Opening of the Nepal Research Bhavan

and

Conference/Workshop

Organized by Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities and National Archives Nepal

Masters and Servants:
Slavery, Bondage and Unfree Labour in Nepalese History

March 2-4, 2019

Venue: South Asia Institute Branch Office and Yalamaya Kendra, Patan

March 2, South Asia Institute Branch Office

16:00 Get-together and tea at the South Asia Institute Branch Office, Kupandole

17:00 Inauguration of the Nepal Research Bhavan and Opening of the Conference
Welcome addresses

Chief Guest: Secretary of the Ministry for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Nepal

For the project ‘Documents on the History of Religion and Law of Premodern Nepal’ of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Saubhagya Pradhananga, Director of the National Archives Nepal

Professor Thomas Holstein, President of Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Professor Bernd Schniedmueller, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the project

For the opening of Nepal Research Bhavan

Professor Dr. Bhupa Prasad Dhamala, Executive Director of the Department of International Relations, Tribhuvan University

Dr. Nadine Plachta, Director of the South Asia Institute Branch Office of Heidelberg University

For the Nepal Heritage Documentation Project

Damodar Gautam, Director General of the Department of Archaeology

Professor Christiane Brosius, Director of the project

Roshan Mishra, Saraf Foundation

For the Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures

Dr. Bidur Bhattarai, Hamburg University

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Hitman Gurung and Sheelasha Rajbhandari

18:00 Reception
March 3, Yalamaya Kendra

9:30  Axel Michaels: *History of Slavery in Nepal - an Overview*
10:15 Saubhagya Pradhananga: *Archival Documents on Slavery*
11:00 Dines Raj Pant, Kathmandu: *Nepālamā Dāsaprathā* (in Nepali, “System of Slavery in Nepal”)

11:45  Tea & Coffee
12:00 Catherine Warner, Boston: *Double-Crossing Subjects in Nepal’s Borderlands in the Nineteenth Century*
12:45 Sanjog Rupakheti, Worcester: *Land, Labor, and Law in Eighteenth Century Nepal*
13:30 Lunch
14:00 Arik Moran, Haifa: *Master and Servants beyond the Mahakali*
14:45 Ramhari Timalsina, Heidelberg: *Representation of Bonded Labors in the 20th-century Nepalese Literature*
15:30 Tea
15:45 Nadine Plachta, Heidelberg/Patan: *Land, Production, and the Rule of Law: Unfree Labor in Highland Nepal*
16:30 Kesang Tseten, *The Riyalists* (film, 2018) with discussion of the film-maker
19:30 Dinner (on special invitation)

March 4, Yalamaya Kendra

Reading-in-conjunction (workshop): Texts and Documents

10:00 Simon Cubelic, Rajan Khatiwoda: *Slavery Chapters of the Mulukī Ain of 1854*
11:00 Tea & Coffee
11:15 Manik Bajracharya, Axel Michaels: *Documents on Slavery*
12:15 Concluding Discussion
13:00 Lunch