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## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

*Ph.D. in International Relations*, South Asian University, New Delhi Expected: July 2027  
Dissertation: *The Role of Military in Environmental Security: A Case of Nepal*

*M.A. in International Relations*, South Asian University, New Delhi July 2021  
Dissertation: *Strategic Narratives on China and India in Nepali Broadsheet Dailies: Implications for Bilateral Developmental Cooperation*

## PRESENTATIONS

*The Nepali Military and Environmental Security: Discursive and Institutional Response to Climate Threats*, ISA Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio, USA, 2026  
*Climate, Militarizing Environmental Security? Ethical Dilemmas and Environmental Justice in Nepal*, ISA Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio, USA, 2026  
*Creating and Contesting Global Earthquake Safety Norms: The Diffusion and Adaptation of 'Drop, Cover, and Hold On'*, Special Programming: Shaping the Future of International Organization Research – Mentoring the Next Generation of IO Scholars, ISA Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio, USA, 2026  
*Strategic Narrative on China and India in Nepali Broadsheet Dailies: Implications for Bilateral Developmental Cooperation*, ICA, Lokniti, and CSDS, 2025  
*Reimagining Nepal's Public Diplomacy: Insights from Stato-Dynamic Progressivism*, Kathmandu University, 2024  
*Panelist: Relevance of Stato-Dynamic Progressivism in Nepal*, Kathmandu University, 2024  
*Enhancing Disaster Preparedness through Effective Communication Strategies: A Case of Nepal*, Kathmandu University, 2024  
*Private Military and Security Companies in Global Security Assemblages: A Case Study of Gorkhali*, Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, 2024  
*Earthquake Protective Action 'Drop', 'Cover' and 'Hold On' (DCH): A Case Study of Global Policy Diffusion and Translation in Nepal*, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu  
*Bagh Chal: A Game of Strategic Thinking?*, South Asian University, New Delhi  
*Disaster Cooperation for Robust Cross-Border Relations in the Era of Anthropocene*, South Asian Border Studies Conference, 2023  
*Non-Western Diplomatic Practices: Lessons from Nepal*, International Studies Convention, NIIICE, 2021

## EXPERIENCE

**Research Intern**, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIIICE), Kathmandu Aug–Nov 2021  
**Research Scholar**, Knowledge 2 Action SDG Academy, Swiss CLOC Jan–Feb 2022  
**Rapporteur**, Annual Dialogue on Koshi Disaster Risk Reduction Knowledge Hub, ICIMOD, Kathmandu Dec 15–17, 2022  
**Net-Zero Fellow**, School of Policy & Governance Feb–May 2023  
**Ecological Security Fellow**, Council on Strategic Risks, Washington DC Feb–Jul 2024  
**Volunteer, Support for Working Groups**, Ostrom Water Governance Workshop Aug 2024 – Present  
**Expert Group Member**, Climate and Security Action through Civil-Military Cooperation in Climate-Related Emergencies (Project CASA) June 12, 2025 – Present

## POLICY PAPER

*Riding the Dragon: Assessing China's Rise and its Challenges and Opportunities for Nepal*, Friedrich Naumann Foundation  
(Co-authored with Udyan Devkota)

**JOURNAL ARTICLE**

*A Case Study of Gorkhali: Private Military and Security Companies in Global Security Assemblages*, UNITY Journal, 2024

**BOOK CHAPTER**

*Contested Waters and Clumsy Solutions: Plural Rationalities in Transboundary Water Governance in Nepal-India Borderlands*  
(Co-author; in Taylor & Francis; <https://doi.org/10.1201/9781003599692-12>)

**OPINION PIECES**

*Sherpa Trails Connect Himalayas Globally*, The Rising Nepal, June 6, 2025 (Co-author)  
*Lesson for Nepal From Ukraine War*, The Annapurna Express, July 2023 (Author)

**WORKING PAPERS**

*Strategic Narratives on China and India in Nepali Broadsheet Dailies: Implications for Bilateral Developmental Cooperation*  
*Earthquake Protective Action 'Drop', 'Cover' and 'Hold On' (DCH): A Case Study of Global Policy Diffusion and Translation*  
*The Role of Military in Environmental Security: A Case of Nepal*