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Key Qualifications:

Dr. Giri has more than 15 years of experience in the fields of teaching, research, writing, and development consultancy. Besides teaching-supervision in MA and MPhil-PhD, he has extensive engagement on research in the areas of governance, caste/ethnic transformations, identity issues, gender empowerment, issues of Dalits, landlessness, disaster and community resilience, and social movement of marginalized communities. Dr. Giri has been contributing as a member of the subject committee of Anthropology and has developed the syllabus for Anthropology of disaster and resilience, Anthropology of Nepal and the Himalayas, and Physical Anthropology in Anthropology, and Research Methodology in Counseling Psychology, in TU and MPhil courses in Nepal Open University. Dr. Giri's PhD dissertation in titled **Political-Economic Dimensions of Marginalization of the Musahar Community of East-Central Tarai**, explored trajectories of landlessness of the Musahars, cultural politics of identity, movements and social justice of Musahars. He has proved his gradual progressive track expertise through various publications, research grants, training, and presentations in various workshops and seminars.

Education

- 2012 - 2018 **Ph.D. in Anthropology**, Political Economic Dimensions of Marginalization: A case of Musahars of Eastern Tarai, Nepal. FoHSS in **Tribhuvan University, Nepal**
- 2014 **Non-degree Graduate in Anthropology**, College of Arts and Sciences, **Cornell University, New York, USA.**
- 2004 - 2005 **M.A. in Anthropology**, Central Department of Anthropology, Kirtipur, **TU, Nepal.**
- 2002-2003 **M.A. in English**, Central Department of English, Kirtipur, **Tribhuvan University, Nepal.**

Teaching Experience

- 2013- **Faculty, Central Department of Anthropology**, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur-Kathmandu. Teaching Anthropology of Nepal and the Himalayas in MA and MPhil.
- 2010-2013 Full time Faculty, Sociology/anthropology, Kabhre Multiple campus, Banepa Kabhre
- 2010-2011 Faculty (faculty), Bhaktapur Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University
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Publications

- Giri, M. (2025). Maharai Gaune: Storytelling as Cultural Politics of Telling History among the Musahars of Tarai. *Journal of China University of Mining and Technology*, vol. 30, 2, 46-54..
- Giri, M. co-(2025). The Secret of Goddess Worship and Symbol of Sex: Significance of Tantra, Shakti and Deities in Hindus of Kathmandu Valley. *Human Evolution*, 40, .2, 143-166.
- Giri, M. co-(2025). Thick Descriptions on Sakela Sili of Kirat: Religious Festival of Majh Kirat in Nepal. *International Journal of Anthropology*, vol.40. no.2, 63-82
- Giri, M book (2025). नेपालका दशनामी सन्यासीहरूको मानवशास्त्रीय अध्ययन । रिवाज गिरी र रिचुअल गिरी कीर्तिपुर काठमाण्डौ
- Giri, M. (2025). Fusion of Hindu, Buddhist, And Folk Religious Culture of Dapha Khal Musical Performance of Newars of Kirtipur. *International Journal of Religion*, vol. 6, no.1, 675-688.
- Giri, M. (2025). The land and tree recognize the Musahar: Alternative perspective of nature-human understanding among the Musahars. *The Academia: An Interdisciplinary Research Journal*, 2025, vol. 5 (1), 87-101.
- Giri, M. (2024). Remembered the Disaster: Rescue, Relief, and Resilience of Earthquake-Affected People at Kunchok. *Collage: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, vol 7 (1), 33-52.
- Giri, M. (2024). Musahars' Perspective on Nature, Culture and Cosmology. *Journal of Nepalese Studies*, vol 21. no. 1 PP. 31-45.
- Giri, M. (2024). Inter-Caste Hierarchy and Relations in a Multi-Caste Madhesi Village in Nepal, *Contemporary Social Sciences*, Vol. 33, No. 3. pp.154-172.
- Gautam, B.; & Giri, M. (2024). Trajectories of language and the culture of the Gopali community in the Chitlang Valley. *Glottodidactica*, 51(1), 7–26,
- Giri, M. (2023). Vulnerable Community in Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction Process in Sindhupalchok. *Shahid Kirti Multidisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 01, 22-43.
- Giri, M. (2023). Contestation and Negotiation of Identity and Everyday Life of the Musahars of Siraha. *Collage: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, Vol 6 (1), 28-46.
- Giri, M. (2022). *Danuvars: Society, Culture and Identity*. R Maharjan Publisher.
- M, Shrestha, Giri, M.& Khatri, G. (2022). Unintended Consequences of Migration and Labour Vacuum in Agrarian Rural Village in Nepal. *Contemporary Social Sciences*. Vol 31. No. 3
- Giri, M. (2022). Intra-caste and Inter-caste Hierarchy and Differences among various Caste Ethnic Groups at Golbazar, Siraha. *Collage: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, Vol 5 (1), 35-59.
- Giri, M. (2022). Globalization of Livelihood: Weakening of Caste-based Labor Regime of the Musahars, *Patan Perspective Journal*, vo.2 no.2, 84-97
- Giri, M. (2022). Cultural appropriateness on disaster reconstruction and resilience programs at Kunchok, *Contemporary Social Sciences*, Vol 31. No. 1
- Giri, M. (2022). Politics of place making and positions of the Musahars at Jamdaha-Golbazar, *Cognition*, volum 4, 1.

