

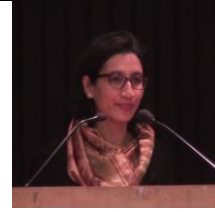
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EDUCATION

- 2008 PhD, Economic Anthropology/Development Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) [passed with viva with no corrections/distinction]
- 1998 M.Phil, Economic Planning and Development, University of Glasgow [Class Prize for grades, distinction for dissertation]
- 1995/1992 Bachelor and Intermediate of Arts and Humanities, Padma Kanya College, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu
[College topper IA and BA; Queen's Medal for all girls national topper; medals for highest score in economics and Nepali literature]

CURRENT POSITION

Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, South Asian University (under Nepal quota), New Delhi
(Appointed on 7 Jan 2013; tenured since 7 August 2016).

Courses designed and taught

MA courses: (i) Economy and Society, (ii) Sociology of South Asia, (iii) Nationalism and Regionalism in South Asia, (iv) Sociology of Money and Work, (v) Belonging and Border in Introduction to South Asia

Departmental contributions

- Acting Head of Department (HOD), Department of Sociology (June 2019 – March 2020)
- Chair of the Committee Developing Undergraduate Programme on Sociology (June 2023 – until programme execution. To be launched in 2024)
- Coordinator of the Masters, MPhil and PhD dissertations programme, 2014-2016
- Student Adviser, Department of Sociology, 2014-2015, 2017-2021
- Founder of **Nepal Lecture Series** instituted in 2019

Corporate contributions (University level)

- Warden of the SAU Girls' Hostel (June 2016 to June 2021 including pandemic years)
- Co-Chair of the Hostel Management Committee, University Mess Committee, Disciplinary Committee (2026-2021)
- Member of the Redressal of Grievances of Students (2018-2022)
- Member of the University Complaints Committee (UCC) governing issues of sexual harassment (2017 – 2018)
- Elected President, SAU Faculty Association (SAUFA), 2014.

Large research funds raised

Anti-Microbial Resistance and Labour Migrant across Health Boundaries in Northern South Asia (2021-2026). With Aarhus University, University of Delhi and BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences. Funded by *Novo Nordisk Foundation (NNF)* [Grant received 1.5 million Euros; SAU share 120,000 Euros]

CAREER HISTORY

- 2010-2012 Senior Lecturer and Human Economy Fellow
Department of Anthropology and Archaeology
University of Pretoria, South Africa
- 2010-2012 Research Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Oxford affiliated with the
Oxford Department of International Development (ODID) and Contemporary
South Asia Studies Programme (CSAP)
- 2004-2012 Industry Specialist, International Trade Department, The World Bank,
Washington DC (entry through the World Bank Leadership Programme, YPP)
[On sabbatical 2010-2013]
- 2003 Newsreader and reporter, BBC Nepali Service, London
- 1998-2001 Economic and Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF South Asia, Katmandu
- 1993-1997 Research Assistant, UNICEF South Asia, Kathmandu
- 1992 Research Assistant, Save the Children Fund (UK), Kathmandu

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- Co-Editor-In-Charge, 2024-2025. Currently, member of the Editorial Collective, **Society and Culture in South Asia (Sage Publications)**, 2021-2024. [Society and Culture in South Asia: SAGE Journals \(sagepub.com\)](https://www.sagepub.com/journalsPermissions.nav?lang=en&path=/journals/sca)
- Member of the Editorial Committee, **Dialectical Anthropology (Springer)**, 2020 – to date <https://www.springer.com/journal/10624>
- Member of the Editorial Board, **European Bulletin for Himalayan Review (CNRS, SAI, SOAS)**, 2020 – to date <https://himalaya.cnrs.fr/spip3/spip.php?article690@lang=fr>
- Member, Editorial Board, **BERGHAHN BOOKS: Human Economy series**, 2017 – to date
- Board Advisor, Nepal Economic Forum (NEF), Kathmandu (December 2014 – December 2019)
- Associate Editor, **'Studies in Nepali History and Society (SINHAS)'**, the journal of Martin Chautari Kathmandu (June 2016 – December 2019)

- Member of the Selection Committee, **Asia Leadership Fellows Programme, Japan Foundation**, Tokyo (2018)
- Research Fellow, **Wolfson College**, University of Oxford (2010-2013)
- Founding Member and Chief Moderator, **Liberal Democracy Nepal (LDN)**, University of New Mexico, Arizona (June 2008 – 2010)

