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**Policy Discussion Series-XVI**

## **Lessons from the Nepali Peace Process**

By

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**Venue:** Martin Chautari Seminar Hall, Thapathali

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**Time:** 3:00 pm

Integration and reintegration of rebel army and management of their arms become frequently contentious during the peace process in insurgency-ridden countries. Indeed, such process runs high risks of failure across the contemporary world. But Nepal recently set some unique positive precedence and principles on integration and reintegration as well as the management of arms. In fact, Nepal concluded this process successfully and established a unique Nepali model. While every conflict and peace process is unique, Nepal's indigenous and unique integration and reintegration process has set some unique precedence for integration and reintegration and conveyed some positive messages for peaceful resolution of violent conflicts.

Wagle will analyse the armed conflict of Nepal and its human and economic loss. He will explain the negotiation process among political parties, Maoists and others on peace process and present interesting facts and figures, including those related to the weapons of the Maoist army and the financial cost of the peace process. He will conclude with some lessons to be learnt from Nepal for peaceful resolution of violent conflicts.

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The Series is also a forum for the sharing of findings of policy-related research.

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