



# International Conference on Economics and Finance

20-22 April 2012

Kathmandu, Nepal

## Program Schedule

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**Nepal Rastra Bank**

**International Conference on Economics and Finance  
20-22 April 2012, Kathmandu, Nepal**

**Program Summary**

Friday, 20 April 2012

008:30 - 09.00 Registration  
09.00 - 10.00 Inaugural Ceremony (Hall Regal 1)  
10.00 - 10.30 Tea Reception

**Business Program**

10.30-12.00 Parallel Sessions (4- Sessions)  
12.00-13.00 Lunch Break  
13.00-14.30 Parallel Sessions (4- Sessions)  
14.30-14.45 Tea Break  
14.45-16.15 Parallel Sessions (4- Sessions)  
18.30-20.30 Opening Dinner Hosted by Nepal Rastra Bank

**Saturday, 21 April 2012**

08.30-08.45 Registration  
08.45-10.15 Parallel Sessions (4- Sessions)  
10.15-10.30 Tea Break  
10.30-12.00 Parallel Sessions (4- Sessions)  
12.00-13.00 Lunch Break  
13.00-14.30 Parallel Sessions (2- Sessions)  
14.30-14.45 Tea Break  
14.45-16.00 Closing Ceremony  
18.30-20.30 Closing Dinner Hosted by Nepal Rastra Bank

**Sunday, 22 April 2012**

09.00 - 05.00 **Post-Conference Program**  
*Sight Seeing Tour for International Participants*  
*Places: Bhaktapur and Dhulikhel*

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

**Friday, 20 April 2012**

08:30 - 09.00    **Registration**

09.00 - 10.00    **Inaugural Program (Hall Regal 1)**

**Welcome Remarks**

*by Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Governor, Nepal Rastra Bank*

**Inauguration and Remarks**

by Chief Guest Honorable Minister of Finance  
Mr. Barsha Man Pun "Ananta"

**Guest Speech**

*"The Role of Financial Sector Development in Economic Growth and  
Poverty Alleviation: Policy Challenges Facing the Low-income Countries  
Financial Sector"*

*by Mr. Faisal Ahmed*

*IMF Resident Representative in Cambodia*

**Vote of Thanks**

*by Mr. Gopal Prasad Kaphle, Deputy Governor and Coordinator,  
Conference Organizing Committee, Nepal Rastra Bank*

10.00 - 10.30    Tea Reception

## Closing Ceremony

### 14.45-16.00 Summary of Conference

*Dr. Min Bahadur Shrestha, Executive Director and Member of Conference Organizing Committee, Nepal Rastra Bank*

#### Remarks

*by Representative of Participants*

#### Presentation of Certificates

*by Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Governor  
Nepal Rastra Bank*

#### Presentation of Souvenirs

*by Mr. Gopal Prasad Kaphle, Deputy Governor  
Nepal Rastra Bank*

#### Closing Remarks

*by Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Governor  
Nepal Rastra Bank*

#### Vote of Thanks

*by Dr. Nephil Matangi Maskay  
Member Secretary Conference Organizing Committee  
Nepal Rastra Bank*

### 18.30-20.31 Closing Dinner Hosted by Nepal Rastra Bank

*Venue: Hotel Yak and Yeti*

## Sunday, 22 April 2012

### 09.00 - 05.00 Post-Conference Program

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Places: *Bhaktapur and Dhulikhel*

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

### Session - I

Time: 10.30 - 12.00

**Durbar Hall**

THEME: FINANCIAL SECTOR, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND  
POVERTY ALLEVIATION - I

CHAIR: DR. MIN BAHADUR SHRESTHA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEPAL RASTRA BANK

#### **Sectoral Output Growth and Financial Development in Emerging Economies: Evidence from Nepal**

*Frank Westermann, University of Osnabrueck, Germany*

#### **Financial Sector Development: Its Challenges on Economic Growth and Poverty Alleviation in Nepal**

*Kushum Shakya, Tribhuvan University, Nepal*

#### **Does Financial Development Cause Economic Growth? A Vector Autoregression Approach**

*Sanjeewa Janaka Kumara Guruge, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka*

Time: 10.30 - 12.00

**Regency Hall**

THEME: MONETARY, BANKING AND FINANCIAL POLICIES - I  
CHAIR: PROF. DR. RUDRA P. UPADHYAY REGMI TRIBHUVAN  
UNIVERSITY

#### **An Empirical Analysis of Default on Agriculture-Related Loans: Evidence from China**

*Lei Meng, East China University of Science and Technology, China*

#### **Cost and Benefits of Deprived Sector Lending and Role of Financial Institutions**

*Sanjay Prasad Gorkhali, Integrated Development Associates, Nepal*

#### **Innovative Economic Strategies Towards Financial Inclusive Growth**

*Nageswara Rao Dara, I-Star Development Group International, India*

Time: 10.30 -12.00      **Regal 2 Hall**

THEME: INTERNATIONAL FLOW OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES - I  
CHAIR: PROF. DR. BISHWAMBHER PYAKURYAL TRIBHUVAN  
UNIVERSITY

