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Foreign Policy of Nepal: An Analysis

By

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Foreign policy is considered an integral part of the national policy. But unlike policies in other sectors, foreign policy of Nepal hardly comes under public deliberation, except for political maneuvering around the ideas of nationalism and so on. Accordingly, in popular imagination, Nepal's foreign policy has become a matter of anxiety and speculation rather than anything to do with rational analysis around national interest. So what is the modus operandi of foreign policy making in Nepal? How Nepal handles its international relations? A veteran diplomat presents analysis and testimony around these questions.

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