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Country Visited : USA; the U.K., Denmark (Greenland), Cambodia, Thailand, the

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**EDUCATION:**

**Post Graduate Diploma in Women's Studies**, Padma Kanya Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal; August 1997 (First division)

**M.A., Home Science**, [Merit/First Division], Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1983

**B.A. [Diploma], Home Science**, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1980-81

**I.A. [Certificate],** Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1978

**S.L.C.,** Mahendra Bhawan Girls' High School, Kathmandu, Nepal

Attended classes on **Child Development** in the Psychology Department at the University of California at Berkeley in the Summer of 1992.

## INTERNATIONAL TRAINING RECEIVED

The Training for CEDAW Lobbying " From Global to Local" program by International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW) July 15th to 17th, 2011 New York (USA)

Trainers'’ Training for Indigenous Women: Climate Change and Redd+ AIM, Igorot Lodge, Camp John Hay, Baguio City, Philippines, 25-29 April 2011.

Completed the two-week intensive training seminar on indigenous peoples in the international system organized by International Training Center of Indigenous Peoples (ITCIP) in Nuuk, Greenland, Denmark, 29 June – 16 July 2005.

Participated in training sessions organized by the International Indigenous Women Forum (IIWF)/Foro International de Mujeres Indigenas (FIMI) and the Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, February 28-March 4, 2005, New York, USA.

**TRAINING RECEIVED IN NEPAL**

Risk Management conducted by the gtz and DFID in Kathmandu, Novemeber 29-December 3, 2010.

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Conducted by CHETANA organized at the Padma Kanya Campus, Bagbazaar, Kathmandu, April 25-May 2, 1999.

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Gender; Indigenous women/Indigenous peoples; International Instruments of Indigenous Peoples' Rights.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Intelligent Student Scholarship, awarded by the Women's Studies Program— Department of Home Science, Padma Kanya Campus, Tribhuvan University, Bag Bazaar, Kathmandu, Nepal, 1997-98.

**FELICITATION**

Felicitated by the National Indigenous Woman's Federation (NIWF), Nepal in the Fourth General Assembly organized on January 2, 2010.

**INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION**

United Nations 49th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) 11-29, 2011 New York (USA)

Presented a 3 minutes Statement on the CEDAW Shadow Report on The Rights of Indigenous Women of Nepal at the United Nations 49th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) on July 18, 2011 New York (USA)

Asian Indigenous Women's Network (AIWN), Igorot Lodge, Camp John Hay, Baguio City, Philippines, 1-2 May 2011.

Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting on UN Mechanisms and Procedures Relating to Indigenous Peoples Chiang Mai, Thailand, February 26 to March 1, 2011.

Gender and Land Rights of Indigenous Peoples organized by AIWN and Tebtebba Foundation in Manila, Philippines, November 20-21, 2010.

Global Seminar-Workshop on Indigenous Women, Climate Change and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD +) organized by the Tebtebba Foundation in Metro Manila, Philippines, November 18 -19, 2010.

3rd Conference of the Asian Indigenous Women's Network (AIWN) held on the 15-16 November 2010 at the Legends Villas, Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City, Philippines.

Asia Regional Seminar on Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Livelihoods, Co-organized by the Ministry of Rural Development - Government of Cambodia, AIPP, ILO and UNDP-RIPP and supported by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID) at Apsara Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia, August 16-18, 2010.

Indigenous Peoples Global Summit on Climate Change organized by the Inuit Circumpolar Council, at Anchorage in Alaska in the USA, April 19-24, 2009.

Regional Meeting in the Himalayas organized by the World Mountain People's Association (WMPA) in Great National Himalayan Park in Himanchal Pradesh in India, October 10-15, 2006.

One of four delegates representation Beijing 10+ National Preparatory Committee of the Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) in Beijing 10+ Conference in the United Nations, New York, 27 February-March 14, 2005.

