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AUD 101	132 Editors in Conversation John Metz	This session is structured as a roundtable bringing together editors from all periods of the journal's evolution, including the current editors, in order to: provide ANHS members and other Himalayan scholars with an overview of how <i>HIMALAYA</i> has developed to its current status; with an open discussion about how <i>HIMALAYA</i> should move forward.	Kathryn March David Holmberg William Fisher Bruce Owens Barbara Brower Arjun Guneratne Sienna Craig Mark Turin
LUCE 202	103 Agrarian Environments Nayna Jhaveri	This panel focuses on how communities within agrarian environments in Nepal engage with emerging institutional, planning and ecological conditions. The demands for equality, rights and justice now have become clearly embedded within political discourses such that governance systems are responding to the claims of new sets of marginalized groups including women, <i>dalits</i> and <i>janajatis</i> .	Sharad Ghimire Tulasi Sigdel Nayna Jhaveri Mary E. Tucker
LUCE 203	117 Modernization Tibetan Regions Ming Xue	The process of modernization has been taking place in different Tibetan regions. However, modern ideologies do not necessarily replace traditional thoughts and beliefs. Through the interaction with modern societies, a traditional community may adapt to modernity to some extent, meanwhile revisiting its traditions and re-evaluating the core value of its culture.	Theresia Hofer Lijing Peng Ming Xue Michelle Kleisath
RKZ 02	125 Nepali Art Dina Bangdel	This panel explores the constructions of contemporaneity in the context of Nepali visual arts, and critically reframes issues of modernity that go beyond specifics of geopolitical borders and binaries of East/West, modern/tradition, and local/global. The panel brings together contemporary Nepali and American artists to explore their art practices in dialogue.	Dina Bangdel Maureen Drdak Kathryn Hagy Ashmita Ranjit
RKZ 05	133 Bhutanese Identities Ariana Maki	This panel highlights four current research projects in anthropology, archaeology, and art history, each of which seeks to provide alternative interpretations of Bhutan's past, and explore how these discoveries could impact our understanding of certain aspects of modern practices and beliefs in Bhutan.	Dendup Chopel Ariana Maki Dorji Penjore Kuenga Wangmo
RKZ 102	124 Power Dynamics Debarati Sen	This panel focuses on dynamics of power between different actors in South Asia and the ways that this plays out in intra-regional co-operation and existence. Topic areas include hydro-power development, Nepal's foreign policy towards Tibetan exiles and spatial authority on Mount Everest.	J. Mark Baker Shae Frydenlund Sagar Rijal

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LUCE 202	110 Material Culture Coralynn V. Davis	How are long-standing expressive practices and forms of material life taken up in the processes and projects of community transformation? How are the problems and possibilities of community transformation expressed and engaged through long-standing cultural forms and formats? This double panel examines these questions by focusing on diverse Nepali communities, in Nepal as well as in diaspora, while highlighting practices such as songs, attire, folktales, “ethnic” restaurant dynamics, and temple building.	Coralynn V. Davis Susan Hangen Mark Liechty Kathryn March
LUCE 203	129 In Honor of Barbara Brower John Metz Lindsay Skog Pasang Sherpa	This double panel explores the key roles Barbara Brower has played in the ongoing study of the Sherpa communities and landscapes of Solu-Khumbu, Nepal and in the evolution and development of the Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies.	Jim Fisher Ken Bauer Alton Byers Pasang Sherpa
RKZ 02	134 Sowa Rigpa Barbara Gerke	This double panel looks at translations of medical ideas and practices in terms of their flow of continuous change and exchange, definitions and redefinitions, as well as negotiations of similarities and differences by presenting ethnographic, textual, oral, and historical examples of these encounters. Practitioners of <i>amchi</i> medicine/Tibetan medicine/Sowa Rigpa across the broad band of the Himalaya have always incorporated medical knowledge from diverse sources and do not conceive and develop their medical ideas in isolation.	Katharina Sabernig Katrin Jäger Susan Heydon Eric Jacobson
RKZ 05	109 Sino-Tibetan Border Tenzin Jinba	This double panel explores historical and ethnographic research on ethnic groups (including the Han) along the Sino-Tibetan borderlands (Sichuan, Qinghai, Yunnan, Gansu, etc). The papers focus on environment, livelihood, religion, culture, gender, identity, development, tourism, migration, memory reproductions, inter-or-intra-ethnic relations, collective resistance, NGOs and state-society relations.	Jonathan Lipman Xiuyu Wang Benno Ryan Weiner Huasha Zhang
RKZ 102	105 Constructing Communities Mary Cameron	This double panel discusses how tradition, modernity and migration intersect to construct communities and frame membership. The papers focus on media, migration and cross-cultural encounters, and the ways in which these work to redefine communities.	Andrea Butcher Christie L.M. Lam Sanjay K. Nepal
RKZ 202	111 Governance, Identity & Ethnicity Heather Hindman	This panel explores relationships between marginalized communities and national frameworks of recognition. The papers focus on community interactions with, and experiences of, national politics in ongoing struggles for legitimacy and visibility.	Tulasi Acharya Chudamani Basnet Kathleen Gallagher Andrew Nelson

