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CONFERENCES

ASSOCIATION OF NEPALIS IN THE AMERICAS' CONFERENCE

On July second and third approximately 350 people gathered at Hofstra University for the Association of Nepalis in the Americas' sixth annual conference. The Association of Nepalis in the Americas (hereafter referred to as the ANA) is a pan-American organization whose membership consists not only of the United States' and Canada's Nepali community, but also of many Americans who have an interest in Nepal and America and to contribute to development efforts in Nepal (to date the ANA has supported several schools in remote areas of Nepal, given assistance to flood victims and supported the Namsaling community health project).

The ANA's sixth annual conference began, on the afternoon of July second, with a cocktail party where everyone could mix casually and get to know one another, In the evening everyone gathered for a traditional Nepali dinner in the Hofstra University dining hall. This was followed by a welcome address given by Krishna Manandhar, executive officer of the Association. The welcome address was followed by a cultural show in which Nepali children played musical instruments and performed a variety of songs and dances. The first day of the conference ended with a performance of modern Nepali songs and dances given by Nepalis from Kathmandu, Darjeeling and Kalimpong.

The second day of the conference began with a business session at which annual progress reports were given by the ANA's president (Kamal Pathak), vice president (Ram Malakar), secretary (Meena Giri), treasurer (Pat Thakur) and newsletter editor (Kujar Sharma). The business session also included reports on a Nepali cultural center (which the ANA is establishing in Washington D.C.) and a fund raising dinner which was recently held in honor of Sir Edmund Hillary. Each of these reports was followed by suggestions from the floor on how the ANA's divers activities might be improved.

The business session was followed by a series of talks on development in Nepal and various aspects of Nepali politics and culture. The first talk was given by Dr. Irene Llovera, who has been involved with the Orvis public health project in Nepal. This was followed by Dr. Barry Bailek who talked about his involvement in the Namsaling community health project. The third talk was given Jai Pratap Rana, Nepal's ambassador to the United Nations. Mr. Rana's talk focussed on Nepal's role in the United Nations. The fourth talk was given by Frederick Selby, who discussed his personal experiences as a development worker in Nepal. The fifth talk was given by Dr. Vishnu Poudel. Dr. Poudel's talk focussed on the contributions that various ethnic groups have made to American society. Ratna Man Sakya, the sixth speaker, discussed his role as director of a World Bank sponsored project which promotes trade between Nepal and the United States. The last speaker, Jagdish Pokhrel, gave a talk on Nepal's educational system. The conference ended with a cultural show featuring traditional Nepali songs, dances, and jokes.

**STÄDTISCHE MUSEEN FREIBURG, MUSEUM FÜR VÖLKERKUNDE:
LECTURE SERIES ON THE HIMALAYAN REGION (March 11 - April 5, 1988)**

"Die Entwicklung Nepals von 1950-1987 - Die Rolle der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit."
By Dr. Toni Hagen, Lenzerheide/Schweiz.

"Traditionelle Kunst im Umbruch: Die Entwicklung der zeitgenössischen modernen
Malerei in Nepal." By Susanne von der Heide, M.A., Freiberg.

"Vom religiösen Auftrag zur künstlerischen Freiheit - Malerei in Nepal." By Dr.
Ingrid Kreide, Köln.

"Die Regeln der rituellen Reinheit bei den Hindu im nepalesischen Hügelgebiet." By
Joanna Pfaff, M.A., Zürich Schweiz.

"Kunst und Religiosität in Nepal." By Dr. Klaus Seeland, Zürich, Schweiz.

"Kaschmir - Juwel und Zankapfel im westlichen Himalaya." By Prof. Dr. Peter Thiele,
Director des Linden-Museums Stuttgart."

"Faszination Nepal - Sonnen- und Schattenseiten." By Ludmilla Tuting, Berlin.

"Sanfter Tourismus nicht gefragt - Die touristische Umweltverschmutzung am Beispiel
Nepals." By Ludmilla Tuting, Berlin.

**THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA
November 4,5,& 6, 1988, Madison, Wisconsin: Selected panels and papers**

Conference on Experiencer Subject in South Asian Languages

"Dative Subjects in Dogri"
Ashok Koul, Syracuse University

"Dative/Accusative Subjects in Marwari"
David Magier, Columbia University

"The Experiencer Subject in Newari"
Krishna Pradhan, University of Wisconsin

"Dative Constructions in Kashmiri"
Rakesh Bhat, University of Illinois-Urbana

Women's Expressive Culture (partial listing)

Chair: Benedicte Johnson, University of Pennsylvania

"Weep for Status: Expressions of Gham in the NWFP"
Benedicte Johnson, University of Pennsylvania

Ethnic and National Identity

Chair: Lynn Vincentnathan, Aurora, Illinois

"Features of Caste and Kinship in Pakistan"
Frank Spaulding, Ohio State University

"Identity Switching: A Pragmatic Model of Indian Social Interaction"
Steven A. Heinrich, University of Illinois -Urbana

"Accomplishing National Identity Among Tibetans in South Asia"
P. Christian Klieger, University of Hawaii

"Harijan Cocept of Person and Ideology: Cultural Strategies of Self-Esteem"
Lynn Vincentnathan, Aurora, Illinois

Deity and Spirit Possession in the Nepal Himalaya -- Recent Research

Chairs: Alfred Pach III, University of Wisconsin
William Fisher, Columbia University

"Spirit Possession and Soul Guidance in a Gurung Death Rite"
Stan Royal Mumford, Sweetbriar College

