



Centre for the Study of
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CESLAM Kathmandu Migration Conference 2024

Summary Report

The sixth edition of the **CESLAM Kathmandu Migration Conference**, organised by the Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM) at Social Science Baha, was successfully held on **Thursday, 15 February 2024**. The conference was organised as an online event held on Microsoft Teams. The conference was held for six and a half hours, from 10:15 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Nepal time.

The conference had three panels in total. Bhim Prasad Subedi, Advisor at CESLAM, Social Science Baha, initiated the conference with his welcome remarks.

Two of the panels consisted of three papers, while one had two papers, with all three lasting for around 100 minutes each. The first panel was chaired by Arjun Kharel, Research Fellow, CESLAM, Social Science Baha. Likewise, the second panel was chaired by Diya Rose Jojo, PhD Scholar, Christ University, Bengaluru, India. The third panel was chaired by Sadikshya Bhattarai, Research Coordinator, CESLAM, Social Science Baha.

The conference formally ended after Sadikshya Bhattarai, Research Coordinator at CESLAM, Social Science Baha, offered closing remarks.

The conference was attended by 94 people (Note: these numbers include the paper presenters, chairs, discussants, and members of the organising team).

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Schedule

(All times are in Nepal time)

15 February 2024 (Thursday) 10.15 am–4:35 pm
10.15 am to 10:20 am Welcome remarks Bhim Prasad Subedi
Panel 1 10:20–12:00 pm Chair and Discussant: Arjun Kharel, Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM)
1. Deurali Daandi: The Last Chapter of Ghatu – Making Another Chapter for Sati Ghatu in the Time of Widespread Labor Migration Rose Schwietz Malla, Masters Student, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA 2. To Partner and Influence? A Post-Colonial Approach to Dissecting the Historical Narratives about the Gurkhas Chaarun Jain, Independent Scholar 3. Footloose Labourers of Nepal Pinki Sris Rana, Journalist
Lunch Break: 12:00 to 1:00 pm
Panel 2 1:00 –2:40 pm Chair and Discussant: Diya Rose Jojo, PhD Scholar, Christ University, India
4. Barriers and Challenges of Female Migrant Workers: A Study on Socio-economic Impact of COVID-19 on Nepali Returnee Female Migrants Lazana Deshar, Research and Documentation Officer, CLARISSA 5. Health Shock, Remittances, and Household Welfare: Evidence from Nepal Kapil Pokhrel, Research Scholar, Tribhuvan University, Nepal Nirmal Kumar Raut, Associate Professor, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
Break: 2:40 to 2:55 pm
Panel 3 2:55–4:35 pm Chair and Discussant: Sadikshya Bhattarai, Research Coordinator, Centre for the Study of Labour and Mobility (CESLAM)
6. Educational Crossroads: Nepali Student Migration in India Sabeena Khatoon, PhD Scholar, University of Hyderabad, India Geetha Gopinath, Assistant Professor, University of Hyderabad, India 7. Labour Shortage in the Agrarian Economy? The Case of Low-income Country Ishwor Adhikari, PhD Scholar, South Asian University, India

8. Mental Health Status of Nepali Migrant Workers in the United Kingdom

Diya Rose Jojo, *PhD Scholar, Christ University, India*

Ngaitlang Mary Tariang, *Assistant Professor, Christ University, India*

4:35 pm

Closing remarks