

# HIMALAYAN POLICY LAB (HPL)

Reimagining New Knowledge for Himalayan Sustainability



## HPL-2

Writing Policy Briefs to Maximise Impact:  
Sharing Insights from Practice

In this Himalayan Policy Lab-2, we discuss and share lessons on how we can better write research based policy briefs to maximise policy impact.

### Conveners

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## Why HPL - 2 ?

From water security to climate change adaptation, from energy security to agricultural subsidies, and from environmental health to infrastructure development, South Asian policy makers are confronting the challenge of understanding new research and listening to diverse community voices in making and improving policies at different levels. Over the past decade, research community has also generated a vast amount of research insights into these issues. However, the role of research remains far too limited in policy development and implementation.

### Program outline:

- Reimagining policy content writing for maximising impact, **Dr Hemant Ojha**
- Lessons of policy content writing – reflections from Nepal's forest sector, **Dr Naya Sharma**
- Issues and challenges in policy content writing – reflections from Nepal's water and decentralisation sector, **Dr Dil Khatri**
- Gender and policy content writing, **Dr Basundhara Bhattarai**

### How to Participate?

This event will take place physically in Kathmandu at the seminar halls of SIAS and ForestAction Nepal, and virtually anywhere in the world with internet access. Participants outside Kathmandu can join the Lab at this zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/719579736>

### Who can participate?

Any people interested to learn and contribute to policy improvement in South Asia and the Himalayan region.

### When?

**Date:** 9th August, 2019

**Time :** 2-3:30 pm (Nepal time); 6:15-7:45 pm (Sydney, Australia); 9:15-10:45 am (London, UK)

### How can you reserve a place?

Please send an email to [siasnepal@gmail.com](mailto:siasnepal@gmail.com) or [sias-info@sias-southasia.org](mailto:sias-info@sias-southasia.org) by Thursday 8th August 2019.

## What is HPL?

South Asia and the Himalayan region are facing unprecedented challenges due to climate change, persistent risk of earthquakes, landslides and floods, poverty, political transitions, and degradation of ecosystems and biodiversity. Eurocentric science has projected various images of crisis but has failed to meaningfully contribute to local planning, decision making and public policy. In parallel, diverse forms of indigenous knowledge have their own frames to understand the complexities of changing Himalayan geo-ecologies that draw on their histories, deep engagement with place, and connections across time and space. When placed within present geopolitics, globalization and the rapidly changing political economies of the entire region, however, both of these two dominant knowledge systems fail to provide clear pathways towards transformation. There is now a need to imagine a third perspective. In this Himalayan Policy Lab (HPL), we facilitate critical discussions on questions of knowledge politics in the region and the possibilities for the production of alternative forms of knowledge, transcending the worlds of academics, policy and practice. The HPL is designed to create a vibrant space wherein hybrid professionals with abilities to conduct transdisciplinary research and knowledge activism can emerge. Through reflection and reimagination of conceptual models, approaches and strategies, it challenges the current separation of research from practice, and practice from policy. The Lab has a goal to contribute to sustainability and justice in one of the world's most fragile and socially deprived regions.