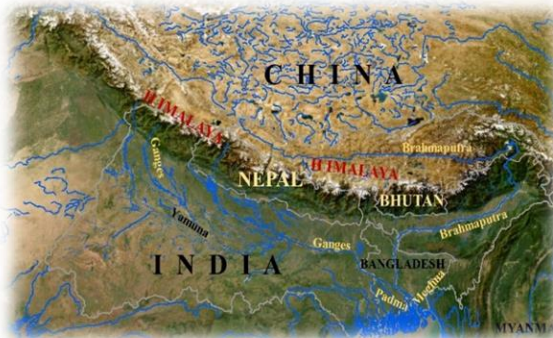




Himalayan River Systems: Transboundary Approaches to Land and Water Governance in South Asia

April 16th – 17th 2025

CALL FOR ABSTRACT



ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The international Symposium on 'Himalayan River Systems: Transboundary Approaches to Land and Water Governance in South Asia' aims to bring together academicians, experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to discuss these pressing issues. The Symposium will focus on exchanging knowledge, rethinking capacity, and exploring innovative strategies for transboundary land and water management, climate adaptation, and equitable water-sharing frameworks. By facilitating exchange of ideas, the symposium seeks to endorse collaborative solutions that ensure sustainable management of invaluable water resources in the Himalaya. The symposium aims to develop a policy-level methodology on how cross-country SDGs dialogue can help to improve water governance in the Himalayan region. The programme consists of Two days' Symposium at Kathmandu University, Nepal.

SUB-THEMES

- Water-sharing Treaties and Agreements in South Asia.
- Political and Diplomatic Challenges in Transboundary Water Governance.
- Water-Related Disasters and their Socio-Economic Consequences.
- Climate Change, Impact of Glacial Melt.
- Remote Sensing and GIS in Himalayan River Monitoring and Management.
- Early Warning Systems for Water-Related Hazards in Himalayan Regions.
- Water as a Tool for Diplomacy or Conflict in South Asia.
- Water Access, Poverty, and Livelihoods in Vulnerable Regions of Himalayas.
- Nature-based Water Management Practices for Himalayan River Systems.
- Traditional Knowledge Systems (TKS) for sustainable river management.
- Opportunities for Sustainable Infrastructure in Himalayan River Systems.

ORGANIZING PARTNERS

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HOW TO APPLY



The interested applicant can submit a 2-page CV along with an abstract (within 500 words) on the summary of their working paper or unpublished research paper on the Symposium theme or sub-themes. Initial abstracts should be emailed to skajimali.saa@gmail.com and reshma@ku.edu.np by 15th February 2025.

ASSOCIATE PARTNERS

South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA)
Land Management Training Centre (LMTTC)

REGISTRATION FEES

The participants no need to pay any **registration fess**

POST SYMPOSIUM ACTIVITY

Opportunity to published in an open access special issue. Frontiers in Water Research (Special Issue on Water Resources in South Asia: River and Glacial dynamics, climate change and societal-water interactions.)

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINE



18th April 2025 – A post-Symposium field visit is planned and the willing participant may join, but they have to manage the transportation cost.

We look forward to welcoming you at **Kathmandu University, Nepal**
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