**Empirical Analysis of Remittance Inflow: The Case of Nepal**

*Saujanya Acharya, Kahmandu University, Nepal*

**Remittance and its Casual Effect to Trade Deficit in Nepal: A Vector  
Error Correction Model Approach**

*Guna Raj Bhatta, Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal*

Time: 10.30 - 12.00      **Viceroy Hall**

THEME: MICROFINANCE, ACCESS TO FINANCE AND FINANCIAL  
INCLUSION - I  
CHAIR: MR. GOPAL PRASHAD KAPHLE  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR, NEPAL RASTRA BANK

**Financial Inclusion and its Future Role in Poverty Alleviation and  
Economic Growth of India**

*Swami Prakash Srivastava, Dayalbagh Deemed University, India*

**Women Entrepreneurs' Access to Finance: Evidence from Banks' Data  
of Bangladesh**

*Joyeta Rahman Tamanna, Grameen Bank, Bangladesh*

**Effectiveness of Short Term Credit Scheme: Case of New Comprehensive  
Rural Credit Scheme in Sri Lanka**

*Balasooriya B L J S, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka*

12.00 - 13.00      Lunch Break

**Session III**

Time: 13.00 - 14.30      **Durbar Hall**

THEME: FINANCIAL SYSTEM, FINANCIAL STABILITY,  
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN FINANCIAL SECTOR - II  
CHAIR:

**Liquidity Risk Management: A Study of Nepalese Commercial Banks**

*Kala Regmi and Dibyashree Shah  
Kathmandu University School of Management Nepal*

**Macroeconomic Risks and Financial Stability: An Econometrical  
Analysis for India**

*Ajay Prakash, Reserve Bank of India, India*

**Changing Perspective of Managing Human Resources in Nepal**

*Dhruba Kumar Gautam, Tribhuvan University, Nepal*

Time: 13.00 -14.30      **Regal 2 Hall**

THEME: MICROFINANCE, ACCESS TO FINANCE AND FINANCIAL  
INCLUSION - IV  
CHAIR:

**Effect of Self Help Groups on Rural Poor People**

*Nitin Pandharinath Malegaonkar, Shri Sant Savta Mali Gramin ,  
Mahavidyalaya, India*

14.30-14.45      Tea Break

Time: 10.30 -12.00      **Regal 2 Hall**

THEME: MICROFINANCE, ACCESS TO FINANCE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION - III  
CHAIR: MR. BRIJ RAJ, DY. GENERAL MANAGER & MEMBER OF FACULTY, RESERVE BANK STAFF COLLEGE, RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

**Policies to Improve Access to Finance For Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: The Story From Indonesia**

*Tulus Thai Hamonangan Tanbunan, Trisakti University, Indonesia*

**Financial Inclusion-Myths & Realities of Indian Rural Consumers**

*Jitendra Kumar Dixit, GLA University, India*

**The Role of Financial Inclusion Towards Inclusive Growth in Bangladesh**

*Md. Salim Al Mamun, Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh*

Time: 10.30 -12.00      **Viceroy Hall**

THEME: MICROECONOMICS AND OTHERS  
CHAIR: PROF. DR. BHUBAN BAJRACHARYA

**Minimum Wage Policy: With Special Reference to Malaysia**

*Balakrishnan Parasuraman, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia*

**Mixed Duopoly Competition in a Vertical Product Differentiation Model- An Approach to Banking Industry**

*Ram Kumar Phuyal, Chonnam National University, South Korea*

12.00-13.00      **Lunch Break**

**Session - II**  
Time: 13.00 - 14.30      **Durbar Hall**

THEME: FINANCIAL SECTOR, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION - II  
CHAIR: MR. GANESH BAHADUR THAPA  
FORMER GOVERNOR, NEPAL RASTRA BANK

**Determinants of Rural Poverty: A study of Phirphire VDC, Tanahun**

*Arjun Kumar Thapa, Pokhara University, Nepal*

**The Relationship between Inflation and Economic Growth: Evidence from Sri Lanka**

*Turaisingam Udayaseelan*

*Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka*

**Stock Market Development and Economic Growth: Evidence from Nepal**

*Bharat Singh Thapa, Apex College, Nepal*

Time: 13.00 - 14.30      **Regency Hall**

THEME: PUBLIC FINANCE AND FISCAL POLICY - III  
CHAIR: DR. BAIKUNTHA ARYAL  
JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL

