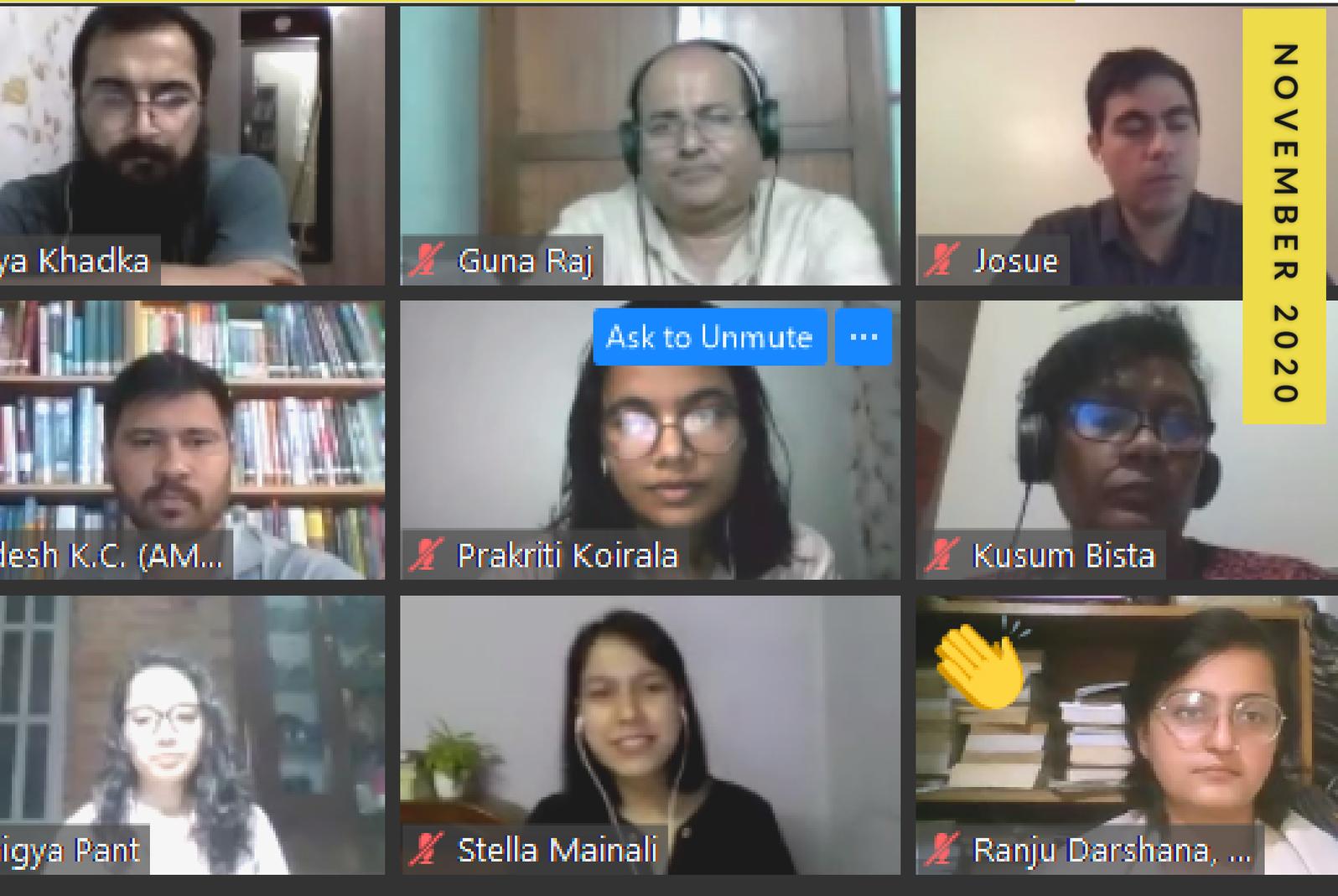


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American Spaces team hosted a range of programming on the election process and more.

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American Spaces Nepal

Namaste!

Thank you for subscribing to our American Spaces newsletter. I can't believe we are approaching the end of the year. Where did it go? I hope everyone had a relaxing and safe Dashain holiday and is looking forward to the next holiday - Tihar.

We hope you and your families continue to stay safe during this time. The American Spaces team across Nepal continues to work to develop virtual programs to meet your needs and help you navigate this new world we live in. For November, we plan to provide programs during International Education Week (Nov. 16-20) and Global Entrepreneurship Week (Nov. 16-22). Keep your eyes open for updates regarding these topics.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to alter our lives, we will provide virtual programming until we are able to open our Spaces to the public. If you have suggestions or ideas to share, feel free to contact us.

