendra Acharya
Assistant Professor, Kathmandu University

Mapping the Gendered Impacts of Differential Inclusion on Livelihood Precarity and Migrant Capability in South Asia: A Preliminary Study of Nepalese Women Domestic Workers in Delhi, India
Meghan Satish Kadam
Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India

Of Camps, Carpets and Controls: Understanding the Livelihood Pattern of Tibetan Refugees in Kathmandu
Neelam Shahi
Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy (MIRD), Tribhuvan University

Gaurav Bhattarai
Faculty Member, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy (DIRD), Tribhuvan University

Return Migration and Reintegration - Widening the Theoretical Remit
Prakash Khanal
PhD Student, University of Reading, United Kingdom

The Comparative Study of Psychological Wellbeing and Educational Performance among Children of Migrant and Non-migrant Parent
Madhusudan Pokharel
Master of Arts in Psychology, Central Department of Psychology, Tribhuvan University

Khem Raj Bhatta
Lecturer, Central Department of Psychology, Tribhuvan University