



International Conference on Economics, Finance, and Related Themes(ICEFRT)

September 12-13, 2024, Kathmandu, Nepal



Conference Schedule

Day 1: Thursday, September 12

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00 – 9:10	Inauguration Session Welcome Address by Prof., Shilu Manandhar Bajracharya, Vice Chancellor, Nepal Open University
09:10 – 9:30	Inaugural Address by Mr. Maha Prasad Adhikari, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank
09:30 – 9:35	Conference Highlights and Objectives: Prof. Kul Luintel, Cardiff University, UK
9:35 – 10:50	Keynote Presentation – Prof. Fabio Canova, Norwegian Business School, Norway Title - “Does the transmission of monetary policy change when inflation is high?” Vote of thanks - Prof. Kul Luintel, Cardiff University, UK
10:50 – 11:15	Tea Break
11:15-12:00	Technical Session I Chair: Dr. Prakash Kumar Shrestha, Member, National Planning Commission, Nepal

Presentation: Prof. Huw Dixon, Cardiff University, UK- “Inflation persistence in the UK 1993-2019: from months to years”.

Discussant: Prof. Kent Matthews, Nottingham University Business School China

12:00-12:45

Technical Session II

Chair: Dr. Ram Kumar Phuyal, Former Member, National Planning Commission, Nepal

Presentation: Prof. Kul Luintel, Cardiff University, UK – “Banks, securitization and the Macroeconomy”.

Discussant: Prof. Huw Dixon, Cardiff University, UK

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:45

Technical Session III

Chair: Prof. Kedar Rijal, Registrar, Tribhuvan University

Presentation: Prof. Mai Vo Phuong Le, Cardiff University – “Local government spending, shadow banking and the business cycle in China”.

Discussant: Prof. Tianshu Zhao, University of Leicester, UK

14:45-15:30

Technical Session IV

Chair: Dr. Ramesh Chandra Paudel, Former Member, National Planning Commission, Nepal

Presentation: Prof. David Meenagh, Cardiff University, UK – “Does the Fiscal Theory of the price level explain the US business cycle?”

Discussant: Prof. José L. Torres, University of Malaga, Spain

15:30 – 16:00

Tea Break

16:00 – 17:30

Technical Session V

Chair: Prof. Ram Prasad Gyawaly, Head, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University

Presentation: Wan Xu, Peking University, China - "Catching up by switching Lanes: Directed technical change in China's transition to electrical vehicles"

Discussant: Prof. Surendra Shrestha, Dean, Faculty of Science, Health and Technology, Nepal Open University

Presentation: Dr. Iain Long, Cardiff University, UK- “Easier to blame the victim? Police incentives and the strategic downgrading of crime”

19:00 onwards Reception dinner at Bhojan Griha (Dillibazar Height, Kathmandu)

Day 2: Friday, September 13

09:00 – 10:30 **Special Thematic Session**

Chair: Prof. Biju Kumar Thapaliya, Vice Chancellor, Purbanchal University

Keynote Presentation: Prof. Yong Wang, Peking University, China – “A theoretical exploration of the multiplier effect through external investment for China in the belt and road initiative”

Vote of thanks: Prof. Kent Matthews, Nottingham University Business School China

10:30 – 10:45 **Tea Break**

10:45- 12:15 **Technical Session VI**

Chair: Prof. Amar Prasad Yadav, Vice Chancellor, Rajarshi Janak University

Presentation: Prof. Tianshu Zhao, University of Leicester, UK – “Co-funding and the financialization of Chinese firms”

Discussant: Prof. Patrick Minford, Cardiff University, UK

Presentation: Prof. Zhiguo Xiao, Fudan University, China – “Shadow banking, financial frictions, and firm productivity in China”

Discussant: Prof. David Meenagh, Cardiff University, UK

12:15 – 13:00 **Technical Session VII**

Chair: Prof. Hem Raj Pant, Vice Chancellor, Far Western University

Presentation: Prof. José L. Torres, University of Malaga, Spain - “Remittances, trade deficit, and output: A case of Nepal”

Discussant: Prof. Mai Vo Phuong Le, Cardiff University, UK

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 16:15 **Nepal Session**

Chair: Dr. Tilak Rawal, Former Governor and Constitution Assembly Member

Presentation: Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, former Member of National Planning Commission, Chairperson, SAWTEE - “Challenges and prospects of Nepalese foreign trade particularly in the perspective of growth in neighbouring Countries, China and India”

Panel Discussion on "Nepal’s present economic challenges and the way out in the backdrop of fast growth in neighbouring countries"

Panellists:

Dr. Dilli Raj Khanal, Expert Policy Research Institute, Government of Nepal

Prof. Achyut Wagle, Registrar, Kathmandu University

Dr. Gunakar Bhatta, Executive Director, Economic Research Department, Nepal Rastra Bank

Mr. Keshav Acharya, Senior Economist

Mr. Ravi Sainju, Trade Expert

16:15 – 16:45 Tea Break

16:45 - 17:45 Capacity building and networking sessions + Meet the Editors

Chair: Prof. Kul Luintel, Cardiff University, UK

The purpose of this session is to engage with professional and academic economists in Nepal in the task of research capacity building, through developing research links with Western and China universities. The session will identify the pressing research questions relating to the Nepalese economy and the gaps in research capacity. Participants will be invited to help in closing the research capacity gaps through the development of cooperative projects.

The session will be run as a round-table discussion chaired by Prof Kul Luintel where Central Bank, academics, and government economists provide research briefings followed by Q&A.

17:45 – 18:15 Conference Closing remarks by Prof. Govinda Singh Bista, Registrar, Nepal Open University

September 14

9:30 – 13:00 Organised Tour for international delegates (*details will be provided by the hotel*)