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Anthropology

Rituals of Ethnicity : Thangmi Identities between Nepal and India / Sara Shneiderman
Kathmandu : Himal Books (for Social Science Baha), 2022
xx, 308p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789937119689
\$ 40.00 / PB
486gm.

Rituals of Ethnicity is a transnational study of the relationships between mobility, ethnicity and ritual action. Through an ethnography of the Thangmi, a marginalized community who migrate between Himalaya border zones of Nepal, India and the Tibetan Autonomous Region of China, Shneiderman offers a new explanation for the persistence of enduring ethnic identities today despite the increasing realities of mobile, hybrid lives. The first comprehensive ethnography of the Thangmi, the book is framed by the Maoist-state civil conflict in Nepal and the movement for a separate state of Gorkhaland in India. Shneiderman builds upon the specificity of Thangmi experience to tell a larger story about the complexities of ethnic consciousness: the challenges of belonging and citizen under condition of mobility, the desire to both lay claim to and remain apart from the civil society of multiple states, and the paradox of self-identification as a group with culture traditions in need of both preservation and development.

An entirely unique and stunning ethnography. Shneiderman finds herself assisting the Thangmi's drive to manifest their distinctiveness and seek recognition. She manages a high-wire performance herself: one full of compassion acute theoretical insight, exemplary balance, and respect for the sacredness of the quest-doing as much credit to ethnography as a craft as to the Thangmi as a people. Few have been as fortunate in their ethnographer as the Thangmi. – James C. Scott, Yale University
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823597>

Art

Nepal in Black and White, 1956-1975 : Photographs, Memorabilia and Commentary by
Nepalis / Daniel W. Edwards

Nepal: Nepalbhasa Foundation, 2021

x, 238p.

9789937091138

\$ 100.00 / PB

764gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823598>

Newar Art Traditions : Historical Reminiscence of Painting and Stone Art Nepal
Mandala / (Ed) Shanker Thapa

Kathmandu: Nepal Academy of Fine Art, 2021

132p.

9789937935371

\$ 25.00 / PB

228gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823599>

Nepal : The Gate of Heritage / Gajendra Man Shrestha

Kathmandu: Nepal Academy of Fine Art, 2021

104p.

9789937935319

\$ 20.00 / PB

224gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823600>

Biography/Memoirs

A Ray of Lights in the Himalayas : Building the Hotel Everest View / Takashi Miyahara

Kathmandu: FinePrint Pvt. Ltd., 2022

230p.

9789937746533

\$ 40.00 / HB

434gm.

Takashi Miyahara came to Nepal in the 1960s and fell in love with the country that eventually became his spiritual home. While traveling the country, he realized that its natural beauty and cultural characteristics make it one of the world's most attractive

tourist destinations. Not one to back away from what others deem impossible, Miyahara focused on encouraging the country's independent spirit for development and committed himself to bringing many tourism-related projects to fruition. The most well-known of these is the Hotel Everest View, which is located at an altitude of nearly 3,900 meters and commands a 360-degree view of the Himalayas. A Ray of Light in the Himalayas is an extraordinary story of how this iconic hotel came into being.

Mesmerizing and inspiring in equal measure, this is a book about the realization of big dreams.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823601>

B.P. Koirala's Diary (1951-1956) : Storey of courage and Freedom / B.P. Koirala (Ed)
Dr. Abhi Subedi

Kathmandu: Jananayak B.P. Koirala Memorial Trust, 2020

208p.

9789937079334

\$ 25.00 / PB

232gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823602>

Back to the Future in Bandipur / Chiji Kumar Shrestha (Translator) Mike Gill (Ed) John Comings

Kathmandu: BookArt Nepal, 2021

352p.

9789937726276

\$ 30.00/ PB

288gm.

"I really enjoyed reading From Bandipur and Back (Ghumiphiri Bandipur), by my old friend Chij Kumar Shrestha, and happy to be included in the English translation. There is a special reason for my pleasure. Chij and I are almost the same age and have had many of the same experiences.

This book presents the story of how a young man educated in a village school overcame countless obstacles as a result of his diligence, hard work and honesty, rising to a position of great public success in a city like Kathmandu. At the same time, this book serves as an inspiration for today's youth and as an astute analysis of Nepal's development, education system, and bureaucracy.

- Kedar Bhakta Mathema

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823603>

Economics

Facts of Nepal 2022 / Manish Jha
Lalitpur: Facts Research & Analytics Pvt. Ltd., 2022
1v.
9789937112499
\$ 20.00 / PB
324gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823604>

Practices of Fiscal Federalism in Nepal / Bishav Adhikari, Sagar Baral & Sampurna Basnet
Nepal: Shikha Books, 2021
xxi, 183p.
9789937751797
\$ 25.00 / PB
208gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823605>

History

Journal of Nepalese Studies (A Peer-Reviewed journal), Vol. 14, No. 1, 2021 / (Chief Ed)
Ganga Prasad Uprety
Kathmandu: Nepal Academy, 2021
164p.
ISSN: 2705-442X
\$ 30.00/ PB
268gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823606>

Collection of Historical Boundary Maps Related to Nepal / Buddhi Narayan Shrestha
Boston, USA: Dr. Mabi Lochan Singh, 2020
300p.
9789937113649
\$ 35.00 / PB
476gm.

