

**The Commission for Educational Exchange Between the U.S. and Nepal (USEF-N)
and
The Fulbright Alumni Association – Nepal (FAAN)**

USEF-N and FAAN are organizing the 2012 SCA Regional Fulbright Alumni Conference ***in Kathmandu from April 27-29, 2012.***

USEF-N and FAAN are inviting paper abstracts for the conference from Fulbright/Fulbright-Nehru alumni. Guideline to prepare abstract and submission details are given below. USEF-N and FAAN will review the abstracts and select alumni to participate in this conference. USEF-N and FAAN will cover the costs of international travel and accommodation for Fulbright alumni who will be selected to participate in this conference.

Abstracts must be submitted no later than February 29, 2012 and an attachment to:
conference@fulbrightnepal.org.np.



**Adapting to Change: Fulbrighters' Perspectives on South and Central Asian Societies
SCA Regional Fulbright Alumni Conference
April 27-29, 2012
Kathmandu, NEPAL**

Overall Conference Objective: To create a forum for Fulbright alumni from across the South and Central Asia (SCA) region to share their expertise on issues impacting the changing societies of the region.

Countries Invited: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Conference Theme: Adapting to Change: Fulbrighters' Perspectives on South and Central Asian Societies

This conference is intended to bring together Fulbright alumni who are experts in their respective fields to discuss, debate and reflect on the convergences and divergences in our changing societies. In this regard, the conference sub-themes are broadly stated in order to allow for differences in each society as well as regionally significant issues to be well represented. The conference sub-themes include:

- **Social issues** – in this sub-theme, papers would be welcome addressing issues such as post-conflict peace and other issues; social diversity (i.e., multiculturalism, linguistic diversity, affirmative action); human trafficking; corruption; effects of migration; labor issues
- **Environmental issues** – in this sub-theme, papers would be welcome addressing issues related to climate change; natural disaster mitigation and preparation; effects of tourism on the environment; community-level environmental preservation or involvement; green technologies; global environmental issues in local contexts
- **Good governance and political systems** – in this sub-theme, papers would be welcome addressing issues related to changing governmental structures and systems, including state structuring; good governance best practices and national-level lessons learned; constitutional issues;
- **Economic development** – in this sub-theme, papers would be welcome in development constraints; financial systems including microfinance; national economic policy; best practices in attracting domestic and foreign investments; impacts of emerging global economic issues and challenges and their mitigation; role of international donors in developing nations

Submission guidelines

Paper abstracts should not exceed 500 words. A conference committee will evaluate the abstracts in terms of the following criteria:

1. Significance of the topic to the conference theme and sub-themes
2. Overall quality of the abstract
3. Balance of representation from as many countries as possible
4. **IMPORTANT:** Please specify your name, country (India), gender, designation, date of birth, contact details (phone) and most importantly the name of the Fulbright/Fulbright-Nehru grant that you availed and the year of your Fulbright/Fulbright-Nehru grant.

Paper presentations

Once paper abstracts are accepted, the full paper must be submitted by April 20, 2012. Presenters of individual papers will be grouped into sessions by the conference committee. Paper sessions will be approximately 60-75 minutes in length and will include an opportunity for audience interaction. Each presenter will have approximately 15 minutes to present his or her work.

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