

*Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad*

*Nepal in the Contemporary World*

**Asian Studies Center – Michigan State University  
Daily Schedule**

**Friday, 12 June:**

Depart Lansing/Flint/Marquette/Grand rapids/Traverse City/Detroit Airport for Kathmandu

**Saturday, 13 June:** In transit [Amsterdam and New Delhi].

**Sunday, 14 June: 8:30 a.m.** Arrive in Kathmandu

**Check in at Hotel Himalaya** (Tel: 01-977-1-5523900; Fax: 011-977-1-5523909)

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**Visit ICIMOD's Godawari Training and Development Center**

**Seminar 1: Environmental Changes and Impact in the HKH Mountain**

Dr. Madhab Karki, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD

**Afternoon: Visit the ancient city of Patan/Lalitpur**

**Monday, 15 June:**

**9:00-10:30a.m.: Welcome and Orientation [session dropped due to transportation closure in strike in Kathmandu**

Mr. Mark Larson, Counselor for Public Affairs Dr.  
Peter Moran, Executive Director, USEF/Nepal

**10:30 – Noon**

**Seminar 2: Nepal: Its History, Events, and People**

Dr. Kailash Pyakuryal, Professor

**Afternoon: Discussion on Nepal's Development** with Dr. Pyakuryal and Dr. Suvedi

**Tuesday, 16 June:**

**8:00-10:00a.m.:**

**Seminar 3: History & Geopolitics in South Asia**

Prof. Tri Ratna Manandhar, Tribhuvan University

**10:30a.m. Alternative time for Seminar 2/ Group Planning Session**

**Afternoon: Visit the ancient city of Kathmandu**

**Wednesday, 17 June:**

**8:00-10:00a.m.:**

**Seminar 4: Democratic Transformation in Nepal**

Prof Krishna Khanal, Tribhuvan University

**10:15 – Noon**

**Seminar 5: Federalism and Janajati Issues in Nepal**

Dr. Krishna Bhattachan, Tribhuvan University

**Afternoon: Visit Swyambhoo Nath (Shrines of Lord Buddha)**

**Thursday, 18 June:**

**8:00-9:45a.m.:**

**Seminar 6: Religious Practice in Nepal**

Mr. Chinta Mani Yogi. Principal, Hindu Vidha Peeth, Kathmandu

**Afternoon: Visit to Buddha Nilakantha and Boudhanath (Shrines of Lord Buddha)**

**Friday, 19 June:**

**8:00-10:00a.m.:**

**Seminar 7: Democratic Governance in Nepal**

Dr. Damodar Gautam, Kathmandu University

**10:00 Visit Little Angel's School**

**Seminar 8: Public and Private School Issues**

Mr. Umesh Shrestha, Founding Principal, Little Angel's School

**Afternoon: Visit Ministry of Education's Curriculum Development Center**

**Evening: First Weekly Reflection Session**

**Week 2: Pokhara Participants will stay with their  
home-stay families**

**Saturday, 20 June:**

**Travel to Pokhara**

**Observation at Charaudi Village: Observe Milk Coop and Vegetable Cooperative**

**Seminar 9: Field Trip by Mr. Homnath Thapalia, Local Leader**

**Sunday, 21 June:**

**9:00 a.m.** Group will meet at Paschimanchal Higher Secondary School. Welcome and briefing from Dr. B.K. Parajuli and representatives from local schools

Teams of teachers will visit their partner schools; meet with host school officials (Headmaster and partner teacher)

**Afternoon:** Free time to explore Pokhara with members of their host family

**Monday, 22 June:**

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Seminar 10: Ethnicity in Pokhara**

Dr. Bishwo Kallyan Parajuli, P.N. Campus, Tribhuvan University

9:45 a.m. Team-teaching in a Nepalese school

**Tuesday, 23 June:**

**7:00 – 9:30 a.m.: *Teachers spend time with host family***

**9:45 a.m.** Team-teaching in a Nepalese school

**Wednesday, 24 June:**

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Seminar 11: Health, Illness and Children Development in Nepal**

Dr. D.R. Adhikari, Western Regional Hospital Pokhara

9:45 a.m. Team-teaching in a Nepalese school in the afternoon

**Thursday, 25 June:**

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m. *Group Meeting to finalize plans a weekend trek***

**9:45 a.m.** Team-teaching in a Nepalese school

**Friday, 26 June:**

**9:45 a.m.** Team-teaching in a Nepalese school

**1:00 p.m. Leave for short trek in the Annapurna Conservancy Area Project**

Arrive and overnight in the village of Hamsapur—35 Kilometers Southeast of Pokhara

Visit Ramkot Higher Secondary School  
Tel: 06162-1831; Headmaster: 98462-00732

**Saturday, 27 June:**

Exploration/observation of the villages in the region.