**POSITIONS HELD**

Vice-Chairperson, National Network of Indigenous Women (NNIW), Since May 2007.

Focal Person (Nepal), Asian Indigenous Women's Network (AIWN), 2011.

Secretary, Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN), since April 7, 2010.

Steering Committee Member, Ensuring Women's Issues in the New Constitution, Since 2009.

Member, National Development Council (NDC), Nepal Government, 2007-2009.

Central Committee Member, Thakali Sewa Samiti (Thakali Welfare Organization), Nepal, Since May 2006.

Founder Member (1998) and Former Treasurer July 1998-December 2004, Currently Advisor (since 2004), National Indigenous Women’s Federation (NIWF), Nepal.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Co-Team Leader** (with Co-Team Leader Yogendra Gurung), Baseline Survey on the Access of Highly Marginalized Janjatis (HMJ) and Endangered Janjatis to Basic Services, Janjati Empowerment Project (JEP)-II, Nepal Federation of indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN), Since January 2011.

**Team Member**, Guideline on Untouchability Crime Watch Center, LANCAU, Nepal. 2009.

**Associate Facilitator**, Regional Interaction on Social Inclusion with Eastern Region’s District Coordination Committee for Development of Indigenous Nationalities, Biratnagar, Institutional Support Program of National Foundation for development of Indigenous Nationalities (NFDIN), May 12-14, 2008.

**Associate Facilitator**, Regional Interaction on Social Inclusion with Western Region’s District Coordination Committee for Development of Indigenous Nationalities, Pokhara, Institutional Support Program of National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities (NFDIN), March 12-14, 2008.

**Field Research Associate**,Evaluation of Inclusion and Empowerment Projects Implemented by Holistic Development Centre (Samagra), Lawyer’s National Campaign against Untouchability (LANCAU) and Nepal Dalit Jagarn Kendra (NDJK), Dania-HUGOU, October, 2007 to November 2007.

**Team Member** (with Dr. Krishna B. Bhattachan and Tej B. Sunar), “Caste Based Discrimination in South Asia: Study of Nepal” as a part of the study project on “Caste Based Discrimination in South Asia: Study of Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka,” Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), Delhi and International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN), Denmark. September 2006 to August 2007.

**Co-Researcher** (with Dr. Sumitra Manandhar-Gurung), Content Analysis of the Position of Minorities in Relation to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Nepal, Democracy in South Asia – A study undertaking in Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, coordinated by Lokniti, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, India, June-July, 2004.

**Research Team Leader,** Labour Contracts DuringMaghi Festival in Banke District,South Asian Project Against Debt Bondage, International Labor Organization (ILO) Nepal Office, January-April, 2004.

**Rapporteur,** Refresher Training to the Faculty members of Women's Studies Program, Padma Kanya Campus, Tribhuvan University. November 30-December 6, 2003.

**Researcher**, Gender Dynamics in Bonded Labour Situations & Gender Dynamics Induced by the Project, International Labour Organization (ILO), September-October 2003, (Team Leader: Dr. Chandra Bhadra).

**Consultant**, Study on Best Practices to Include Indigenous peoples in Sector Program Support, DANIDA, October 2003. (Team Leader: Birgitte Feiring).

**National Consultant,** Rapid Appraisal of the Application of the UN Gender Sensitive Policies in UN Agencies in Nepal, January 15-February, 2003 (Team Leader: Dr. Chandra Bhadra).

**Researcher,** Background Characteristics of Women and Gender Issues in Selected Civil Service and Public Services," Mainstreaming Gender Equity Programme (MGEP), MCSW/NPC/UNDP, Since April 2002.

**Field Researcher,** A study on the Savings and Credit Activities of *Mahila Jagaran* in Chitwan, Banke, Tanahau and Dhading, Centre for Micro-Finance (CMF) September-October 2001.