**Hydropower Development & its Financing in Nepal: An Assessment**

*Harishankar Vidyarthi, National Institute of Financial Management, Government of India, India*

**Hydropower Financing Options for Nepal: Assessing the Prospect of Private Equity Investment**

*Ridwan Muntasir, RACE Asset Management Company, Bangladesh*

**Financial and Engineering Aspects of Sustainable Infrastructure Development**

*Laura Lielgaidina, Riga Technical University*

*Latvia*

Time: 13.00 - 14.30      **Regal 2 Hall**

THEME: MICROFINANCE, ACCESS TO FINANCE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION - I  
CHAIR: DR. HARIHAR DEV PANT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NIRDHAN UTTHAN BANK AND FORMER DEPUTY GOVERNOR  
NEPAL RASTRA BANK

**Growth and Performance in Nepal's Microfinance Sector: A Case for Client Protection and Financial Literacy**

*Elizabeth Larson, MIX, USA*

**Poverty Alleviation Through Micro Finance Programs in Bangladesh: Achievements, Challenges and Policy Agenda**

*Md. Golzare Nabi, Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh*

**Effectiveness of 'No Frills' Accounts of Banks as a Means of Financial Inclusion of Poor - A Study of Two Public-Sector Bank Branches in India**

*M. V. Srinivasa Gowda, University of Mysore, India*

Time: 13.00 - 14.30      **Viceroy Hall**

THEME: FINANCIAL SYSTEM, FINANCIAL STABILITY, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN FINANCIAL SECTOR - I  
CHAIR: MR. MAHA PRASAD ADHIKARI  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR, NEPAL RASTRA BANK

**Corporate Governance and Bank Profitability of Commercial Banks in Malaysia**

*Puan Yatim, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia*

**Corporate Governance in the Financial Sector**

*Bimal Kumar Tiwari, Indusind Bank Ltd, India*

**The Impact of Corporate Governance on Financial Performance of Bank: A Case Study of Nepalese Commercial Banks**

*Ravi Prakash Poudel, The University of New England, Australia*

14.30-14.45      **Tea Break**

**Session II**

Time: 10.30 - 12.00      **Durbar Hall**

THEME: MACROECONOMIC POLICIES AND FINANCIAL INNOVATION - I  
CHAIR: PROF. DR. PUSKAR BAJRACHARYA

**Weather Derivatives: Harbinger of New Revolution in Managing Agricultural Risk**

*Abhishek Kumar Chintu, Ministry of Statistics and PI, Govt. of India, India*

**Causal Linkages between Money Supply, Budget Deficit and Inflation in Nepal**

*Arjun Kumar Baral, Tribhuvan University, Nepal*

**Estimation of Stock Price Using Call-Put Parity**

*Kushal Jain, Jindal Global University, India*

Time: 10.30 -12.00      **Regency Hall**

THEME: GLOBAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, FINANCIAL CRISIS AND POST CRISIS COOPERATION - I  
CHAIR: DR. NEPHIL MATANGI MASKAY  
DIRECTOR, NEPAL RASTRA BANK

**The Effect of Export Financing In Iran (Using the ARDL Technique)**

*Mohammad Reza Pazouki, Islamic Azad University, Iran*

Understanding the Risk when Pegged to a Volatile Currency

*Mita Harjivan Suthar, Ahmedabad University, India*

**Financial integration and Regional Monetary Interaction in TVP VAR/VECM - a Case of Singapore and Malaysia**

*Xianguo Huang, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan*

Time: 08.45 -10.15      **Regal 2 Hall**

THEME: MICROFINANCE, ACCESS TO FINANCE AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION - II

CHAIR: PROFESSOR DR. PUSPA SHRESTHA

**Role of Micro Financing in Promotion of Biogas: A Case of Nepal**

*Maheshwar Prasad Yadav, Biogas Sector Partnership Nepal (BSP-Nepal), Nepal*

**Twenty Years of SHG Banking in India and the Road Ahead**

*Brij Raj, Reserve Bank of India, India*

**Islamic Modes of Microfinance Program: A Study on RDS Model of IBBL in Bangladesh**

*Shahadat Hossain, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh*

Time: 08.45 -10.15      **Viceroy Hall**

THEME: MONETARY, BANKING AND FINANCIAL POLICIES - III

CHAIR: DR. MITA H. SUTHAR, AHMEDABAD UNIVERSITY

**Banking Area as a Factor for Development of Pension System in Ukraine in the Context of Accomplishment of Social Tasks**