Learn about the family system, food production, health and nutrition, resource conservation, poverty amelioration, and gender issues.

Observe communities, schools and businesses.

**Week 3: Pokhara Participants will stay with their home-stay families**

**Sunday, 28 June: Return to Pokhara in the afternoon.**

**Second weekly reflection and group dinner**

**Monday, 29 June:**

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Seminar 12: Development in the Nepali Context**

Dr. Murari Suvedi

**9:45 a.m. Begin to develop teaching modules/lesson plans**

Team-teaching/observe test/assessment in Nepalese schools

**Tuesday, 30 June:**

**8:00-9:30 Current Status on Nepal's Constitution**

**Mr. Rabindra Adhikari, Member of Constituent Assembly**

**9:45 a.m. Continue teaching modules/lesson plan development**

Team-teaching/observe test/assessment in Nepalese schools

**Wednesday, 1 July:**

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Seminar 13: Tourism and Its Impact in Pokhara**

Dr. Devendra Lamichhane, Professor, Tribhuvan University

Continue to develop teaching modules/lesson plans.

Team-teaching in a Nepalese school in the afternoon

**Thursday, 2 July:**

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Seminar 13** *Understanding Nepali Family Structure, Values and Beliefs:  
Participant reflections and Discussions*

Dr. Bishwo Kallyan Parajuli, P.N. Campus, Tribhuvan University

9:45 a.m. Final team-teaching/observation in the school

5:30p.m. Farewell Supper with partner teachers in Pokhara

**Friday, 3 July:**

Leave for the second short trek in the Annapurna Area Observe livelihood style, identify developmental issues or think how things could be improved.

**Saturday, 4 July:**

Observe livelihood style, identify developmental issues or think how things could be improved.

Return to Pokhara

**Sunday, 5 July: Free day in Pokhara**

### **Third Weekly Reflection Session and Group Dinner**

**Week 4: Kathmandu Participants will stay in  
Kathmandu/Dhulikhel**

**Monday, 6 July: Bus back to Kathmandu**

**Tuesday, 7 July:**

**8:00- 9:45a.m.:**

**Seminar 14:** *Nepal's Education System*

*Dr. Mana Wagle, Dean, School of Education, Kathmandu University*

**10:15 – Noon:**

**Seminar 15:** **Foreign Aid and Development: Contribution of the United States**

*Dr. Sagar Raj Sharma, School of Arts, Kathmandu University*

**2:00-4:00p.m.:**

**Discussion on Individual Lesson Plans by participating teachers**

**Wednesday, 8 July:**

**8:00 -9:45a.m.**

**Seminar 16: Ripples in Nepali Socio-cultural Landscape: A look at Caste/Ethnic and religious identity issues**

Dr. Ram Chhetri, Professor, Tribhuvan University

**10:15-Noon**

**Seminar 17: Gender Issues in Nepal**

Dr. Chandra Bhadra, Professor, Tribhuvan University

Free afternoon to finalize curriculum modules

**Thursday, 9 July:**

**Seminar 18: Urban Environmental Issues and Concerns: A Nepalese Perspective**

Prof. Sanjaya Khanal and Manoj Badu, Kathmandu University

**Exit meeting with host country officials**

**Mr. Mark Larson, Counselor for Public Affairs**

**Friday, 10 July: Meeting with Prime Minister Madhab Kumar Nepal at PM's Residence in Baluwatar, Kathmandu**

**Presentation of curriculum modules to the group**

**Saturday, 11 July:**

**Fourth Weekly Evaluation and Reflection Session**

**Field Trip to Chovar, Kirtipur**

**Sunday, 12 July:**

Free time for packing/checking out

Depart Kathmandu at 3:30p.m.

Arrive New Delhi at 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, 13 July:**

12:50 a.m. Depart New Delhi

11:00 a.m. Arrive USA