



## Central Department of Sociology

### Master of Philosophy in Sociology

---

---

The MPhil Program in Sociology has been designed as a rigorous postgraduate research degree that blends course work with dissertation research under close and intensive supervision of faculty members. It provides a unique opportunity for early and mid-career sociology professionals to enhance their academic engagement with the discipline, both in terms of theoretical rigor and research and analytical skills. The Program aims to provide comprehensive mentoring to prospective students to prepare them for research after graduation. It seeks to accomplish this goal by enhancing the overall capacity of the students in:

- Independent, critical and organized reading, thinking and writing;
- Engaging with emerging disciplinary frontiers, emerging political, economic and cultural features of Nepal, South Asia and beyond; and,
- Linking theory and method.

After the successful completion of the Program, the students will be ready to either proceed to a doctoral degree at Tribhuvan University (TU) and elsewhere or to (re)enter the job market as academics, administrators, and researchers and program implementers in sectors/areas such as agriculture, education, gender and social inclusion, migration, natural resource management and forestry in national and international development organizations.

#### Program Structure

The Program is designed for a period of 18 months (3 semesters) , in which the students will be engaged in rigorous coursework (24 credits) for the first 12 months and thereafter complete their dissertation research (12 credits) during the last 6 months under close supervision of experienced faculty. The coursework offers 4 modules of 3 credit-hours in each semester embracing internationally recognized sub-fields in Sociology. Grading will be based on regularity of attendance, prior readings and preparation of summaries by the students, classroom presentation and participation, writing assignments, and end-of-the-semester written examinations. The classes will be conducted in seminar mode and medium of instruction will be English. The students will receive the required reading materials well in advance and are

expected to come to the class well prepared to contribute actively in the ensuing discussions. The students are required to submit a dissertation by the end of the third semester and are encouraged to work on their research proposal from the very beginning of the course.

#### **An overview of course work modules on offer**

<b>Code</b>	<b>First semester</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Second semester</b>
SO 601	Macro Sociology, Historical Comparative Methods and Social Inquiry*	SO 621	Survey Data Analysis and Interpretation: Social and Economic Dynamics of Nepal*
SO 602	Logic of Social Inquiry, Research and Writing*	SO 622	Sociology and Public Policy
SO 603	Social Movements: Studies on Collective Actions for Change	SO 623	Globalization, Citizenship and Subjectivities
SO 605	Poverty, Social Exclusion and Inclusionary Policies	SO 624	Neoliberal Development, Market and Social Change
SO 605	Social History of Nepali Society	SO 625	Inter-sectionality: Caste, Class, Gender and Region
SO 606	Sociology of Economic Development	SO 626	Transformation of Nepali State

\* Indicates compulsory modules.

As an important part of skills enhancement, the program incorporates additional (non-credit) training components on critical reading, argument-based writing, engaged and informed discussions, and public presentations with larger and diverse audiences. The students will be encouraged to organize research seminars and conferences, and publish their research work (independent or co-authored with their supervisors) in peer-reviewed journals.

### **Facilities and Teaching Aids**

The MPhil classes will run in the premises of the Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology at the University Campus in Kirtipur. The Program has dedicated classrooms well-equipped with computers, internet facilities and audio-visual aids. The students will have access to ICT facilities which will be administered by a dedicated IT professional, and will have instant power back-up in the event of power cuts. The students will have access to the TU Central Library and online journal articles and resources. Mechanisms will also be developed to enhance their access to other libraries in Kathmandu.

### **The Faculty**

The MPhil Program in Sociology has competent and experienced faculty members trained from reputed universities in Nepal, the US, Europe, Japan and India. They are active in the academic research field, well-versed in classical and contemporary debates in Sociology, and some of them are the leading contemporary sociologists in the country. In addition, guest lecturers will

be invited on a regular basis to enhance the opportunities of students to interact with leading professionals not affiliated to the university. The core faculty members are as follows:

**Tulsi Ram Pandey**, PhD (University of Delhi, India)  
Email: trpanday2001@yahoo.com



Dr. Pandey is a professor of sociology and the coordinator of the MPhil Program in Sociology in Tribhuvan University. He has co-authored and co-edited a number of books and contributed articles in edited books, journals and research reports. His major areas of interest include issues related to social inequality, social change, poverty and development, and state and governance.

**Chaitanya Mishra**, PhD (University of Florida, USA)  
Email: mishrachaitanya@gmail.com



Chaitanya Mishra is a professor of sociology at the Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, TU. His research interests are in macrosociology, politics, social change, and social stratification. He has written, co-written, and co-edited nine books and more than 100 articles. He believes that all sciences should contribute to public education, and frequently contributes to public debates through the media. He is currently researching livelihood-related and political changes in Nepal.

**Youba Raj Luintel**, PhD (Newcastle University, United Kingdom)  
Email: y.luintel@cdsatu.edu.np



Dr. Luintel is a lecturer of sociology at the Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology, TU. He has published several journal articles and a couple of books, including *The Nomadic Raute: A Sociological Study* (1998), *In Search of Identity: The Social and Gender Dimensions of the Impact of Nepalese Citizenship Policies on Lives of Women* (2007). His major research interests are in the fields of poverty, gender and social inclusion, and market and social change.

**Dinesh Prasain**, PhD (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)  
Email: dineshprasain@gmail.com



Dr. Prasain's doctoral research has focused on subaltern transnationalism, citizenship and identity among Nepali labour migrants in a Delhi neighborhood. His focus is on political sociology with research interest in citizenship, globalization, transnationalism, political communications, human subjectivities and social change. He has published several articles in a number of national and international peer reviewed journals and edited volumes.

**Pramod Bhatta**, PhD (Kobe University, Japan)  
Email: pramodbhatta@gmail.com



Dr. Bhatta has core research interests in the sociology of education. He has edited several books, including *Education in Nepal: Problems, Reforms and Social Change* (2009) and *Participation in Higher Education: Social Dimensions of Inequality* (2011; in Nepali), and written a number of research articles in the areas of foreign aid, decentralization, privatization and political dynamics of educational policy making. He is affiliated with Martin Chautari, a research institution based in Kathmandu.

**Madhusudan Subedi**, MPhil (Bergen University, Norway)  
Email: madhusudansubedi@gmail.com



Prof. Subedi was teaching at the Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology at TU since 1996. Currently he is Professor of Sociology at Patan Academy of Health Sciences. He has received intensive training in primary health care, qualitative research in health, field trial, and ethics in health research, and survey research techniques. He has published more than 20 articles in different journals. His areas of interests include social medicine, maternal and child health, caste system, livelihood, identity politics and social change.

**Tikaram Gautam**, PhD (TU, Nepal)  
Email: gautamtr@cdsatu.edu.np



Dr. Gautam has been teaching at the TU for the past 15 years and is currently affiliated with the Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology. He received his PhD degree from Tribhuvan University, Nepal in 2013. He is trained in quantitative data analysis techniques in sociology. He has published several sociology textbooks as well as articles in various journals.

---

*For further information please contact:*

**MPhil Program in Sociology**  
**c/o Central Department of Sociology**  
**Tribhuvan University**  
**Kirtipur, Kathmandu**

**Website: <http://www.sociologytu.edu.np/>**

**Phone: 4331852, Email: [mphilsociology@cdsatu.edu.np](mailto:mphilsociology@cdsatu.edu.np)**

---