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GENERAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

PhD and MPhil in Economics, Centre for Economic Studies & Planning (CESP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (2003 to 2009), MA in Economics, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University (1998 to 1999).

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Member, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal (July 2021 to Present); Chairperson, Health Insurance Board, Government of Nepal (August 2018 to June 2020); Member, High-level Cross-Sector Advisory Committee, Province 2, Government of Nepal (May 2019 to Present); Associate Professor (March 2014 to Present) and Assistant Professor (July 2000 to February 2014), Tribhuvan University, Central Department of Economics and Centre for Economic Development & Administration; Guest Researcher, Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland (January to March 2012); Executive Director, PRANN Nepal (April 2010 to November 2011); National Programme Coordinator, JAGHRIT Nepal (September to December 2007); Assistant Research Officer, New ERA Pvt. Ltd (February to March 2007); Regional TB/Leprosy Co-ordinator, Government of Nepal (September 1995 to February 1999); District TB Supervisor, International Nepal Fellowship (March 1988 to August 1995).

RESEARCH & CONSULTANCY

Delivered expert services and policy-making advises to the Government of Nepal including Public Service Commission, National Planning Commission, National Reconstruction Authority, Ministry of Finance, Social Welfare Council, Nepal Tourism Board, Nepal Cooperative Board, Inland Revenue Department; Led and successfully completed around 65 research projects on political economy, climate change and disaster risk management, federalism and decentralization, taxation and expenditure policy, business development and livelihood, governance, and socio-economic issues for the Government of Nepal, the UN System (UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, WHO, UNCTAD), bi-lateral and multi-lateral organizations (Palladium/UKAID, GIZ, USAID, SDC, KOICA, The World Bank/Ernst and Young/Poverty Alleviation Fund), INGOs (HELVETAS Swiss Inter-cooperation Nepal, International IDEA, IFRC, Save the Children, United Mission to Nepal, Oxfam, CARE Nepal, Plan International, Lutheran World Federation, DanChurchAid, Finn Church Aid, Good Neighbours International, HelpAge International, Handicap International) and NGOs (Nepal Red Cross Society, Rural Reconstruction Nepal, Nepal Centre for Contemporary Studies, SAWTEE, Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre, Nepal Madhesh Foundation).

RESEARCH & PUBLICATION INVOLVEMENT

Reviewer of 3 international peer-reviewed journals: “International Politics” Journal, Springer Nature; International Journal of Sustainable Economies Management (IJSEM), IGI Global Academic Journals; International Journal of Disaster Response and Emergency Management (IJDREM), IGI Global Academic Journals; Former Editor: The Journal of Development and Administrative Studies, CEDA, Tribhuvan University; Member, Research Committee, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University.

BOOK, JOURNAL AND FEATURE ARTICLES

Contributed research articles in international journals: “*The Economics of Disaster Risk Management in Nepal*”¹, International Journal of Disaster Response and Emergency Management, 2019; “*Nepal’s Excise Systems and the Legal Frameworks: Agendas for Reform*”², World Customs Journal, 2015; “*Impact of New Economic Policy on Poverty in Nepal*”, Bhartiya Samajik Chintan, A Quarterly Journal of Indian Academy of Social Sciences, Vol. V, No. 1 (New Series), April-June, pp. 20-32, 2006); national journals and book chapters: “*Institution, Governance*

¹ <https://www.igi-global.com/article/the-economics-of-disaster-risk-management-in-nepal/233878>

² [https://worldcustomsjournal.org/Archives/Volume%209%2C%20Number%202%20\(Sep%202015\)/1784%2001%20WCJ%20v9n2%20Prasad.pdf](https://worldcustomsjournal.org/Archives/Volume%209%2C%20Number%202%20(Sep%202015)/1784%2001%20WCJ%20v9n2%20Prasad.pdf)

and Fiscal Federalism Issues in Responding to COVID-19 in Nepal: Corrective Measures”, 2021, Institute of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal; “Health Insurance Programme in Nepal (in Nepali)”, Insurance News and Views, Insurance Committee 51th Anniversary Special 2019, Insurance Committee, 2019; “Fiscal Federalism in Nepal: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities”, PAAN Journal (A Journal of Public Affairs Management), Volume 25, March 2019, Year 17, Public Administrative Association of Nepal; “The Gorkha Earthquake 2015 and the Need for DRR Mainstreaming in Development Planning in Nepal”, 63rd Anniversary Special, 2018, Nepal Rastra Bank; “Belt and Road Initiative: Opportunities and Challenges for Nepal”, Mirmire, Economic Article Special, Volume 346, 2018, Nepal Rastra Bank; “Poverty in Nepal”, The Economic Journal of Nepal, Volume 37, Number 1 & 2, pp. 12-25, June 2014, Kathmandu: Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University; “Black Income Generation in Nepal”, Mirmire, Volume 44, Number 5, 2015, Nepal Rastra Bank; “Study of Nepal’s Economic Relations with China”, The Journal of Development and Administrative Studies, 2015³; “Nepal’s Fiscal Federalism Model in the New Constitution: Agendas for Amendments”, NRB Economic Review, 2015⁴; “Political Economy of Federal Nepal (in Nepali)” in Lok Raj Baral and Krishna Hachhethu (eds.), *Structure of Federal Nepal*, Nepal Centre for Contemporary Studies, 2013; “Health Service Delivery in Federal Nepal”, The Journal of Development and Administrative Studies, Volume 20/21, 2013, Centre for Economic Development & Administration; “Government Expenditure in Madhesh: Problems and Prospects” in Ruhi Tewari and Anirudh Prasad Sah (eds.), *The Landscape of Madhesh*, Nepal Madhesh Foundation, 2013; “Constitution as a Mechanism for Peace Building in Nepal” in Hari Bansh Jha (ed.), *Peace Building in Nepal*, Centre for Economic and Technical Studies, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and Alliance for Peace Building, 2012; “Economic Interdependence: Implications for Nepal” in Shrawan Sharma, Sean Rourke and Upendra Poudel (eds.), *Nepal: State of the State*, Centre for Economic & Social Development and Action Aid Nepal, 2010; “Nature of Poverty and Delivery of Goods and Services in the Era of Globalization in Nepal” in A. P. Shrestha and Hari Upreti (eds.), *Distribution of Goods and Services in Nepal’s Conflict Situation*, Nepal Foundation for Advanced Studies and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Nepal, 2006. The book *Fiscal Federalism in Nepal* published in 2016. Contributed around 25 feature articles in magazines and newspapers like the Kantipur, the Kathmandu Post, the Himalayan times, Telegraphnepal.com, etc.

SELECT SEMINAR PAPERS/LECTURES DELIVERED

Presented research papers and delivered lectures including key note speaker in national and international seminars, workshops, and symposiums organized in Nepal, India, China, Switzerland, Finland, Bahrain etc.

THESIS & DISSERTATIONS

PhD Thesis: Impact of the New Economic Policies on the Fiscal Sector and Its Implications for Poverty Reduction in Nepal, submitted to Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), 2008. Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Arun Kumar; MPhil Dissertation: Impact of New Economic Policy on Some Economic Aspects of Nepalese Economy, submitted to JNU, 2005. Dissertation Supervisor: Prof. Arun Kumar; MA Dissertation: “Poverty in Rural Nepal—A Case Study of Sakhua VDC, Rautahat District”, submitted to Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, 1999.

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³ <https://www.nepjol.info/index.php/JODAS/article/view/15446>

⁴ https://www.nrb.org.np/ecorev/articles/Vol27-2-art6.Fiscal_Federalism_Uma_Shankar.pdf