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOURS

2023	Apex medal as “one of the 50 Pioneers in Nepal”
2014	Asia Leadership Fellow, Japan Foundation, Tokyo
2008	Young Amartya Sen Scholar, Delhi
2008	PhD, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), “viva with no correction”
1998	Class Prize (coursework), Distinction (dissertation), M.Phil., Univ. of Glasgow
1997	Chevening Scholar, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK
1995	Arjun Medal, Top scores in Nepali language, National Inter-University Board
1992	Valedictorian, Intermediate & Bachelor of Arts, Padma Kanya College, Nepal
1992 & 1995	Topper in economics, Intermediate & Bachelor of Arts, Padma Kanya College
1992	Queen’s Medal (Aishwarya Vidhya Padak), Govt of Nepal

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

Shakya, Mallika. Ed. 2022. “Poetic Imagining(s) of South Asia: Writing Nations through Sensibilities of Resistance” **Society and Culture in South Asia**: Sage Publications. Vol. 9. Issue 1. July 2022.

Shakya, Mallika. 2018. **Death of an Industry: The cultural politics of garment manufacturing during the Maoist revolution in Nepal**. Cambridge University Press, May 2018.

Shakya, Mallika and John Clammer. Eds. 2017. “Economic Anthropology and Development Alternatives: Rethinking and Re-Politicizing Theory and Practice” in **Dialectical Anthropology**. Vol. 41. No. 2. June 2017.

JOURNAL ARTICLES SINGLE-AUTHORED BY ME

2023 “The Devil and the Prada: Neoliberalism and Women’s Shrinking Role as Entrepreneurs in Producing Ethno-Contemporary Garments in Nepal” in **South Asian**

History and Culture: Taylor and Francis Journal. [forthcoming, peer review complete]

- 2023 “Narratives of Ageing, Narratives of Nation-Building: Manjul and the Poetics of Dissidence in Nepal”. In **Society and Culture in South Asia: Sage Journal**. Published online on 21 October 2023, print scheduled for December 2023.
- 2020 “The Politics of Border and Nation in Nepal in the Time of Pandemic” in **Dialectical Anthropology: Springer Journal**. Vol. 44. No. 3, pp. 223-321.
- 2019 “Questioning the MFA Politics of International Garment Trade Through Turbulent Experiences in Bangladesh and Nepal” in **South Asian Anthropology**, vol. 1, no. 1, July 2019, pp. 29-40.
- 2017 “An Anthropological Reading of the Policies of International Development: Export Competitiveness as a Conjunctural Case Study” in **Dialectical Anthropology: Springer Journal**, vol. 41, no. 2. June 2017, pp. 113-128.
- 2017 (co-authored with John Clammer) “Introduction to the Special Issue: Economic Anthropology and Development Alternatives – Rethinking and Re-Politicizing Theory and Practice” in **Dialectical Anthropology**, vol. 41. no. 2. June 2017, pp. 87-96.
- 2017 “Reading Parijaat and BP Koirala: Belonging and Border in the Twentieth Century Nepali Novels” in **Economic and Political Weekly**, vol. LII, no. 15, pp. 53-60.
- 2011 “Bridging the Design Gap: The Case of Nepali Clothing Industry.” In **Journal of Modern Craft: BERG**, vol. 4, issue 3, pp. 294-395, BERG: London.
- 2011 “The World Bank and Private Sector Development: Is ‘Doing Business’ an Extension of the Structural Adjustment Programme or a Departure?” In **St Antony’s International Review (STAIR): Special Edition on International Financial Institutions in an Age of Crisis**, vol. 7, no. 1, pp. 30-47, St Antony’s College: Oxford.
- 2010 “Capitalism, Ethnicity, and the Rising Wave of Communism in Nepal.” In **Himalaya: American Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies**. vol. 28, no. 1 & 2. (Reprinted: Lawoti, M. (ed.). **Ethnicity, Inequality and Politics in Nepal**. Social Science Baha: Kathmandu.)
- 2007 “Our Hymns are Different but Our Values are the Same: Traditional Rituals in Modern Garment Factories in Nepal.” In **European Bulletin of Himalayan Research**: vol. 31, spring, pp. 67-82, CNRS: Paris.
- 2004 “Nepalisation of an Indian Industry: The Fast Evolving (and Dismantling) Ready-Made Garment Industry of Nepal” in **Contributions to Nepalese Studies**, vol. 31, no. 3, pp. 265-291, Tribhuvan University: Kathmandu.

1999 “Economic Liberalisation and Nepal.” **The Organisation**, Vol. 2, July-September, pp. 24-38.