**Consultant,** A Quantitative Survey on Nutrition and MCH in Kathmandu, Sagun and *Terre des hommes*, July 2001.

**Supervisor,** A Study of CBOs in Mechi Hills Development Program: Current Status and Future Prospects, Centre for Micro-Finance (CMF)/SNV. May 2001.

**Team Member,** SWOT Analysis and Assessment of Organizational Capacity of Indigenous people's Organizations, Centre for Ethnic and Alternative Development Studies (CEADS) in partnership with Nepal Federation of Nationalities (NEFEN) and National Committee for development of Nationalities (NCDN) in cooperation with the World Bank. December 20, 2000 – July 2001.

**Team Member (Consultant),** Status of Discrimination with Special emphasis to Gender in Baitadi District, Project Management and Advisory Team (PMAT), NGO-CBO Project, Kathmandu, November 7-December 31, 1999.

**Qualitative Data Analyst,** Socio-cultural Study of Vector Born Diseases, Environmental Health Project (EHP)/USAID, Kathmandu, Since August 2000.

**Team member-Gender (Consultant)**, Rural Access Program, Helvetas Nepal, April-July, 2000. (Team Leader: Dr. Keshav Man Shakya).

**Field Research Assistant**, Study of Institutional Sustainability and Impact of Small Farmers’ Cooperative Limited, Impact Monitoring Unit (IMU), German Assistance for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Nepal, December 1, 1999 to January 7, 2000.

**Researcher,** Pilot Study of Menopausal Women in Nepal, Hellen Ohlin of SAREC/SIDA in Sweden, Dr. Kanti Giri, Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, and Dr. Geeta Rana, Patan Hospital, Lalitpur, and sociologists Dr. Bijaya Shrestha, May 1999-December 2000.

**Researcher,** Feasibility Study of Menopausal Women in Nepal in Naubise in Dhading District for Dr. Beth Alder (Senior Lecturer of the University of Dundee in Scotland), Hellen Ohlin (SAREC/SIDA in Sweden), Dr. Kanti Giri (Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu), and Dr. Geeta Rana (Patan Hospital, Lalitpur), April 1999.

**Field Research Assistant**, Case Study of Selected Members of Micro Finance Groups in the Terai Region conducted by the national researcher Dr. Chandra Bhadra for the Canadian Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)-Nepal, February 7-16, 1999.

**Field Research Assistant**, Research on Micro Finance and Women's Control Over Savings and Loans in Nepal," conducted by the national researcher Dr. Chandra Bhadra for the Canadian Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)-Nepal, December 1-31, 1998.

**Student researcher**, Field study for a study on **Micro-Finance and Women's Empowerment** in Ghorahi Municipality in Dang district, from April 3-14, 1998. (Conducted several focus group discussions).

**RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

Research supervisor, “Gender Sensitization Training in Humla: An Assessment and Impact Evaluation” by Tara Lynn Slepkow, Cornell-Nepal Study Program, Spring 2000.

Research supervisor, “Living Inside the Walls: Women Prisoners in Palpa Jail” by Rebecca Kanthor, Cornell-Nepal Study Program, Spring 2000.

Research supervisor, “TBA Training in Humla. An Evaluation and Needs Assessment” by Kristina Sibylla Moberg, Cornell-Nepal Study Program, Spring 2000.

Research supervisor, “An analysis of the Changes and Contemporary Issues of Polyandry as Practiced by the Nyinba People in Humla” by Jana Wang, Cornell-Nepal Study Program, Spring 2000.

Research supervisor, “Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Depo-Provera in a Section of Humla. The Use of a Contraceptive in the Context of Women’s Lives” by Anshu Mohllajee, Cornell-Nepal Study Program, Fall 1999.

Research Supervisor, “Abortion in a Nepalese Village” by Catherine, School for International Training (SIT), Kathmandu.

## VOLUNTEER WORKS

**Volunteer**, Regional Workshop of Senior Police Officers to Enhance Cross-Border Collaboration to Stop Human Trafficking in South Asia jointly organized by HMG-N and United Nation's Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Kathmandu, 22-23 October, 2000.