"Spirit Possession and Ethnic Interactions in Nepal's Northwest"
Nancy E. Levine, University of California-Los Angeles

"Spirit Possession in Central Nepal"
William Fisher, Columbia University

"Ajima and Her Medium"
Ellen Coon, New York, New York

"Possession, Gender and Society in a Hindu Village in Nepal"
Alfred Pach III, University of Wisconsin

Discussant: David Holmberg, Cornell University

Nepal as an Ethnographic Area: Representations and Re-evaluations: Part 1

Chair: Gerald Berreman, University of California-Berkeley

"The Origin and Implications of the Idea of Tribe in the Himalayas"
David Holmberg, Cornell University

"The Shaman's X-rays and the Problem of 'Us' and 'Them' in the Medical Imagination of Nepal"
S. Leigh Pigg, Cornell University

Nepal as an Ethnographic Area: Representations and Re-evaluations: Part 1 (cont.)

"Nepalese Children's Social Identities: Negotiation and Recreation"
Debra Skinner, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

"The Individual in a Sociocentric World: Representations From Nepal"
Ernestine L. McHugh, University of California-San Diego

Discussant: Kathryn March, Cornell University

Studies in South Asian Art

Chair: John C. Huntington, Ohio State University

"Intrusive Imagery in the Western Caves"
Walter M. Spink, University of Michigan

"On Tibetan Painting"
George Hibbard, Asian Art Society

"Dipatara at Kanheri"
Shobana Gokhale, Deccan College

"Influence of Nepali Buddhist Art on Chinese Imperial Portraits"
Anning Jing, Ohio State University

"Some Little Known Harrappan Seals"
John C. Huntington, Ohio State University

Women and Work in South Asia

Chair: Mustaq Rahman, Iowa State University

"Women's Economic Activities and Family Economic Organization in a Punjabi Village in Pakistan"
Joyce Aschenbrenner, Southern Illinois University

"Women's Work Patterns in a Changing Resource Environment in Madhya Pradesh"
Deipica Bagchi, Southern Illinois University

"Impact of Agricultural Development on the Work Patterns of Women in a Village in Uttar Pradesh"
Huma Ahmed Ghosh, Syracuse University

Discussant: Sabeeha Hafiz, Government of Pakistan

Nepal as an Ethnographic Area: Representations and Re-evaluations: Part 2

Chair: Gerald Berreman, University of California-Berkeley

"The Indian Himalayas and Nepal as an Ethnographic Area: Representations and Re-evaluations"

Gerald Berreman, University of California-Berkeley

"Khumbu as an 'Open Ledger' and Friends as 'Cash-Value Documents': Social relations in the Sherpa Trekking Industry of Nepal"

Vincanne Adams, University of California-Berkeley

"In Service to Colonialism: The Emergence of National Identity Among the Gurkhas"

Mary Des Chene, Stanford University

"Caste Community or Anthropologist for Imperialism? A reappraisal of the Ethnographic Paradigm"

Stephen L. Mikesell, University of Wisconsin

Discussant: David Holmberg, Cornell University

Temple and Image Traditions

Chair: Joan Raducha, University of Wisconsin

"Nepalese Arts of the Traditional Period"

Gautam Vajracharya, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Aspects of the Decline of Terra-Cotta Temple Art in Bengal"

Sudipta Sen, University of Chicago

"Rare Sanctum Images of Siva in Orissan Temples"

Thomas Donaldson, Cleveland State University

"Wooden Spirits of South Kanara"

Nancy K. Shields, San Angelo, Texas

Historical Analysis of Contemporary Irrigation and Land Policies in South Asia (partial listing)

Chair: Tadlock Cowan, Cornell University

"Colonial Policy and Bureaucratic Practice in the Post-Colonial State"

Pri Ramamurthy, Syracuse University

"Historical Analysis of Irrigation Policies in Nepal"

Ujjwal Pradhan, Cornell University

Discussant: "Land and Irrigation," Donald Atwood, McGill University

Conservation Initiatives at Four Villages in Nepal

Chair: John J. Metz, University of Wisconsin

"Strategies for Slope Land Usage in a Midlands Village of West Nepal"
David N. Zurick, Eastern Kentucky University

"Local Resource Management in Nepal: Prospects and Limitations"
Scott Exo, University of Hawaii

"Forest Degradation and Conservation in an Upper-Elevation Village of West Nepal"
John J. Metz, University of Wisconsin

"Sherpa Livestock Management and Landscape Change in Khumbu, Nepal"
Barbara Brower, University of Texas-Austin

Narcotics In South Asia

Chair: Angela Burger, University of Wisconsin-Marathon

"Social and Ritual Uses of Narcotics in A Gujarati Village"
James Silverberg, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

"Ending the Connection: The British and Indian Opium in the Early 20th Century"
Don Gustafson, Augsburg College

"Production and Marketing of Opium in India, with Special Reference to Rajasthan"
Ila Chakravarti, M.L. Sukhadia University, Udiapur

"Drug Smuggling: The Afghan Connection"
Muhammed Bashir, University of Nebraska-Omaha

"The Drug Problem in India"
P.R. Rajgopal, Center for Police research, New Dehli

Discussant: Bheru Sukwal, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Omnibus (partial listing)

Chair: Dor Bahadur Bista, University of California, Berkeley

"A Preliminary Study of Pregnancy Precaution in Northern India during Medieval and Modern Periods"
C.M. Agrawal, Kumaun University

"The Process of Identification and Sanskritization: The Duras of West Nepal"
G. Gurung, Research Center for Nepal and Asian Studies