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Anthropology

Kinship Studies in Nepali Anthropology / (Eds) Laya Prasad Uprety,
Binod Pokharel & Suresh Dhakal
Kathmandu: Central Department of Anthropology, 2017
xviii, 358p.
9789937022385
\$ 30.00 / PB
612gm.

Kinship is one of the cornerstones of anthropology. Documenting genealogies and family trees has always been part of anthropological fieldwork, developing their own terms and terminologies, or what Bronislaw Malinowski called 'kinship algebra and geometry'. But for many anthropologists today kinship is bracketed within antiquarian studies. As for Nepal, kinship is related to the building of our society and therefore warrants comprehensive study. Nepali society is dominated by kin relationship-manifested not just in marriage but also in our everyday interaction with non-relatives.

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Nepali Anthropology: New Direction and Contributions: Seminar
Proceedings / (Eds) Binod Pokharel, Janak Rai & Mukta Singh Lama
Tamang
Kathmandu: Central Department of Anthropology, 2016
484p. ;
9789937014670
\$ 40.00 / PB
769gm.

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- " Conversion
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EBHR-European Bulletin of Himalayan Research, No. 49, Spring 2017/
(Ed) Martijn van Beek (et al.)
Kathmandu: EBHR Editorial Committee in Conjunction with Social
Science Baha, Nepal, 2017
132p.
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156gm.

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Himalaya / Andrea Butcher
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Children Books

The little Tibetan Shepherd / Maria Antonia Sironi (Story Collected)
Tsering Yangdzom (Illustrated) Jana Diemberger & Karen Diemberger
Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2016

48p.

In English and Nepali

9789937623568

1. Children Books
2. Nepali Children Books

\$ 10.00 / PB

128gm.

This is a very interesting children story of a little Tibetan Shepherd who wanders the grassland of Himalayas with his magical tamyen and speaks to the mountain gods, listens to the sounds of the animals and tales his stories to the clouds which narrates his deeds.

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Ecology/Environment

Nepal : An Introduction to the natural history, ecology and human environment of the Himalayas : A special Nepal Edition of the companion volume to the Flora of Nepal / (Eds) Georg Miehe, Colin Pendry & Ram Chaudhary

Kathmandu: Department of Plant Resources, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Nepal and Nepal Academy of Science & Technology, 2017
Nepal Edition

561p.

Includes Index

9789937025614

\$ 50.00 / HB

2490gm

The Himalayas are Earth's greatest mountain range not only in terms of their highest peaks, but also in the extent of their high altitude area. They have profound effects on Asia's climate, biodiversity and human cultures, but in many ways are still poorly known. Fundamental questions which are still to be fully answered include the timing of the formation of the High Himalayas, how this has affected the evolution of biodiversity in the region, how severely the region has been impacted by humankind and what the future holds as global climates change.

Nepal, lying in the centre of the Himalayan Arc, is a microcosm for the whole range and this companion volume to the Flora of Nepal addresses all aspects of the Himalayas' environment. It includes contributions from more than forty international experts covering the region's geology, geomorphology, hydrology, climate, soils, evolutionary biology, ecology, palynology, ethnobotany, anthropology and conservation. The discussion of the Himalayas' biodiversity is not limited to higher plants, but also includes the ferns, bryophytes and lichens, as well as considering fungi and recent research into the evolution of the fauna.

This review is a statement of our current understanding of a region, and presents new data and new perspectives, but also highlights the gaps in our knowledge that require further research. It is heavily referenced throughout, and will act as a source book for all environmental researchers working within Nepal and in its neighbouring countries.

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Economics/Development Studies

Local Institutions and People's Participation in Rural Public Works in
Nepal / Prachandra Pradhan, Cornell University Rural Development
Committee
Special Series on Rural Local Organization - RLO No. 4
Kathmandu: Farmer Managed Irrigation Systems Promotion Trust, 2017
88p.
9789937031769
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190gm.
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"Irrigation in Local Adaptation and Resilience" : Proceedings of the
Seventh International Seminar Held on 11-12 April 2017, Kathmandu,
Nepal / (Eds) Naveen Mangal Joshi, Sushil Subedee & Deepak Raj Pandey
Kathmandu: Farmer Managed Irrigation Systems Promotion Trust, 2017
viii, 352p.
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A Project of Memoreality : Transnational Development and Local Activism
/ Saubhagya Shah with an introduction by Chaitanya Mishra
Kathmandu: Himal Books (for Social Science Baha), 2018
xxiv, 260p.
Includes Bibliography
9789937597425
\$ 24.00 / PB
370gm.