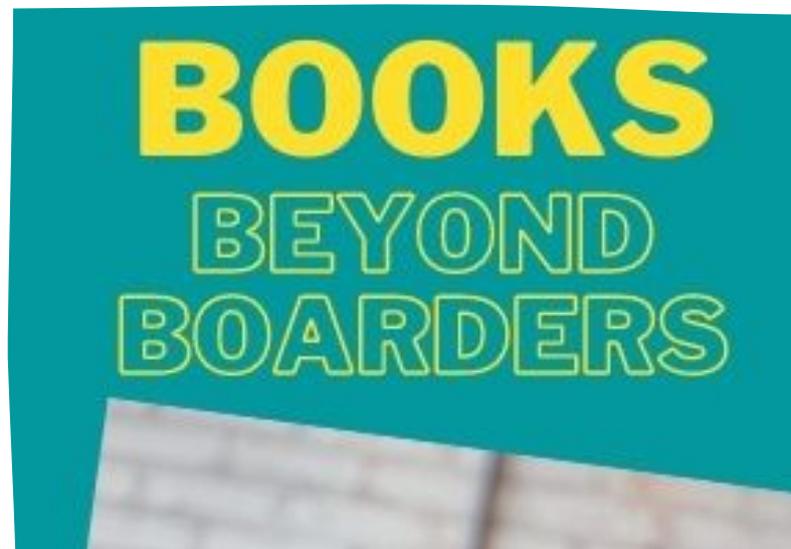
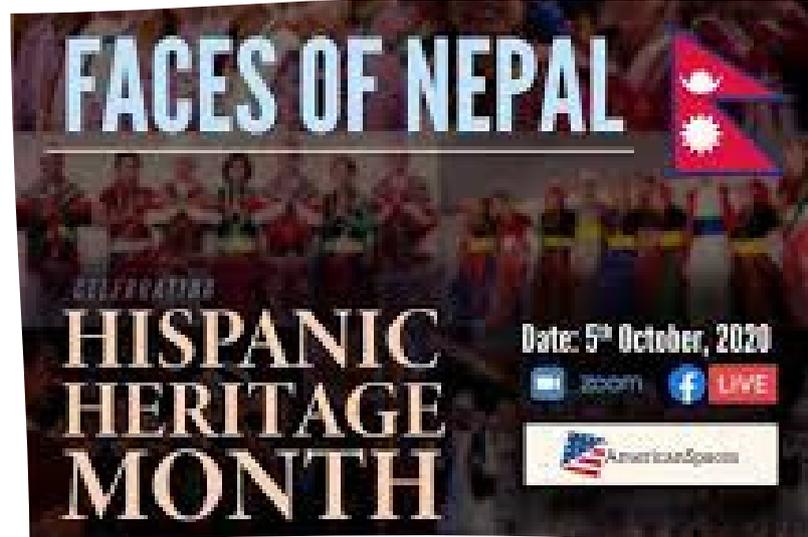
To register for our programs, please click on the given link (Register). We post our programs in our respective Corner Facebook pages (<https://np.usembassy.gov/education-culture/american-spaces/>), so keep checking the page for additional program postings. And feel free to share the American Center [Newsletter Subscription](#) link (<https://rb.gy/el551i>) with interested folks.

Sincerely,
American Spaces Team

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

National Hispanic Heritage Month

American Spaces in Nepal Celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month, explaining the significance of the celebration in the United States and celebrating the ethnic and language diversity of Nepal. Faces of Nepal: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month invited eight indigenous group members, who spoke about the diversity of Nepal. In a country where more than 123 languages are spoken, American Spaces brought these members to share their culture, customs, and rituals to audiences via Facebook Live.



Books Beyond Borders

For the tenth regional Book Club - “Books Beyond Borders”, Mark Burrell kicked off the conversation. During the 2 week session, participants read Halloween themed short stories. Participants discussed Washington Irving’s The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Edgar Allan Poe’s The Masque of the Red Death and The Cask of Amontillado.

Hack the Fact

On October 9th, the Book Bus team, in partnership with American Spaces conducted their first workshop titled - Hack the Fact. The three hour workshop focused on the upcoming U.S. elections and tools being utilized to counter misinformation, identifying fake news, and foreign state sponsored propaganda. With guidance from well trained facilitators, participants explored and evaluated different types of information and resources on the internet, and even experimented with creating their own fake content.

Guff Gaaf with Boju

The first episode of our four-part web series premiered on YouTube - Guff Gaaf with Boju Bajai. This series was developed in collaboration with Boju Bajai which features writers, comedians, and artists. The series is a response to the constant silencing and bullying of women who offer critical commentary offline and online around questions regarding nationality, nationalism, citizenship, and inclusion. Over 2,000 people have watched the video since it premiered. It can be viewed [here](#).

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MORE WOMEN HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE, BUT WILL THEY HAVE A VOICE?

In a program titled, "More Women Have a Seat at the Table, But Will They Have a Voice?" the American Spaces team invited MP Bimal B.K, Dalit member from the Federal Parliament of Nepal; Sushila Mishra Bhatt, Deputy Mayor from Dhangadhi; and Ranju Darshana, a young socio-political activist to talk about the participation of women in the political process in Nepal. The conversation focused on a range of important topics, such as inclusivity, countering gender-based violence, fighting patriarchal dominance, and engaging more youth in politics. The program concluded our programmatic arc celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Explaining the U.S. Elections

To explain the upcoming U.S. Elections to American Spaces audiences across Nepal, the Embassy's Consular Officer and a former law professor spoke about the candidates requirements, political parties in the U.S., House and Senate differences, and the Electoral College. In a lively interaction following the presentation, the discussion focused on, among other things, the possibility of an Electoral College tie and its solution, possibility of "faithless" electors in the presidential election, the effect of the current pandemic on elections, absentee ballots, campaign finance rules, and the insignificance of popular votes in the presidential elections.