



Regional Connectivity Symposium - Call for abstracts!

The United States stands by the belief that the sovereign choices of all nations should be respected and free of coercion, as well as the responsibility of each nation to abide by international norms and honor agreed-upon commitments following the rule of law. This is the concept that underscores the United States' approach across the Indo-Pacific. The goal of the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy, at its core, is to ensure a free and open rules-based order across all countries in the Indo-Pacific region, with no exclusions.

To further understanding and discussion on Nepal's role in developing institutions and infrastructure which strengthen its own sovereignty and security while cultivating cross-border economic growth and cooperation, the Nepal-US Alumni Network (NUSAN)—with support from the U.S. Embassy—will organize a half-day symposium examining innovative strategies and actionable concepts that will strengthen regional integration between Nepal and its partners.

The symposium will include an opening ceremony featuring key foreign policy leaders, followed by individual/group presentations through an open call to the public. If you are interested in presenting at the symposium, please send us a 400-word abstract **by May 31, 2019** addressing one of the three thematic topics below:

Governance & Security

Active engagement in international fora and adherence to international agreements and commitments is crucial to managing transboundary security issues such as cybersecurity, combatting trafficking in persons, and Nepal's ability to mitigate, prepare for, and recover from natural disasters and crises.

Sustainable Economic Growth

Improving infrastructure development, environmentally sustainable practices, and inclusive economic growth is crucial to reducing extreme poverty and increasing rules-based trade, competitiveness, and cross-border cooperation.

Sovereignty, Accountability & Regional Connectivity

Informed public opinion and dispelling misinformation shapes government, civil society, and private sector engagements that support a strong market economy and transparent governance, key elements that helps each nation pursue its national interests based on international norms and free from malign influences.



What are the guidelines for abstract submission?

Abstracts should be no more than 400-words and outline your thesis in one of three thematic areas: **(1) Governance & Security, (2) Sustainable Economic Growth, or (3) Sovereignty, Accountability & Regional Connectivity.** Please see below for our recommended format for abstract and bio submission.

When are submissions due?

Deadline for submissions is **May 31, 2019 at 5:00 pm.** Individuals whose abstract is selected for presentation at the symposium will be notified by the first week of June. All selected presenters are required to submit final presentation materials by **July 1, 2019.**

Who is eligible to apply?

Scholars, researchers, subject-matter experts, academics, post-graduate students, and journalists are all encouraged to apply. We are looking for participants who are passionate about regional issues and who can offer innovative concepts and future opportunities for partnership between Nepal and its partners.

When, where, and who will attend?

The symposium is tentatively scheduled to take place early July in Kathmandu. More information on the location and date will be shared once finalized. Invitations to attend and observe will be sent in mid- to late-June to academics, researchers, diplomats, government officials, students, youth, and exchange alumni.

What is the format of the symposium?

The symposium aims to cover a dynamic and broad cross-sectional overview of the thematic issues, with each presenter given 7-8 minutes—think TedTalks—to deliver their concept to the audience. Following the presentations, there will be a moderated Q&A in which presenters can engage each other and further elaborate on their perspectives and proposed strategies.

Where to submit abstracts?

Please email your abstract to info@nusan.org (cc AlumniKTM@state.gov) with the subject “Abstract for Regional Connectivity Symposium 2019” no later than **5:00pm on May 31, 2019.** NUSAN will notify individuals whose abstract is selected for presentation by the first week of June. For those selected to present, final papers and/or presentations are due by **July 1, 2019.**



TITLE OF PAPER

Author's Name (Surname with Initials)

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ABSTRACT

An abstract is a single paragraph, without indentation, that summarizes the key points of your manuscript/ or topic of presentation. The abstract, including footnotes, must be 400 words or less. Abstract titles must be limited to ten words or less. Do not reference unpublished materials or past presentations for which no reference can be obtained. The abstract should be in English.

Keywords: (maximum 6 words)



Biography

Please send your biography along with the abstract using the following format:

1. Full name
2. Title/department/organization/country
3. Biography (no more than 75 words)
4. Contact information (Address, mobile number, email address, Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn)
5. Category: (Paper presentation / PowerPoint presentation)

Example Biography:

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Researcher, Department of Social Sciences, University of Nepal
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Biography: (Limited to 75 words)

Ram has been with the University of Nepal's Department of Social Sciences since 2015. His research focuses on the livelihoods and challenges faced by migrant family communities. Before joining the University, Ram worked as a columnist with Nepal Express focused on transnational crime and cross-border security issues. He has authored three peer-reviewed articles, and co-authored one book that due for publication in Oct 2019.

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