Reading Seminar on Nepal’s development pathways
With Bandana Gyawali
Organized by Martin Chautari

Spread across eight sessions, this seminar introduces the reader to Nepal’s development trajectory from the pre-
bikas era to recent post-conflict trends. The aim is to engage with bikas approaches at specific political periods such
that the reader is able to locate the ideological roots of various bikas practices and situate them within a larger
development discourse. The first session will focus on broader development literature. The remaining sessions will
examine primary or secondary documents in proximity to Nepal specific literature and place them within global
development thinking. The aim is not to provide a comprehensive reading of development literature but to provide
readers an illustration of the ideological underpinnings of bikas.

Bandana Gyawali is currently researcher at Martin Chautari. She has submitted her PhD dissertation “Ambiguous
Bikas: History of the Concept of Development in Nepal, 1900–2006” to the Faculty of Social Sciences, University
of Helsinki. Based on Nepal specific archival sources, her research focuses on history of ideas and early market
history.

Seminar dates: March 29 to May 17, 2018. The seminar will be held every Thursday morning from 7:30 to 10:00.

Venue
Seminar Hall, Martin Chautari
27, Jeetjung Marg, Thapathali, Kathmandu

Course fee: NRs. 4000

Application deadline: March 15, 2018.

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Reading List

1. Development Pathways: Broad trends from the 1950s to the 2000s
   - Escobar, Arthuro. 2015. Degrowth, Postdevelopment, and Transitions: A Preliminary
     In Aid, Technology and Development: The Lessons from Nepal. Dipak Gyawali, Michael

2. The Pre-Bikas Period
3. **Bikas during the 1950s**

4. **Development during the Panchayat Decades**

5. **Nepal’s Neo-liberal Experiences**
6. I/NGO’s and Development


7. Development and the ‘People’s War’


8. Development in the Post-conflict Decade