**Volunteer**, Women Worker in the Informal Sector in South Asia: Creating an Enabling Environment, jointly organized by Ministry of Labor, HMG-N, United Nation's Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), IDRC, and WIEGO, Kathmandu, 18-20 October, 2000.

**Volunteer**, South Asia Regional Workshop on **Gender Mainstreaming in the South Asia Region**, organized by UNIFEM held in the Hotel Blue Star in Kathmandu, Nepal, September 11-12, 1998.

**Volunteer**, South Asia Regional Meeting on **Commemorating Beijing**, organized by UNIFEM held in the Hotel Blue Star in Kathmandu, Nepal, September 9-10, 1998.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Caste-based Discrimination in Nepal** (co-author with Krishna B. Bhatatchan and Tej Sunar). Working Paper Series Volume III Number 08, 2009. Delhi: Indian Institute of Dalit Studies.

***Chuwachut Aparadh Nigarai Kendrako Nirdesika*** ("**Guideline on Untouchability Crime Watch Center**") (co-author with Krishna B. Bhattachan and Narayan Nepal, Kathmandu: LANCAU, Nepal. 2009

***Adivasi Janajati Mahilaka Laingik ra Jatiya Swal tatha Adhikarharu*** ("**Gender and Ethnic Issues and Rights of Indigenous Women**"), Kathmandu: National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities (NFDIN)/Institutional Strengthening Project (ISP) and Nepal Federation of Indiegnous Nationalities (NEFIN)/Janjati Empowerment Project (JEP), January 2009. (Text in Khas Nepali language).

**Coauthor** (with Krishna B. Bhattachan and Tej Sunar) ***Nepalma Jatiya Bibhed*** (**Caste Based Discrimination in Nepal)**. 2008. Kathmandu: DNF-Nepal, NNDSWO, Kathmandu, IIDS, Delhi and IDSN, Copenhagen.

Democracies in the Indigenous Organizations of Nepal, Pp. 7-13, In: **Democratic Indigenous Practices of Nepal**. Edited by Biddya Nath Koirala, Anju Khadka and Rajan Khadka, Kathmandu: Nepal Center for Creative Research. 2007.

A Bird's Eye View on the Thakalis as seen by 'Them' and 'Us', Pp. 68-74, **Thasang**, Year 1, Number 1, Kathmandu: Thakali Research Centre. 2006.

Indigenous Peoples in Decision-Making: An Appraisal of Situation in Nepal, Pp. 62-81, In: Mukti Rijal (Ed.) **Readings on Governance & Development (Vol VI)**. Kathmandu: Institute of Governance and Development (IGD). 2006

Consultation and Participation of Indigenous Peoples in Decision-making in Nepal, Pp. 78-108, In: Sarah Webster and Om Gurung (Eds.) **ILO Convention No. 169 and Peace Building in Nepal**, Kathmandu: Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) and International Labour Office (ILO) Nepal Office. December 2005.

Collector, **Thakali Khoee ("Collection of Thakali Songs")**, Kathmandu: Thakali Mahila Sangh (Available in Book, CD and audio cassette). 2005.

"Comments on Paper 1 and 2," Pp. 7-8, [Paper 1. A Note on Affirmative Action (Reservation) in India by D. L. Sheth, Center for Studies of Developing Socities, India; and Paper 2 . Affrimative Action in the Nepalese Context by Harka Gurung], In: **National Dialogue on Affirmative Action and the Electoral System in Nepal. Experiences from South Asia**, published by Enabling State Programme, July 2005.

"Indigenous Nationalities," In: **Shadow Report on the Second and Third Periodic Report of Government of Nepal on CEDAW Convention**, CEDAW Monitoring Committee, Nepal, Coordinated by Forum for Women, Law and development (FWLD), November 2003.