This is an ethnographic study of a group of rural women from south-central Nepal brought together by a development intervention. It details how these women used their collective identity forged through an income-generating project to address issues such as women's property rights, domestic violence, gambling and alcoholism, and even political representation. In examining the intended as well as unintended consequences of an externally initiated 'women's development project', Shah assesses the structural limitations of a development enterprise while also focusing on what he terms the creative agency of the project beneficiaries. This agency becomes apparent in a number of ways, including the construction and projection of memory into the domain of social significance, or 'memoreality'; the ready adoption of transnational flows of discourses, resources, and legitimacies; and the use of the tools of development to politicise other arenas of socio-political life. A Project of Memoreality will serve as an important contribution to understanding the dynamics of women's activism in Nepal as well as the complexities of the development industry.

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Performance of Value Added Tax in Nepal / Shanta Raj Subedi, Ph.D (Ed)
Baikuntha Aryal & Hikmat Bhandari
Sinamangal, Kathmandu: Jamuna Subba, 2017
xxii, 338p.
9789937028318
\$ 25.00 / PB
400gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=330173>

Education

Girls' School Education in Nepal : A Conundrum / Suabarna L. Malla Singh
Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2018

xxiv, 250p. ; 140 x 215mm.

Includes Bibliography

9789937623933

\$ 15.00 / PB

310gm.

This study aims to 'deepen a collective understanding of critical issues that plague girls' education in Nepal'. It is meticulously researched, well-presented and thought provoking. The study finds that gender parity in education has not improved the trajectory of progression toward gender equity and equality.

A bonus in the book is a thorough account of the life situation of Nepali girl children. This book is bound to lead to soul searching by policy makers, international and national organizations, educationists and WID experts, among others. It is a must-read for those invested in speeding economic development and in empowering Nepali girls.

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History

Nepal in Color, 1966-1975 : Peace Corp Days , The Kathmandu Valley/
(Author) Daniel W. Edwards

Kathmandu: Daniel W. Edwards, 2017

214p. ; 280 x 215mm.

Includes A Short Nepal Bibliography

9789937032636

\$ 25.00 / PB

874gm.

The photographs convey a pictorial history of the late 1960s to mid'70s. They portray the agricultural, religious and general everyday life of the period. The lush green fields and hills, the crystal clear rivers of the time, school buildings, and urban and village houses. The photos provide glimpses of the life of the Nepali people, who have just stepped into a modern world. - Bijaya Bahadur Mali

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The Gorkha Earthquake - 2015 : A Photographic Atlas / Deepak Chamlagain, Ph.D. & Laxmi Prasad Ngakhusi
Kathmandu: Center for Disaster and Climate Changes Studies, 2017
xii, 137p.
9789937022842
\$ 40.00
1010gm.

Gorkha Earthquake 2015: A Photographic Atlas attempts to describe how earthquakes occur and how the earth remains active in the time of quakes, with the help of pictures. The book provides information relating to the process of earthquake, its various phases, damages caused by the 2015 April earthquake (Gorkha quake), rescue efforts and stories of the survivors.

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The Rise of the House of Gorkha / Ludwig F. Stiller, S.J.
Jamal, Kathmandu: Educational Publishing House, 2017
Revised Edition
402p.
9789937711005
\$ 15.00 / PB

The Rise of the House of Gorkha, provides us with a very readable narrative of how the work of the political conquest of territorial Nepal was achieved between 1740 and 1816. Relying on the more fundamental work done by Mahesh C. Regmi on the economic incentives and impact of the era of conquest, Stiller provided us what is still the best account of the relationship between land the military that drove the machine of conquest, Prithvinaraya Shah appears as a genius in Stiller's work but the book is no hagiography of the kind one encounters in nationalist accounts. Here is history not just with tons of facts but facts presented in a carefully crafted narrative to provide fundamental insights into an era of history, an understanding of which is essential to our knowledge of just about everything in today's Nepal.

