

Historical Techniques

A Short Course

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Course Readings

Module 1 *Survey, Conservation and Listing*

- Session 1: Saphalya Amatya (ed). 2045 VS. *Rāshtriya Itihāsa Nirdeśana Samiti: Srota Pustikā Mālā Nam. 1*. Kathmandu: Department of Archaeology. Pp. 59-97.
- Session 2: Wiland et al. 2022. A Literature Review of Palm Leaf Manuscript Conservation – Part 1. *Journal of the Institute of Conservation* 45(3): 236-259.
- Session 3: B D Dangol (ed). 1991. *Catalogue of the 'Guthi Papers'*. Part 1. Kathmandu: National Archives. Pp. 1-21.

Module 2 *Description*

- Session 4: Ranajit Guha. 2002. Report on an Investigation of Gauripur Raj Estate Archives. In *The Small Voice of History*. Pp. 83-93.
- Session 5: Tejanārāyaṇa Pañjiyār. 2058 VS. *Mero Āphnai Śabdama Thārū Jātiko Vigatako Khojīmā*. Tekabahādura Śreshtā (ed.) *Nepālakā Rājāharū tathā Tarāikā Thārū*. Kathmandu: Nepāla ra Esīyālī Anusandhāna Kendra. Pp. 65-72. Documents 14, 17, 24a, 26, 36.
- Session 6: Yogesh Raj. Cisāpānī Gaḍhī, 1985 VS. *SINHAS* 24(2): 433-489.

Module 3 *Interpretation*

- Session 7: Kedāranātha Pradhān. 2078 (2054) VS. *Navīnadṛṣṭīmā Prācīna Nepālako Itihāsa*. Kathmandu: Orientalia Prakasana Grha. Pp. 195-252.
- Session 8: Mahesraj Panta (ed). 2070 VS. *Nayaraja Pantako Dristima Sri 3 Jangabahadura Rana*. Kathmandu: Jñānaguna Sāhitya Pratishṭhāna. Pp. 108-157.
- Session 9: Samuel Grimes. 2025. What's in a Name? Reflections on the Tibetan Yatse Dynasty and Nepal's Role in Its Transition to the Indic ('Khas') Malla Dynasty. *The Medieval History Journal* 28(1): 32-58.

Module 4 *Diplomatics*

- Session 10: Maheśarāja Panta. *Ṭumbahālako Prajñāpāramitā : Khasa - Nevārasamprarkako Natījā*. Pūrṇimā 134; Kathmandu: Samshodhana-Mandala. Pp. 87-189
- Session 11: Timothy Lubin. 2018. Towards a South Asian Diplomatics: Cosmopolitan Norms and Regional Idioms in the Use of Documents. In S. Cubelic et al. *Studies in Historical Documents from Nepal and India*. Pp. 37-84.
- Session 12: Luciana Duranti. 1989. Diplomatics: New Uses for an Old Science (Part 1). *Archavaria* 28: 7-27; (Part 2). *Archavaria* 29: 4-17.

Module 5 *Quantitative Methods*

- Session 13: Raphael Samuels. 1977. Workshop of the World: Steam Power and Hand Technology in mid-Victorian World. *History Workshop Journal* 3(1): 6-72.
- Session 14: Peter Turchin et al. 2017. Quantitative Historical Analysis Uncovers a Single Dimension of Complexity that Structures Global Variation in Human Social Organization. Available at: <http://www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1708800115>
- Session 15: Dinerāja Panta. 2045 VS. *Gorakhāko Itihāsa (Tesro Bhāga)*. Kathmandu: The Author. Pp. 756-783.