

Call for papers

New Angle: Nepal journal of social science and public policy special issue on

Water Scarcity and Sustainability

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Water is life, a source of sustenance of humans, their livelihoods and prosperity. Out of all the water of earth, the saline water comprises of 97.5 percent and only 2.5 percent is fresh water and almost 2% of it is frozen. As there is small amount of usable water available, achieving water security is one of the biggest global challenges, affecting environmental sustainability, economic growth, and social development. The ever-increasing threat to global water supplies makes it imperative to understand the causes and consequences of water scarcity and to find pathways of water achieving sustainable management of water sources. Although the Himalayan region is popularly known as the ‘Water Tower’ of Asia indicating that there is plenty, water scarcity exists ubiquitously in relation to quantity and quality for domestic use and irrigation system among other usage. Physical availability of water alone has not been able to ensure access to water equitability due to complexities of infrastructural development, institutional efficacy, gender and social dynamics, rapid population growth, haphazard local development/urbanization and the changing dynamics of climate change.

In the context above, our goal in proposing this special issue of the *New Angle on Water Scarcity and Sustainability* is to consolidate many of the ongoing, yet scattered, evidence on water scarcity, security and sustainability into a single journal issue. We invite original research papers, review papers and commentary. The contributions to this special issue will encompass a broad spectrum of topics in water resources, including, but not limited to:

- ✚ Climate change impacts on water resources, scarcity and sustainability;
- ✚ Issues of gender and social inclusion in water governance;
- ✚ Challenges of managing water resources in the context of rapid urbanization in the era of climate change uncertainty;
- ✚ Policy and institutional dimensions of water governance;
- ✚ Conflict and collaboration on water resource management.

Deadline for submission: **Send abstract by 15th December 2018 and full paper by 31st January 2019** to editors in following email address:

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General guidelines

What kind of articles do we encourage?

We accept two broad types of articles i.e. research papers and opinion pieces. The research papers can include articles which are based on rich empirical data, preferably collected fresh from the field. However, rigorous analysis of secondary/historical sources will also be accepted. Shorter opinion pieces can also be considered, especially from established and experienced professionals. However, we will avoid entirely speculative or theoretical articles. All articles need to be guided by a well formulated purpose and clearly defined research questions (or hypothesis).

The journal manuscripts lie in the intermediate ground between journalism and academic field work, and as such, will stimulate public debate through disseminating research findings in an easily accessible format.

Format of submission:

Articles must subscribe to the following format:

- Research articles: should be roughly 5000-7000 and include an abstract of 250-300 words.
- Opinion pieces can be between 2000-3000 words with summary of 100 to 150 words [key message].
- Spelling should be in the UK English.
- Articles should be in an MS Word compatible format, with a font size of 12, and 1.5 line spacing.
- Short quotations should use single quotation marks, while longer quotes should be indented.
- Photos can be included but should be no more than 4×6 inches and will be published in black and white.
- Referencing should be in the Harvard style for example:

Journal Article

Gill, P., 2009. The politics of land reform in Nepal 1951–1964. *Studies in Nepali History and Society*, 14(2), p.217–59.

Book

Regmi, M.C., 1976. *Land ownership in Nepal*. Berkeley: California University Press.

Edited Book

Keene, E. ed., 1988. *Natural language*. Cambridge: University of Cambridge Press.

Silverman, D.F. and Propp, K.K. eds., 1990. *The active interview*. Beverly Hills, CA: Sage.

Chapter of Edited book

Smith, J., 1975. A source of information. In: W. Jones, ed. 2000. *One hundred and one ways to find information about health*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Ch.2.

E-Book

Carlsen, J. and Charters, S., eds. 2007. *Global wine tourism*. [e-book] Wallingford: CABI Pub. Available through: Anglia Ruskin University Library website <www.libweb.anglia.ac.uk> [Accessed 9 June 2008].

News paper article

Kattal, S. C., 2008. Land reform in election manifestos. Kantipur Daily, 3 Sep. p.4.

Statutory Documents

GON, 1990. *Interim Constitution of Nepal-2007*. Kathmandu: Government of Nepal.

Proceeding

RRN and CECI-Nepal, 2007. *Development strategies for a new Nepal: a national debate*. Kathmandu, Nepal 21-22 December 2006. Kathmandu: Rural Reconstruction Nepal and Centre for International Studies and Cooperation-Nepal.

Conference paper

Brown, J., 2005. Evaluating surveys of transparent governance. In: UNDESA (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs), *6th Global forum on reinventing government: towards participatory and transparent governance*. Seoul, Republic of Korea 24-27 May 2005. New York: United Nations.