



Faculty of Management and
Law



NOU FOML-Niti Seminar

A Discourse on Prosperity in Nepal: Unfolding Agendas for Tomorrow

**June 16, 2019 Sunday
Time: 10 am to 2 pm**

Context

The new constitution of Nepal as well as the government policies over the past several years has emphasized on the attainment of prosperity as a defining goal of the country. There has, however, been surprisingly very low level of public debate around the questions of what comprises prosperity, for whom, and how to achieve it. Still less is the consideration about how this agenda relates and contrasts with the pursuit of social justice. Equally serious is the question of how these commitments could be translated into credible programs of action, given the challenge that country suffers from severe deficit in governance and accountability and widespread lethargy and rent-seeking behaviour within the country's administrative system.

The seminar on '*A Discourse on Prosperity: Unfolding Agendas for Tomorrow*,' organised by the Faculty of Management and Law, Nepal Open University, in partnership with Niti, seeks to bring together academics, policy-makers and development practitioners to deliberate on some of the core questions on this debate – how we conceive of economic growth, social justice and the aspects of governance and accountability – as we initiate the discussions on prosperity. It will also sensitize the FOML students on these themes.

Objectives

This seminar aims to develop understanding and stimulate discourse on the competing definitions, parameters of assessment and programs of action on realizing the stated goal of prosperity in Nepal, especially in the context of its relationship with the pursuit of equity and social justice under weak governance and accountability deficit. Its specific objectives are to:

- Contribute knowledge, through debate and publication, on the parameters and policies on prosperity and its trade-offs with social justice
- Stimulate domestically-led debate and deliberation on policy reforms agendas on prosperity and the challenges

Themes

The seminar will focus on the following three key themes:

- Economic growth for prosperity
- Equity, social justice and prosperity
- Governance and accountability for prosperity

Programme

The seminar will involve three papers presentations and moderated discussions involving all participants to allow a reasoned assessment of the prosperity agenda and on the ways forward.

Papers and Address	Presenter/ Speaker	Commentator
Keynote Address	Shreeman Kalyan Shrestha, former Chief Justice	-
Prosperity Dimension: Achieving through Economic Growth	Prof. Dr. Pushkar M. Bajracharya Professor Emeritus, Tribhuvan University	Prof. Dr. Pushpa Kandel Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission
Prosperity Dimension: Achieving through Social Justice	Mohan Das Manandhar Niti Foundation	TBD
Prosperity Dimension: Achieving through Good Governance and Accountability	Dr. Hari Dhungana Nepal Open University	Prof. Dr. Shree K. Shrestha Professor Emeritus, Tribhuvan University
Chair	Prof. Dr. Shilu Manandhar Bajracharya Dean, Faculty of Management and Law	-

Note: Time for paper presentation is 15 minutes each; comments 10 minutes; and discussion 5 minutes

Participation

Participation is only through invitation. Total 50 participants expected.

Contact

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