

# Call for Poster and Oral Presentation Abstracts

**Fifth International Conference:**  
*“Pragmatic Pathways to a Prosperous Nepal”*

23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2013: O’Donnell Hall, New Mexico State University



Organized by:

**Nepalese Students’ Association (NeSA)**  
**New Mexico State University (NMSU), Las Cruces, NM, USA**  
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## Invitation and Conference Aims

The Nepalese Students' Association (NeSA) in NMSU invites you to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> international conferences entitled “*Pragmatic Pathways to a Prosperous Nepal*”. Authors are highly encouraged to submit abstracts from different backgrounds and expertise gained worldwide. Specifically, we welcome authors to submit topics that address challenges and outcomes associated with academia and professional life that contribute to the further advancement of Nepal in more practical way.

More than ever, we are immersed in an array of professional and academic fields throughout the world. Our diverse and dynamic backgrounds and expertise play an essential role in the revitalization of our motherland. Our aims extend to incorporate foreign ideas, infrastructure, culture, and philosophy into our homeland, so that Nepal may get one step ahead towards prosperity. Thus, it is vital that we strive to involve our foreign co-workers, friends, peers, and mentors in contributing to our cause. Additionally, the conference will focus on overcoming obstacles associated with academic and professional life for the purpose of achieving success. Collectively, we would like to mold our endeavors into novel strategies that can be implemented for the development and betterment of Nepal. We hope that this conference will enlighten us, so that we may be continually reminded that we are all in a position to make a positive impact in Nepal.

## Topics

Oral presentations and posters may include the following subject areas and additionally may encompass related and/or overarching disciplines

- Economic development and infrastructures (electricity, transportation, communication, irrigation, etc.)
- Health, education, literacy, and population sector
- Science, engineering, and technology
- Development of information and communication technologies
- Socio-political and cultural transformation
- Diaspora knowledge network (foreign employment, brain drain, and immigration)

## Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: **March 8, 2013**

Notification to author(s)/presenter(s): **March 17, 2013**

Conference date: **March 23, 2013 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Venue: New Mexico State University, O'Donnell Hall Room # 111, Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA.

## Conference Format

The one day conference will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and will be divided into three sections. All speakers will be allotted 20 minutes for the presentation which includes about 5 minutes for questions and answers. Poster presenters should stand by their poster the entire length of Conference Session II (12:00 – 1:00).

### **Conference:**

**Session I:** 9:00-12:00

- Interdisciplinary Core Subjects

**Session II:** 12:00-1:00

- Lunch with accompanying roundtable talk and poster presentations

**Session III:** 1:00-4:00

- Key Note Speaker's presentation and other talks on the topic resonating with the title of the conference.

*Main categories for Conference Session I and II:* Interdisciplinary academic and professional disciplines: economics & business management, education, engineering, health & sports, history, information communication technologies, law, science, etc. Posters may cover any of the subject matters found under the topics heading.

*Main categories for Conference Sessions III:* Nepalese Diaspora, foreign trials and opportunities: knowledge networking, emerging aspects of cultural developmental issues, political, socioeconomic, and strategies for motherland revitalization.

## Notable Speakers:

**Dr. Shiva P. Gautam** – Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

**Dr. Tsering Yangzom Sherpa** – Gila Regional Medical Center, Silver City, NM

**Dr. Paras Mandal** – University of Texas at El Paso, TX

## Submission Guidelines

**Proposal contents:** Extended abstract maximum word limit is 1000 words (including title, authors, affiliations, references, etc.). However, a presenter can extend his or her abstract if requested to the academic director.

### Abstract Guidelines:

Font: Times New Roman

Title: **Bold**, size 14

Affiliations: *Italic*, size 10

Abstract Text (Body): size 12

Keywords: 3 – 5 words (to appear after abstract text), *italic*, size 12

Note: Please *italicize* and underline where appropriate (e.g. *italicize* species' name)

**Review process:** A two-member review panel will review all submitted abstracts.

**Proposal acceptance and rejection:** Based on the decision of the review panel, NeSA Academic committee reserves the right to accept or reject abstracts.

**Registration fee:** No registration fee will be required. Donations for the conference are always welcome.

**Audio-visual equipment:** AV equipment for PowerPoint presentations will be provided. Any other equipment or arrangement requests must be made at the time of proposal submission.

**Submission:** Abstracts will be sent to [academic.nesa@gmail.com](mailto:academic.nesa@gmail.com) as an attached word document (.doc). Authors interested to submit papers are advised to visit this link for the preparation of presentation: [http://web.nmsu.edu/~wwwgsc/gras/prep\\_presentation.html](http://web.nmsu.edu/~wwwgsc/gras/prep_presentation.html)

## Lunch & beverages

Refreshments will be provided by NeSA.

## Organizing Committee

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## Further questions, and inquires

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