Status of Women and Violence Against Them in the Baitadi District, Pp.86-91, **The Journal of Home Science and Women Development**, Volume 1, Number 1, March 2002, Home Science and Women Development Association (HSWDAN).

Pre-test and Post-test of a Workshop on "Creating Awareness on Equal Property and Political Rights " in Selected VDCs in Lalitpur District. Pp.196-206. In Laxmi Keshari Manandhar and Krishna B. Bhattachan (2001). **Gender and democracy in Nepal**. Kathmandu: Central Department of Home Science-women's Studies Program, Tribhuvan University in cooperation with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

*Mahila Sashaktikaranko Abadharana* ("Concept of Women's Empowerment"), Pp.74-83, In Anandaprasad Shrestha *et al.* (Editors), ***Samakalin Nepali Samaj*** (**Contemporary Nepali Society)**, a text book on civic education for 10+2 course, Kathmandu: Nepal Foundation for Advanced Studies (NEFAS) and Nepal: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES). (Text in Nepali).

*Thakali Mahila: Ek Chinari*, p. 5. **Jwala Weekly**. November 21, 1999.

*Thakali Mahilako Bhumika ra Samasyaharu* (Role and Problems of Thakali Women), pp. 3-12. **Abhibhara**, Year 3, Number 3, February 1999. (Text in Nepali).

*Nepalma Mahila Bikasko Laingik Abadharana ra Adivasi Janajati Mahilaharu* (Gender Concept of Women's Development in Nepal and Women Belonging to Indigenous Nationality Groups). **Citizen**, pp. 14-19, Volume 1, Number 1, May 1999; Also published in ***Adivasi Mahila Awaj***, pp. 3-8, Year 1, Number 1, 2056 (1999). (Text in Nepali). Also, reprinted in Pp. 134-14, **Chhapama Janajati**, Edited by Pratyous Onta, Kumar Yatru and Bhaskar Gautam, Kathmandu: Ekata Books.

**Women's Empowerment through Micro-Finance? The Case of the Micro-Credit Project for Women**. Occasional Paper No. 2, March 1999. Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)-Nepal [co-authored].

"*Nepalma Mahila Bikasko Laingik Abadharana*" ("Gender Concept of Women's Development in Nepal"), p. 3. **Naya Morcha Weekly**, March 16, 1999. [Text in Nepali].

*Sodhpatra/Pustak Samichya* (Thesis/Book Review): To Be Kings of the North: Community, Adaptation and Impression Management in the Thakalis of Western Nepal, pp. 23-25. ***PHALO***, Volume 2, Number 1, 1984, Kathmandu: *Thakali Yuba Pariwar*, [text in Nepali].

"*Samsyasanga Darayara Bhanda Chunautidiyera Samadhanko Upaya Khojnu Badhi Sarthak ra Arthapurna Huncha"* ("It would be more useful and meaningful if solution is searched by facing, not by escaping, the problem"), pp. 4-13. An interview given to ***PHALO***, Volume 2, Number 1, 1984, Kathmandu: *Thakali Yuba Pariwar*, [text in Nepali].

**UNPUBLISHED THESIS/ARTICLES/REPORTS**

Analysis of Gender Relationship in Private and Public Spheres of the Thakali Families, A dissertation submitted as a partial requirement for the fulfillment of Post Graduate Diploma in Women’s Studies at Tribhuvan University, Nepal, Submitted to Women’s Studies Programme, Central Department of Home Science, Padma Kanya Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University, Nepal.

Labour Contracts DuringMaghi Festival in Banke District,South Asian Project Against Debt Bondage, International Labor Organization (ILO) Nepal Office, April 16, 2004.

Situation of Indigenous Peoples in Nepal and National Framework for Their Development. A Report submitted to the Royal Danish Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal, October 2003. (with Krishna B. Bhattachan)..

