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Research for Policy Making in Complex Areas Like Climate Change and Food Security in Nepal: Some Reflections

By

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There is more concern now on policy research to solve or contribute towards solving real world problems – which are complex (also called wicked) in nature. Research on such problems also requires different types of approaches/methods. Similarly, collaboration across disciplines, institutions and groups is considered important for such research. But, questions are often raised, sometimes rightly so, on whether policies are made based on research-evidence or research-evidence is generated to support the pre-determined policies. Similarly, whether emphasis on (inter) transdisciplinarity required for such research has led to true collaboration across disciplines or whether the ‘silo’ mentality is still growing. What, in fact, is (inter) transdisciplinarity? How effective are the teams composed for such research and how effective their research outputs are? What are the best practices that have shown some effectiveness? Dr. Adhikari will share some of his experiences and knowledge on the above questions, especially based on his work on climate change and food security in Nepal.

Jagannath Adhikari, PhD, is a geographer associated with The Australian National University, Canberra. He is the author and co-author of several books including *Food Crisis in Karnali: A Historical and Political-economic Perspective* (2008); *Changing Livelihoods: Essays on Nepal's Development since 1990* (2008); *Land Reform in Nepal: Problems and Prospects* (2008); *Pokhara: Biography of a Town* (2002); *The New Lahures: Foreign Employment and Remittances Economy of Nepal* (2001); *Food Crisis in Nepal: How Mountain Farmers Cope* (1999); and *The Beginnings of Agrarian Change: A Case Study in Central Nepal* (1996). He is also a member of Martin Chautari.

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