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RKZ 202	120 Nepal’s Constituent Assembly Luke Wagner	This roundtable reflects on the dynamics observed in Nepal’s Constituent Assembly elections and will discuss these dynamics in the broader context of Nepal’s political history and emergent political processes. The roundtable includes participants who have observed the elections first-hand, both as formal credentialed election observers and as independent observers.	Tulasi Acharya Amy Johnson Mahendra Lawoti Elijah Lewien Jacob Rinck Luke Wagner

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LUCE 202	123 Political Asylum Kathleen Gallagher	This roundtable addresses some of the issues and challenges raised by political asylum, including: how 'expertise' as affidavit providers is determined and appraised; how 'softer' social sciences evaluate risk and reprisal for the asylum seeker; and safety concerns for the 'expert' as they move back and forth between field sites that are often unstable.	Carole McGranahan Sara Shneiderman Tina Shrestha Kathleen Gallagher Jim Fisher Heather Hindman Mary Cameron Lauren Leve
LUCE 203	106 Languages & Communities Miranda Weinberg	This panel explores the relationship between language and community in the Himalayas. From the legal level to more local definitions of community, there are complex relationships between language competence and community membership in the Himalayas. The papers in this panel present case studies from Nepal, Bhutan, and Sikkim that demonstrate the contested nature of belonging to language communities, and the centrality of language in disparate social movements across the region.	Retika Rajbhandari Joseph Stadler Ross Perlin Miranda Weinberg
RKZ 02	126 Films & Media Vivek Sachdeva	This panel brings together papers from film and media scholars studying how the Himalayas have been represented in films and media as cultural spaces, as ethnographic spaces and as commodity spaces. The papers in the panel contextualize the role played by films and media in changing, shaping and influencing our attitude towards the Himalayas.	Vivek Sachdeva Manisha Gangahar Ramnita Sharda Romita Ray
RKZ 05	101 Photography in the Field Rob Linrothe	This double panel features papers on critical studies of photographic practices in the Himalayas. Photography has been part of the apparatus of scholarship on the Himalayas since the mid-nineteenth century. Photography is still employed by anthropologists, geographers, art historians, artists and photographers, but not always in apparently straightforward ways.	David Zurick Marcus Nüsser Clare Harris
RKZ 202	128 Sacred Landscapes Jessica Birkenholtz	This double panel explores the idea of the 'sacred' with regard to community building, group membership and environmental conservation among Himalayan communities. The first session includes presentation of papers and the second session is dedicated to discussion.	Jessica Birkenholtz Emily Yeh Kate Hartmann Katsuo Nawa Lindsay Skog