*Janjati Mahilako Samasya* (“Problems of Indigenous Women”), pp. 29-30. A report of Felicitation of Members of Parliament belonging to various Nationalities and Interaction with Them. Kathmandu: Nepal Federation of Nationalities (NEFEN). 1999. (Text in Nepali).

*Focus Group Study of Menopausal Women in Nepal in Naubise in Dhading District*, (Co-author with Mahendra Laxmi Sharma). A field report submitted to Dr. Beth Alder, Senior Lecturer of the University of Dundee in Scotland, Dr. Hellen Ohlin of SAREC/SIDA in Sweden and Dr. Kanti Giri, Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, April 1999.

**Micro-Finance and Women's Empowerment in Ghorahi V.D.C. in Dang District**. Prepared by Aruna Thapa, Bidya Bimali, Dhana Pudasaini, Dipti Poudyal, Kalpana Pradhan, Kalpana Sharma, Laxmi Poudyal, Liza Nagarkoti, Parbati Thapa, Sushila Dongol and **Yasso Kanti Bhattachan**. Central Department of Home Science and Women Studies Program,Tribhuvan University, Padma Kanya Multiple Campus, Kathmandu with support of CECI, Nepal. 1998.

**Socio-cultural Change in the Thakalis: An Ethno-sociological Study of the Thakalis in Kathmandu**. Master's dissertation (Department of Home Science, Padma Kanya Campus, Tribhuvan University, Nepal), 1986.

**A Sociological Study of Social Stratification in a Nepali Village: A Case Study of Kalika Ideal Village Panchayat**. A Village Profile, Kathmandu: The National Development Service Directorate, Tribhuvan University, 1985.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

"International Women's Day," Paper presented in a program organized by the National Indigenous Women Federation (NIWF) to celebrate International Women's Day in Kathmandu, March 8, 2009.

"Indigenous People's Institutions in Mountain Areas of Nepal, Paper presented in a session on "Local Institutions and Know-how: Necessary adaptations for a revival of local territorial management by and for the whole of the populations" in the Regional Meeting in the Himalayas organized by the World Mountain People's Association (WMPA) in Great National Himalayan Park in Himanchal Pradesh in India, October 10-15, 2006.

"International Instruments and Indigenous Peoples Rights: A Way Forward", Paper coauthored with Dr. Sumitra Manandhar Gurung Presented on Occasion of International Indigenous Peoples Day, August 9, 2005, Organized by National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities,, Kathmandu, August 8, 2005.

"Consultation with and Participation of Indigenous Peoples in Decision-making in Nepal", Paper presented in a "National Dialogue Conference on Promotion of ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples and Peace Building in Nepal" jointly organized by the Nepal Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities (NFDIN), Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) and International Labour Organization (ILO), Nepal in Kathmandu on 19-20 January, 2005. (My paper was commented by Lynn Bennett of the World Bank, Dr. Bal Gopal Baidhya of New Era and Dr. Jit Gurung of HUGOU-DANIDA).

"*Bankariya Jati ko Smajaik, Arthik Sthti: Ek Bisleshan*" ("Social and economic Condition of Bankariya Indigenous Peoples"), paper presented in a seminar on The Role of Governmental and Non-governmental Organizations for Development of Bankaria Indigenous Nationality") organized by the Nepal Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities (NFDIN) and the National Indigenous Women's Forum (NIWF) in Hetauda, Makwanpur District on November 28, 2004.

## PAPPERS COMMENTED

Commentator, Paper on "Affirmative Action in the Nepalese Context" by Dr. Harka Gurung and on "A Note on Affirmative Action (Reservation) in India by Prof. D. L. Sheth, in a National Dialogue on Affirmative Action and the Electoral System in Nepal jointly organized by SAGUN, ESP/DFID, and International IDEA, 26-27 September 2004, Kathmandu.Kathmandu.