*Rad Nataliya Sergeevna, Donetsk National University of Economics and Trade after M. Tugan-Baranovsky, Ukraine*

**Commercial Banking Performance and Economic Growth: A Case Study of Nepal**

*Suvita Jha, Harbin Institute of Technology, China*

**Communication strategy, Central Banking and Credibility Bonus - A Study of Dealing with "Impossible Trinity" in the Indian Context**

*Yanamandra Srinivas, ICICI Bank, India*

10.15-10.30      **Tea Break**

**Session III**

Time: 14.45 -16.15      **Durbar Hall**

THEME: FINANCIAL SECTOR, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION - III

CHAIR: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KUSHUM SHAKYA TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY

**Economic Growth and Financial sector Development: A Study of the interrelationships in the Indian Context**

*Deepak Popat Sable, K.G. Joshi College of Arts and N.G. Bedekar College of Commerce, India*

**Bringing Quantity Equation of Money into Test: A Potential Way to Fight Global Poverty**

*Bamadev Poudel, Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal*

**The Threshold Level of Inflation in the Growth-Inflation Relationship: Evidence from Bangladesh data**

*Sayera Younus, Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh*

Time: 14.45 -16.15      **Regency Hall**

THEME: MONETARY, BANKING AND FINANCIAL POLICIES - II

CHAIR: DR. MEENA ACHARYA

ADVISOR, SAHAVAGI

**On an Interesting Fundamental Market-Making Result Extracted by Means of the Global Markets Tick-by-Tick Analysis**

*Vladimir Prelov, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia*

**Inflation Persistence in Nepal**

*Tap Prasad Koirala, Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal*

**Predictability of Turn-of-the-Month Effect at Stock Markets in Malaysia, South Korea and Japan**

*Zainudin Arsad, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia*



Time: 14.45 -16.15      **Regal 2 Hall**

THEME: GLOBAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, FINANCIAL CRISIS  
AND POST CRISIS COOPERATION - II  
CHAIR: DR. POSH RAJ PANDEY  
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, SAWTEE

**Impact of Global Economic Crisis on Micro, Small and Medium  
Enterprises in India**

*Soundarapandian Mookkiah, Gandhigram Rural University, India*

**Energy Price Impact on East Asian Region's Food and Non-food  
Industry**

*Khalid Abdul Hamid, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research, Malaysia*

**Globalization and Economic Development and Inequality in Asian  
Countries**

*I. Sundhar, Annamalai University, India*

Time: 14.45 -16.15      **Viceroy Hall**

THEME: PUBLIC FINANCE AND FISCAL POLICY - I CHAIR: PROF.  
DR. PARTHIBESHWAR P. TIMILSINA

**Green Service Charge in Managing Urban Environment in Nepal**

*Bishal Bharadwaj, Ministry of Local Development, Government of Nepal,  
Nepal*

**Rural Infrastructure: Gateway to Agriculture and Sustainable  
Development**

*Harnam Singh, University of Lucknow, India*

**Delivering Sustainable Healthcare Services for Nepal: The Strategic  
Fit of Public Private Partnership Models**

*A.R.M.Mehrab Ali, Innovations for Poverty Action, Bangladesh*

18.30-20.30      **Opening Dinner Hosted by Nepal Rastra Bank**

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**Session I**

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THEME: FINANCIAL SECTOR, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND  
POVERTY ALLEVIATION - IV  
CHAIR: PROF. DR. FRANK WESTERMANN

**Does Nepal's Financial Structure Matter for Economic Growth?**

*Ram Sharan Kharel, Nepal Rastra Bank, Nepal*

**Financing for Growth: A Case of Thailand, 1993 - 2007**

*Barudin Muhamad, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia*

**Role of Financial Sector Development in Economic Growth and Poverty  
Reduction**

*Aishwarya Rana, Standard Chartered Bank, Nepal*

Time: 08.45 -10.15      **Regency Hall**

THEME: PUBLIC FINANCE AND FISCAL POLICY - II CHAIR: DR.  
DILLI RAJ KHANAL  
FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND NPC

**Fiscal Restructuring, Capital Outlay and Rural Infrastructure: An  
Indian State-level Analysis**

*Subrata Dutta, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic & Social Research  
(SPIESR), India*

**The Impact of Public Infrastructure and Human Capital on Growth**

*Mohd Dan Jantan, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia*

**Fiscal Architecture and Analysis of Allocative and Technical Efficiency  
of Public Spending in Nepal**

*Shiva Raj Adhikari, Tribhuvan University, Nepal*