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LUCE 202	108 Bio-Medicine in Nepal Steven Folmar Mary Cameron	This panel explores topics such as volunteerism and medical clinics, the commercialization of indigenous medicines like Ayurveda, health care in insecure environments, the melding of science and faith in psychiatric medicine, health care resource scarcity, reliability of national health survey data, and the changing context of medical decision making in the family.	Mary Cameron Steven Folmar Brandon Kohrt Catherine Sanders Lydia Sandy Judith Justice
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LUCE 202	127 Han-Minority Relations Tenzin Jinba	This double roundtable addresses critical perspectives to question the center-periphery paradigm in China. The Han are often imagined to be at the center while minority communities are situated on the periphery. Academia tends to go along with this framework, but there are new voices challenging the Han-centrality notion and shaping the Han-minority relations with new angles in broader cultural and sociopolitical contexts.	T. Blumenfield, C. Coggins, M. Erie M. Fiskesjö, J. Lipman, X. Wang B. Weiner, M. Xue H. Zhang, Y. Zhang
LUCE 203	131 Himalaya in the Classroom Andrew Nelson	This double roundtable addresses the challenges of teaching about the Himalaya and Tibet in the North American undergraduate classroom. Specifically, the first roundtable will speak to what occurs in or through the classroom, while the second roundtable will discuss how and to what ends Himalayan and Tibetan Studies figures in the institutional priorities of North American colleges and universities.	Heather Hindman Isabelle H-Dourcy Geoff Childs student participants
RKZ 02	113 Himalayan Ummah Jacqueline Fewkes	This double panel brings together scholars from multiple disciplines working with diverse Muslim communities in India, Nepal, Pakistan and Tibet. The papers provide an examination of the ways in which regional interactions and institutions shape the practices of being Muslim in specific areas, and investigate the notion of the Himalayas as an Islamic space.	Megan Sijapati Rohit Singh Jacqueline Fewkes
RKZ 05	119 Nepal in Transition Keshav Bhattarai	This panel explores post-conflict Nepal through the lens of constitution-writing, governance and citizenship. Topics include the state restructuring process and the changing experiences of what it means to be Nepali. The first session includes presentation of papers and the second session is focused on discussion.	Tatsuro Fujikura Mahendra Lawoti Pauline Limbu Anne Mocko Luke Wagner
RKZ 102	102 Citizenship & the State Carole McGranahan Abraham Zablocki	This double panel addresses issues of citizenship and political subjectivity in Himalayan communities. Massive political change in the last century—wars, the creation of new states, the closing of long-open borders, shifts in political regimes, demands for political recognition, demands for territory, multiple refugee crises, the need for identity documents, the inability to gain such documents, and more—are not only state matters, but also the lived reality of individuals and communities.	Piya Chatterjee Peter Hansen Laura Kunreuther Carole McGranahan
RKZ 202	107 Development & Change Steven Folmar	This double panel focuses on the theme of development as an intervention. The papers address how development is a contested ground for different stakeholders, how perceptions of socio-economic statuses are particular to the social ecologies of communities and the socio-cultural implications of development interventions. The panel also features papers that address local, community health initiatives across the Himalayan region.	Sirkka Korpela Sonam Lama Pushpa Hamal Katherine Rankin Tulasi Sigdel

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LUCE 202	114 Histories of Buddhism Andrew Quintman Kurtis Schaeffer	This double panel addresses issues of broad methodological concern while focusing on a sense of collective scholarly enterprise in the study of Himalayan Buddhism. The historical study of Buddhism in the Himalayas has developed significantly in the last several decades. The completion and cataloging of major collections of Himalayan Buddhist literature such as the Nepal-German Manuscript Preservation Project, as well as similar ongoing efforts in Bhutan and elsewhere, have brought unprecedented resources for the study of history before the international scholarly community.	Benjamin Wood Sarah Richardson Elizabeth Monson John Ardussi
LUCE 203	104 Conservation in Bhutan Galen Murton	This double panel seeks to deepen the discussion on human-environment relations in Bhutan by taking environmental policy and practice as a starting point. The papers focus on a broad range of topics, including: community and private forestry; sacred geography; natural resource management; climate change adaptation; Gross National Happiness; and environmental education.	Wangchuk Dorji Sarah Brattain Laura Yoder Hilary Faxon
RKZ 02	116 Laboring in the Himalaya Mona Bhan Debarati Sen	This panel explores the relationship between place making, labor and ecological formations in the Himalayas. It traces this triad in the context of shifting economic regimes and enduring continuities that have persisted through colonial and postcolonial times to produce specific forms of identities, labor practices, and place-based resistance.	Heather Hindman Debarati Sen Mona Bhan Austin Lord Arjun Gunaratne
RKZ 05	115 Human Ecology Jana Fortier	This double panel explores different modes of human-environment interactions across the Himalayan region. Themes include the role of non-governmental organizations in wildlife conservation, heritage conservation, land-labor relations, environmental governmentality, food sovereignty, agriculture policy and ethnobotany.	Rachel Devi Amtzis Shaunna Barnhart Bhuwan Dhakal

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