The content of this book is translated from my pervious book in Devanagari version entitled 'Nepal Sambandhit Eaitihasik Sima Naksa Sangraha (Collection of Historical

Boundary Maps Related to Nepal)’. Some of its texts have been updated and a few others have been added to this English version book.

This book is believed to be useful for the foreigners to gain information and knowledge on the historical boundary maps related to Nepal’s international boundaries, especially the north- western corner-point adjoined with India. It is international community, to protect Nepal’s Territorial integrity, sovereignty and freedom.

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Nepal Earthquake / Kevin Bubriski (et al.) (Ed) Deepak Thapa (Foreword) Majushree Thapa

Kathmandu: Himal Kitab Pvt Ltd, 2022

236p.

9789937597692

\$ 150.00 / HB

1362gm.

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Law

Property Law in Nepalese Perspective / Laxmi Prasad Kharel

Kathmandu: Kharel Kanuni Sewa Tatha Anusandhan Kendra, 2022

400p.

9789937098519

\$ 30.00 / PB

444gm.

The Author of this book Advocate Laxmi Prasad Kharel is a prolific writer and an emerging scholar of Law Academics of Nepal. Advocate Kharel has already authored more than thirty books in the area of Law, History and Constitution. He is equally interested on Legal history. The author has written this book being deeply engrossed with the available literatures on Property law and making scrutinized analysis for the completion of it. The author who works as a law lecturer in Kathmandu, is a voracious reader, has written numerous articles in the journals and newspapers. As a man of letters and humble seeker of knowledge, he has obtained MA(History), MA(Archaeology and Culture), MED(English-Socio-Psycho Linguistics), MA (English) and LLM(Constitutional Law)from TU, Nepal. Author Kharel was born on January 15,1973 at Baradashi R.M.C. Ward No. 5, Jhapa, Nepal. He was the topper of LLM in Constitutional Law in the exam held by TU in 2008-2009. This book has provided upto-date information about Property law of Nepal and other Acts and Laws which govern the

Property Law of Nepal. The book flawlessly explains the right of Property as a fundamental right in Nepal and its sanctity safeguarded by the Indian Constitution, US Constitution and other Declarations, ie, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948 and French Declaration of Rights of Man and Citizen, 1789. It is expected that this book will serve an inquisitorial purpose for the students of law, researchers of law and staffs of judiciary. This book has incorporated new legal provisions dealing with the property law. It has been undated as per the newly enacted National Civil Code, 2074.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823609>

Linguistics

Essential Newari Phrasebook : A Self-taught Guide to Conversational Nepal Bhasa / Tej R. Kansakar

Kathmandu: Himalayan Book Centre, 1989

\$ 10.00 / PB

50gm.

Most foreigners who come to Nepal, either as tourists, specialists or scholars, will find that Newari is one of the principal languages spoken in the Kathmandu Valley and trading centers in various parts of the kingdom. Newari (earlier known as Nepal Bhasa) is one of four Tibeto-Burmese languages with an old written tradition. The earliest written records date back to the 12th century when the Nepal script (Bhujimol, Pracalit or Ranjana scripts) was used in stone or metal inscriptions, documents written on palm-leaves, and other miscellaneous media written on paper. Newari emerged as an influential literary language during the mid-fourteenth century when secular and religious texts were written or translated from Sanskrit, and many poems and dramas came to be composed. Since the advent of printing in the Kathmandu Valley around the beginning of this century, the original Newari scripts have been almost entirely abandoned and the language is now written in the Devanagari. The transcription scheme for words and phrases used in this booklet, however, is not a transliteration of the Devanagari. The materials used therefore do not presuppose familiarity with the Devanagari script, although some knowledge of the Devanagari alphabet would be an advantage in learning to read and write Newari sentences, and to consult bilingual Dictionaries where the entries are mainly in Devanagari. It must also be pointed out that the Devanagari has numerous variations in its spelling system which strictly are not relevant to the facts of Newari phonology. A more systematic approach to the learning of the Devanagari script can be found in Anna Maria Hari, Conversational Nepali, Kathmandu 1971.

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Literature

Folk Tales From Nepal : The Legend of Karunamaya / Kesar Lal (Ed) Suresh Shrestha
(Illustrator) Surya N. Shrestha

Kathmandu: Ratna Pustak Bhandar, 2022

x, 86p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789937332767

\$ 10.00 / PB

80gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823611>

Nepali Literature in Translation : History and Criticism / Bal Ram Adhikari

Kathmandu: Nepal Academy, 2021

264p.

9789937761376

\$ 20.00 / PB

222gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=823612>
