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Anthropology/Archaeology

Voicing Subjects : Public Intimacy and Mediation in Kathmandu / Laura
Kunreuther
Kathmandu: Martin Chautari, 2018
xviii, 306p.
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9789937594172
\$ 30.00 / PB
368gm.

Voicing Subjects traces the relation between public speech and notions of personal interiority in Kathmandu. It explores two seemingly distinct formations of voice that have emerged in the midst of the country's recent political and economic upheavals: a political voice associated with civic empowerment and collective agency, and an intimate voice associated with emotional proximity and authentic feeling. Both are produced and circulated through the media, especially through interactive technologies. The author argues that these two formations of voice are mutually constitutive and aligned with modern ideologies of democracy and neoliberal economic projects. This ethnography is set during an extraordinary period in Nepal's history that has seen a relatively peaceful 1990 revolution that re-established democracy, a Maoist civil war, and the massacre of the royal family. These dramatic changes have been accompanied by the proliferation of intimate and political discourse in the expanding public sphere, making the figure of voice ever more critical to an understanding of emerging subjectivity, structural change and cultural mediation.

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Lumbini : Birthplace of Lord Buddha in Nepal : Lumbini Master Plan /
Bhaktananda Bajracharya
Kathmandu: Dr. Ranjana Bajracharya, 2018
82p.
\$ 15.00 / PB
124gm.

Siddhartha Gautama, the Lord Buddha, was born in 623 B.C. in the famous gardens of Lumbini, which soon became a place of pilgrimage. Among the pilgrims was the Indian emperor Ashoka, who erected one of his commemorative pillars there. The site is now being developed as a Buddhist pilgrimage centre, where the archaeological remains associated with the birth of the Lord Buddha form a central feature.

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Contemporary Nepali Social Cultural Anthropology : A Reader / (Ed) Laya Prasad Uprety (et al.)
Kathmandu: Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, 2018
viii, 474p.
Includes Bibliography
9789937039420
\$ 40.00 / PB
778gm.

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Art

Nepal-Britain Bicentenary Exhibition 2017 : Nepal Art Council 15-30 April 2017 /
Nepal Art Council
Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2018
xiv, 146p.
9789937928816
\$ 65.00 / HB
1050gm.

The Nepal-Britain Bicentenary Exhibition highlights the major milestones in the bilateral relations between the two countries through near two hundred reproductions of photographs, paintings, drawings as well as some originals sourced from premier institutions, museums, libraries and private collectors from Nepal and the UK and other places.

The principal theme is the historical evolution of linkages from 1816 to 2016. The initial conflict underscored by the Anglo-Nepal war, 1815-16 and the Treaty Sugauli, followed by a sense of mutual mistrust that gradually mellowed to a harmonious bilateral relationship, and formation of a unique geo political

configuration --- a tiny portion of the huge land mass of Hindustan retaining independence and consolidating its sovereignty in an age of political harmony. Historic images with descriptive texts, derived largely from a book *Sigha Durbar* by Mr. Sagar Rana, coordinator of BIE X that traces the history of Nepal pre 1951 tries to knit a homogeneous narrative or at least provide glimpses of this enigma.

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Literature

Shanta (A Novel on Bliss and the Abyss of Organ Donation) : A Novel / Purushottam Dahal (Translated) Narayan Prasad Ghimire
Kathmandu: Vidyarthi Pustak Bhandar, 2018
288p.
9789937715249
\$ 25.00 / PB
242gm.

The novel vividly delves into generosity, devotion and sacrifice on the one hand and the greed, selfishness, and narrow-mindedness on the other. Both these attitudes are within a human.

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Politics

Local Government in Nepal / Dr. Yogendra Raj Rijal
Kathmandu : Bhrikuti Academic Publications, 2018
280p.
9789937646277
\$ 20.00 / PB
262gm.

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