



From the River to the Shivers: The Construction of an Anthropological Thesis Subject in Bardiya National Park (BNP, Bardiya)

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Seminar Overview

Created between the years 1988 and 1989, Bardiya National Park hosts very little anthropological work (Krauskopff, 1987; Normose, 2002; Bhatt, 2006) while research via the National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC), the object of research from the natural sciences (Jnawali, 1989; Baral & Heinen, 2007), or developmental sciences (Bhattarai & Fischer, 2014; Leystra, 2019; Leclerq et al., 2019). Initially starting from the study of a river, the Khauraha (part of the Karnali), and its bank, a banbhoj sthal, in the buffer zone of Bardiya National Park (also the subject of my Master's thesis), the presenter is studying the feelings of humans in these human-animal encounters, around and inside the Park. The presenter will reflect on the methodological evolution of her research subject and the methodologies she adopted and adapted during her fieldwork in the Bardiya buffer zone.



Nolwen Vouiller is a third year PhD student in anthropology, working on a codirection between the University of Liege (ULiège, Belgium) and the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS, France), with a fieldwork in Bardiya district, on human-animals encounters, inside and around Bardiya National Park (BNP) from 2019 (her master thesis). She first had a state diploma as a Psychomotor Therapist (Sorbonne Medecine University, France) and then an Anthropologist diploma (UCLouvain University, Belgium).

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