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Photo: Palace of the Malla Kings in Patan by Astrid Zotter

35 Years of Academic Cooperation between South Asia Institute and Nepal

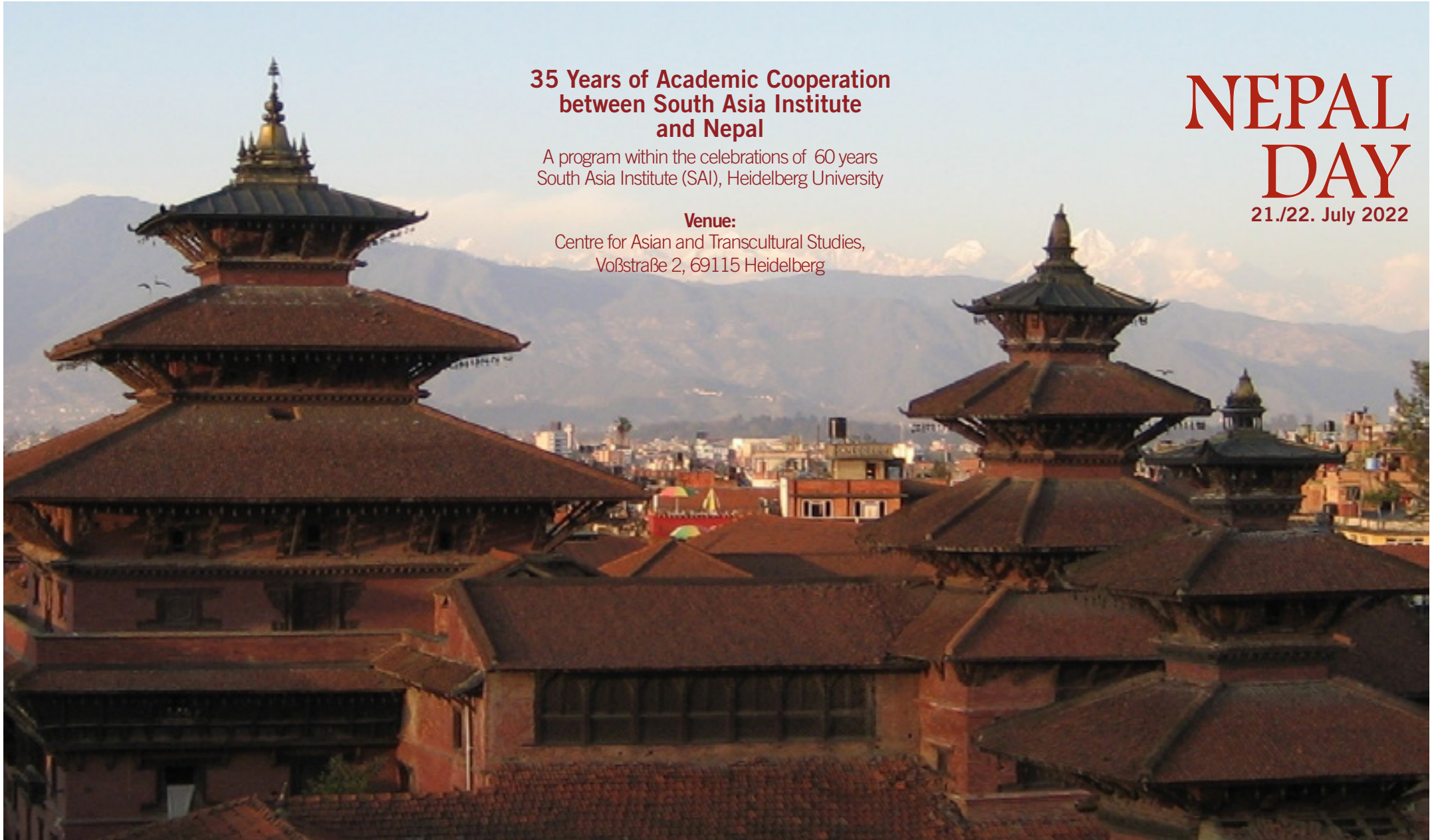
A program within the celebrations of 60 years
South Asia Institute (SAI), Heidelberg University

Venue:

Centre for Asian and Transcultural Studies,
Voßstraße 2, 69115 Heidelberg

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21st July, 2022

Bel Etage, Old University, Grabengasse 1

14:00 Signing of the MoU between Heidelberg University and Tribhuvan University by Rector Prof. Bernhard Eitel and Rector Prof. Shiva Lal Bhusal (on personal invitation only)

Centre for Asian and Transcultural Studies (CATS), SAI building, room 010.01.05

16:00 Welcome addresses (Moderation: Prof. Christiane Brosius)

- Prof. Rahul Mukherji, Director of the SAI
- H.E. Thomas Heinrich Prinz, Ambassador
- Prof. Shiva Lal Bhusal (Rector, Tribhuvan University)
- Introducing the Nepal delegation:

Associate Prof. Binod Joshi (Executive Director, Centre for International Relations, CIR) and Binod Dangol (Head Assistant CIR) from Tribhuvan University; Prof. Uddhab Pyakurel (Global Engagement Division), Sujan Chitrakar (Associate Dean School of Arts), Gopal Magar (Assistant, School of Arts) from Kathmandu University, Bharat Maharjan (coordinator and researcher at the Nepal Heritage Documentation Project)

16:30 Prof. Axel Michaels in conversation with Prof. Niels Gutschow: What have we learnt from Nepal?

The architectural historian Niels Gutschow travelled for the first time in 1962 to Nepal and since then almost every year again. The Indologist Axel Michaels travelled overland to the Kathmandu Valley in 1972 and was head of numerous projects for many years. Both explored rituals and historical connections together. Apart from scientific results, what did they both take home from Nepal?

16:50 Coffee break

17:00 Presentation/poster session of ongoing projects on Nepal (Introduction: Frederic Link, M.A.)

- Nepal Heritage Documentation Project presented by Dr. Rajan Khatiwoda and Bharat Maharjan
- Documents on the History of Religion and Law of Pre-modern Nepal presented by Dr. Manik Bajracharya and Dr. Astrid Zotter
- Urban Transformation and Placemaking presented by Prof. Christiane Brosius and Sujan Chitrakar
- Himalayan Socio-Hydrology: Evidence from Nepal (Prof. Marcus Nüsser and Dr. Susanne Schmidt)

17:30 Lectures (Moderation: Dr. Simon Cubelic)

- Prof. Sagar Sharma, Kathmandu University: Dilemmas of a Nation in Transition. *A talk about the socio-economic and environmental challenges of Nepal – in a generic way.*
- Prof. Martin Gaenzsle, University of Vienna: Ethnic Traditions and Global Archives: Changing Research Conditions in Nepal
Over the past several decades, the conditions for conducting ethnographic research in Nepal have changed considerably in multiple ways. New technologies, profound political upheaval, and ongoing social transformations have fundamentally affected the ways in which local traditions are studied and documented. Looking back at my own experience of almost forty years of field-work, I will highlight some of the evolving potentials of ethnographic documentation by means of digital archives and reflect on the accompanying problems and constraints.

19:00 End

19:30 Dinner party (on personal invitation only)

22nd July, 2022

CATS, Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies, room 400.02.12

10:00 Round table on future cooperation between Heidelberg and Tribhuvan University and Kathmandu University (Moderation: Prof. Christiane Brosius)

12:30 Lunch

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19:00 CATS-Party on the campus lawn



Photographer Yogesh Budathoki at work (photo: C. Brosius, 2019)