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Prithvinarayan Shah : The Founder of Modern Nepal / Tulasi Ram Vaidya
Revised Edition

Jamal, Kathmandu: Educational Publishing House, 2018

420p.

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356gm.

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Some Legends of Lalitpur / (Eds) Bishnu Raj Karki, Nutandhar Sharma,

Tej Raj Dahal

Lalitpur: Sustainable Business Initiative Pvt. Ltd., 2017

50p.

In Nepali and English

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Nepal Needs Fire Trucks : How the Worlds of Hollywood, Diplomacy and
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Time / Michael Kobold

Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2017

350p.

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Linguistics

A Comparative Study of Ten Languages of Nepal / Hari Chandra Lawati

Kathmandu: Nepal Academy, 2016

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A Grammar of Contemporary Nepali / Prof. Hemang Raj Adhikari PhD.
(Ed) Prof. Govinda Raj Bhattarai PhD (Translated) Bal Ram Adhikari
Kathmandu: Nepal Academy, 2016
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Literature

The Witch Doctor and Other Essays / Laxmi Prasad Devkota
Kathmandu: Sangri-La Pustak P. Ltd., 2017
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The spirit of the forest : A short story between reality and fantasy / Maria
Antonia Sironi (Story Collected) Yancen Diemberger (Illustrated) Karen
Diemberger & Jana Diemberger
x. 62p.
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Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2017
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Based on the accounts of Ngima Sherpa and Bompo Sarkyi
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Politics

Machination of RAW in Transitional Nepal / Prof. Dr. Shastra Dutta Pant
Kathmandu: Dr. Shastra Dutta Pant, 2017

620p.

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Nepal / Tara Dahal

Kathmandu: Bishnu Devi Memorial Foudation, 2017

116p.

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160gm.

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Religion – Buddhism

Vajradhara in Human Form : The Life and Times of Ngor chen Kun dga' bzang po / Jorg Heimbel

Rupandehi: Lumbini International Research Institute, 2017

xviii, 686p. ; , (3)maps, (48)col. pls., (1)col. folded pl.(63.5X24cm),

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789937028493

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1120gm.

The present study is a revised version of author's dissertation, Ngorchen Kun dga' bzang po (1382-1456)--An Investigation into the Life and Times of the Founder of the Ngor Sub-school of the Sa skya Order, submitted at the University of Hamburg, Germany, in 2014. Ngorchen was one of the most outstanding and influential Sa skya masters of the fifteenth century who founded Ngor Monastery in 1429. This study contains six parts. Part One gives an overview of the research conducted previously on various aspects of Ngor chen's life and the history of Ngor and its tradition. Part Two introduces the primary sources for studying Ngor chen's life. Part Three and Part Four are devoted to the exploration of Ngorchen's life. Part Four explores major episodes from Ngor chen's life after having completed author's religious training. Part Five approaches Ngorchen's writings.

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Beloved Daughter : the Story of Dhammawati Guruma / (Foreword)
Karma Lekshe Tsomo
Kathmandu: Mera Publications Pvt. Ltd., 2016
112p.
9789937010313
\$ 12.00 / PB
172gm.

"Beloved Daughter" is about how a fourteen-year-old girl became the Buddhist teacher, Dhammawati, and her adventures along the way. "When I first met Venerable Dhammawati, what impressed me most was her deep humility. As a young girl, with extraordinary determination, Venerable Dhammawati risked everything to flee the constraints of an ordinary life and dedicate herself to the freedom of Nibbana. Her journey through the jungles of Assam and Nagaland to Burma was both exotic and harrowing, with elephants, pythons, tigers, and arrests. Weaving history and legend, both ancient and modern, (the story) reveals the precarious path this fortunate daughter embarked upon in order to realize her dreams."

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Sociology

Social Change In Rural Nepal (A Longitudinal Study of Sikre Village in Attarpur VDC of Sindhupalchok District in Nepal) 1989-1999 and 1999-2014 / Ebindra Prasad Neupane
Kathmandu: Shabdartha Prakashan, 2014
120p. ; 22cm.
9789937645393

- Social change > Nepal > Sikre.
- Sikre (Nepal) > Social conditions.

\$ 15.00 / PB
120gm.

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