BOOK CHAPTERS SINGLE-AUTHORED BY ME

- 2020 “Reading Parijat in Nepal: The Poetics of Radical Feminism Negotiating Self and Nation”, In F. Ibrahim and T. Kothiyal (eds.) **South Asian Borderlands: History, Mobility, Affect**. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge/NY.
- 2016 “Labour Militancy in Neoliberal Times: A Preliminary Comparison of Nepal with South Africa,” In J. Gledhill (ed.). **World Anthropologies in Practice: Situated Perspectives, Global Knowledge**. Bloomsbury: NY/Oxford.
- 2016 “A Country of Rumours: Making Sense of a Bollywood Controversy on the Garment Shop Floors in Nepal,” In M. Hutt and P. Onta (eds.). **The Creation of Public Meaning in Nepal: Case Studies from a Nation in Transition**. Cambridge University Press: Delhi.
- 2014 “Marwari Traders Animating the Industrial Clusters of India-Nepal Border,” In K. Hart and J. Sharp (eds.) **The Human Economy: Perspectives from the Global South**. Berghann Books: Human Economy Series. (second edition being printed)
- 2013 “Nepali Economic History through the Ethnic Lens: Changing State Relationships with Entrepreneurial Elites.” M. Lawoti and S. Hangen (eds.) **The Changing Face of Ethnic Movements in Nepal**. Routledge London: Politics and International Relations Series.
- 2011 “Apparel Exports in Lesotho: The State’s Role in Building Critical Mass for Competitiveness,” in P. Chuhan-Pole and M. Angwafo (eds.) **Yes Africa Can: Success Stories from a Dynamic Continent**, pp. 219-230, The World Bank: Washington DC.
- 2010 “In Search of Pragmatism within Politics: Capitalism, Culture and the Rising Wave of Communism in Nepal’ in M. Lawoti (ed). **Ethnicity, Inequality and Politics in Nepal**. pp. 93-117, Social Science Press: Kathmandu.
- 2000 (With J. Himes and D. Parker) “Economic Dimensions of the Conventions on the Rights of the Child” in A. Petren and J. Himes (eds) **Children’s Rights: Turning Principles into Practice**, Falth & Hassler: Sweden.

Published reviews of my book

“Death of an Industry: The Cultural Politics of Garment Manufacturing during the Maoist Revolution in Nepal” CUP:Cambridge/NY/Melbourne/Singapore/Delhi. 2018

1. Ruwanpura, Kanchana N. 2020. **Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography**. April 2020.
2. Prasad-Aleyamma, Mythri. 2020. **Contributions to Indian Sociology**. 54(1): 83-117.

3. Nair, Manjusha. 2020. **Global Labour Journal**. 11(1):71-73.
4. Crews, Chris. 2020. **Pacific Affairs**. 93(2):453-455.
5. Sherchan, Dipti. 2019. **Studies in Nepali History and Society (SINHAS)**. 24(2):495-499.
6. Dhakal, Suresh. **Nepal Weekly**. February 17, 2019, pp. 48-49. (In Nepali)
7. Sijapati, Binod. 2018. **Shikshak: Manthan Book Review**. August 26, 2018, pp. 22-24 (In Nepali)
8. Subedi, Sovit. 2018. **The Record**. October 12, 2018.

TOP 5 POLICY REPORTS

- 2010 Integrating Developing Countries into the Global Supply Chain: A Global Buyers Perspective. The Conference Board: New York, pp. 1-79. (co-author Ronald Berenbeim)
- 2009 Duty and Tax Relief Schemes for Export Competitiveness: A Policy Handbook. World Bank International Trade Department, pp. 1-56.
- 2009 Sierra Leone: Tourism Cluster Assessment. World Bank Policy Paper: 3753. pp. 1-36.
- 2009 Clusters for Competitiveness: A World Bank Policy Handbook for Developing Cluster Initiatives. (In collaboration with the School of Strategy and Competitiveness, Harvard Business School) pp. 1-57.
- 2008 Apparel Industry Analysis: Mozambique. World Bank Country Diagnostics. pp. 1-39.

I have written over 30 policy reports on Eastern Europe, Southern and Western Africa, South and East Asia. I have written over 20 book reviews in academic journals. I have written over 50 op-eds in leading newspapers and magazines in Nepal and India including The Hindu, Indian Express, HIMAL South Asia and HIMAL Nepal, Kantipur and The Kathmandu Post, Republica Daily, etc.

I have been featured in prime time show TOUGH Talk, Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya with Tikaram Yatri and Rajyasabha TV (RSTV) Delhi. I have regularly been interviewed about contemporary issues in BBC Nepali Service, Kantipur TV and Annapurna TV.

KEYNOTE LECTURES DELIVERED AND OTHER HIGH PROFILE ENGAGEMENTS

- Dec. 2020 **Nepal Anthropology Association annual conference**, Kathmandu
- Dec. 2016 **Jaipur Literary Festival**. A panel with former UN Secretary-General Kul C. Gautam and Ambassador Jayanta Prasad on “Transition in Nepal”