**GUEST LECTURES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS**

Represented the participants of Asia's Indigenous Peoples, Participants' experience sharing about the 49th CSW Session, New York, USA, March 9, 2005.

Co-author (with Dr. Sumitra Manadhar-Gurung), "Content Analysis of the Position of Minorities in Relation to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Nepal," Paper presented in a seminar on Democracy: Majority and Minority" organized by State Democracy in South Asia Project on August 11-12, 2004 in Dhulikhel.

Speaker, Indigenous Nationalities Women's Main Issues and Its Solutions, Thematic presentation on "Indigenous Women's Main Issues and Its Solutions" in a national workshop to prepare a Shadow Report on CEDAW in Kathmandu on September 24-25, 2003.

Chair Person's Address, Thakali Women's Leadership Development Through Legal and Political Empowerment," a one-day training organized by the Thakali Mahila Sangh, Kathmandu, June 23, 2001.

Guest Speaker, "Awareness Raising Program among the Tamang Women about the Census of 2001." *Nepal Mahila Tamang Ghedung*, Panchkhal Dolalghat, Kavre Palanchowk District, May 11, 2001.

Guest Speaker, "Indigenous Women and Census of 2001." Rastriya Adabasi Mahila Manch, Champi VDC, Lalitpur. March 25, 2001.

Guest Speaker, "Indigenous Women and Census of 2001." National Indigenous Women's Federation (NIWF),

Chair, Working group on Problems of Indigenous Women, National Consultation on Integrated Strategies for Promoting Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Nepal, organised by the Minority Rights Group International (MRG) and the Nepal Federation of Nationalities (NEFEN), Dhulikhel, Kavre, January 16-20, 2000.

Guest lecture, *Gender, Marriage and Family*, Cornell-Nepal Joint Study Program, Spring and Fall Semester of 1999 (two lectures in each semester).

Invited Speaker, *Problems of Indigenous Women*, Welcome and Orientation Program with the Newly Elected Ethnic Members of Parliament, organised by the Nepal Federation of Nationalities (NEFEN), Kathmandu, Monday July 5, 1999.

Participant, National seminar on Women's Empowerment Through Micro Finance organized in Kathmandu by the Centre for Micro Finance in Nepal and the Central Department of Home Science and Women's Studies, March 24-25, 1999.

"*Nepalma Mahila Bikasko Laingik Abadharana ra Adibasi Janajati Mahila*" ("Gender Concept of Women's Development in Nepal and Women Belonging to Indigenous Nationalities Groups"), Paper presented in a seminar on **Women Belonging to** **Indigenous Nationalities Groups and Development** organized by the (National Indigenous Women Forum (NIWF) in Kathmandu, February 27, 1999.

Attended as an observer in a CECI Workshop on **Micro-Finance** representing the post graduate diploma class of 1997-98, Lalitpur, Nepal.

"*Thakali Mahila: Ek Chinari*" [The Thakali Women: An Introduction], Presented a paper in a seminar on **Indigenous Women** organized by the National Committee ad hoc Committee of the Women Nationalities, World Indigenous Peoples Day, August 9, 1998, Kathmandu, Nepal.

*"Thakali Mahila ko Bhumika ra Samasyaharu*" [Role of the Thakali Women and Their Problems], Paper presented in a seminar on **The Thakalis: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**, organized by the Research Committee of the Central Committee, Thakali Sewa Samiti, Kathmandu,, May 18., 1998.

Highlighted the objectives of the workshop in an inaugural ceremony of a workshop on **Gender Issues in Changing Nepalese Society** organized jointly by the post graduate diploma students of Women's Studies of 1997-98 and the Women's Studies Program, Department of Home Science, Padma Kanya Campus, Tribhuvan University, with support from Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Germany, June 23-24, 1998.

Welcome speech, "Interaction between the Western Anthropologists working on the Thakalis and the Thakalis," organized by the Thakali Yuba Pariwar, Kathmandu.

October 12, 2011.