

# MARTIN CHAUTARI

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## Bibliography of Writings by Mahesh Chandra Regmi and a List of Reviews of Regmi's Books

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Mahesh Chandra Regmi (1929–2003) was the preeminent economic historian of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Nepal. In a career that spanned for four and half decades (1957–2003), he researched and wrote prolifically on Nepal's modern economic and political history. He was the sole historian operating at the Regmi Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., an institution he had founded in 1957. Through his writings, Regmi fundamentally changed our understanding of the economics of political-territorial unification of Nepal that took place between the 1740s and the early 1800s and its consequences for the rest of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Apart from a few articles written in Nepali for the popular press, Regmi wrote mostly in English. He published many dozen signed and unsigned research notes in the *Regmi Research Series (RRS)*, a monthly periodical he edited between November 1969 and December 1989. He also published a few articles and a book review in *Asian Survey*, *Contributions to Nepalese Studies*, *RRS*, and some books edited by other academics. However he preferred the monograph format for publishing the results of his research, producing 14 books between 1960 and 2002. Out of these 14 books, one was a booklet (Regmi 1960), two were collections of his short articles and translated primary materials (Regmi 1979, 2002), and the rest were monographs of various length focused on a number of related topics.

Regmi was awarded the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1977 for recognition of his "chronicling of Nepal's past and present, enabling his people to discover their origins and delineating national options." The citation presented to him on that occasion can be found at <http://rmaward.asia/awardees/regmi-mahesh-chandra/>. Regmi's career was the subject of an interview he gave to the German anthropologist Martin Gaenzle (1992) and additional thoughts about his outlook can be found in an earlier interview he gave to the journalist Kishor Kunwar (1984). In honor of the contributions made by Regmi to the scholarship on Nepal, the Kathmandu-based academic NGO Social Science Baha



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instituted the annual Mahesh C. Regmi lecture series in 2003, the first of which was attended by Regmi himself, just weeks before his death. Further information on that series and the various lectures that have been delivered as part of it can be found at <http://soscbaha.org/mc-regmi-lecture/>. A brief overview of his life and work can be found in the obituary I published after his death (Onta 2003). Regmi's work continues to draw attention in Nepali popular media (e.g., Pathak 2017) and serious engagement in academic historiography (Raj 2014).

In the bibliography given below, Regmi's original book review, articles and books have been listed. I have also selectively listed a few signed research notes published by him in *RRS* but his many research notes published therein without his name have not been included. I have also listed a few of the compilations of English-translated texts prepared by Regmi but have omitted the hundreds of other translations of articles and related text he published (they deserve a separate bibliography). I have also provided a list of reviews of Regmi's books published in various journals and other print media for those who are interested in finding out how fellow academics evaluated his various books.

I have come up with this bibliography after looking for his writings in *RRS* (21 volumes in total and available online in pdf and word formats at: [www.digitalhimalaya.com/collections/journals/regmi/](http://www.digitalhimalaya.com/collections/journals/regmi/)), several academic journals published from Nepal (list given in Annex One below), and his books. I have also consulted the online catalogs of the US Library of Congress ([catalog.loc.gov](http://catalog.loc.gov)) and World Catalog ([www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org)). I have also searched the JSTOR and Google Scholar ([scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)) archives and consulted some printed bibliographies of works related to Nepal such as those by Wood (1959), Malla (1975), Shiwakoti (1986) and Whelpton (1990), the printed index to some Nepali academic journals compiled by Amatya (1989) and the Catalogue of The Japan-Nepal Society Collection (Nawa 2013). Most of Regmi's books mentioned in this bibliography are available in the library of Martin Chautari (MC) in Kathmandu ([www.martinchautari.org.np/library](http://www.martinchautari.org.np/library)).

I would like to receive information about missing items in this bibliography and suggestions regarding any necessary corrections in the items listed here. Such information should be sent to me at my email address: [sinhas@mos.com.np](mailto:sinhas@mos.com.np). This bibliography will be updated when new information needs to be added to what is given here.

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## ANNEX ONE:

### JOURNALS CHECKED FOR REGMI'S WRITINGS AND REVIEWS OF HIS BOOKS

1. *Anveshan*
2. *Contributions to Nepalese Studies*
3. *European Bulletin of Himalayan Research*
4. *Historia*
5. *Kailash*
6. *Regmi Research Series*
7. *Studies in Nepali History and Society*
8. *The Economic Journal of Nepal*
9. *The Himalayan Review*
10. *Tribhuvan University Journal*
11. *Voice of History*