- Giri, M. (2022). Haruwa-Charuwa and their educational struggle of the Musahar community of Siraha, Patan Pragya, vol.10 (1), 95-106.
- Giri, M. (2022). सांस्कृतिक प्रतिरोधको नयां आयाम (New Dimensions of Cultural Resistance) राजेन्द्र मर्हजन सम्पादन । वर्ष ८, अङ्क ८ । ललितपुर : नेपाल मधेश फाउन्डेशन ।
- Joshi, N.; Pokharel, C.& Giri, M. (2021). Mental Health Status of Divorcees from Different Cultural Backgrounds in Kathmandu. Journal of Alzheimers Disease & Parkinsonism, special issue, 6-22. oi: 10.4172/2161-0460.1000022
- Giri, M. (2021). Continuity and Change in the Caste System: Trajectories of Inter-caste Relations of the Musahar and Chamar Communities of Siraha District. (48-77), in Caste in Nepal. Lalitpur: Foundation for Critical Discourse Nepal.
- Giri, M. (2021). Devaluation of Cultural Life: A Study of Reconstruction-Resilience Practices at an Earthquake Displaced Community. Molung Educational Frontier. Vol.11
- Giri, M. (2020). Storytelling for promoting social cohesion in the marginalized communities: A case of Chautari Natak. Molung Educational Frontier. Vol. 10 special issue.
- Giri, M. (2019). Cultural Crisis of Caste Renouncer: A Study of *Dasnami Sanyasi* Identity in Nepal. Molung Educational Frontier. Vol. 9.
- Giri, M. (2019). मुसहर र माटोवीचको सम्बन्धको पननिमाण । मधेश अध्ययन । राजेन्द्र मर्हजन सम्पादन । वर्ष ७, अङ्क ७ । ललितपुर : नेपाल मधेश फाउन्डेशन । पेज ३१-५६ ।
- Giri, M. (2018). Transition from Unfree Agrarian labour to Sharecropper and Freelance Labour: Changing Labour Regimes of Musahar Community in Siraha. A book chapter in **Peasant Studies in Nepal**. New York: Vajra Books Inc.
- Giri, M. (2018). Weakening Jat Samaj and Changing Inter-Caste Relations of the Musahars in Tarai villages. A book chapter in **Current Dynamics in Transforming Nepal**. New Delhi: Adroit Publishers.
- Giri, M. (2017). The Political Economy of Kinship and Marriage among the Musahars. In *Kinship Studies in Nepali Anthropology*, L.P Uprety, B. Pokharel and S. Dhakal (eds.). CDA, TU.
- Giri, M. (2015). What is in a Named Category? Dehumanization of Musahar Community Entangled in History. In Anusheelan: A multidisciplinary Journal, year 7. No 6.
- Giri, M. (2014). Musahar of Nepal. Co-author, Central Department of Sociology Anthropology, Tribhuvan University.
- Giri, M. (2013). Livelihood at margin: labour Regime in the era of globalization among the Musahars, in Anusheelan: A multidisciplinary Journal, year 6. No 4.
- Giri, M. (२०७० /2013). मुसहर समुदायको प्रतिरोधका आयाम । मधेश अध्ययन । राजेन्द्र महजन सम्पादन । वर्ष १, अङ्क २ । ललितपुर : नेपाल मधेश फाउन्डेशन । पेज २१७(२४०) ।
- Giri, M. (2012). Politico Economic Dimensions of Marginalization among the Musahars of East-central Tarai. *Contribution to Nepalese Studies*. Special Issue Vol.29. CNAS.

- Giri, M. (2013). From Private to Public Sphere: Social Movements are tools to empower marginalized Musahars in Nepal. 5th Next Generation Workshop Paper JIPS . Pp 649-663.
- Giri, M. (2011). Book Review," Dalits of Nepal: Towards Dignity, Citizenship and Social Justice. Arjun Guneratne ed." Published in Nepali Journal of Contemporary Studies. vol XI, No (2) page120-128
- Giri, M. (2008). Continuity and Change: A Study of Danuwars of Kamala Khonch of Sindhuli. SASS Journal Vol. 3 T.U.
- Giri, M. (2012). Marginalization and Arts of Resistance among the Musahars of East-Central Tarai. In Reading in Anthropology and Sociology of Nepal, edited book of SASON.
- Giri, M. (2012). Quest for New Social Identification Among the Musahars of East-Central Tarai. Article Published in e-journal of Social Inclusion Research Fund, SNV Nepal.
- Giri, M. (2008/ 2012). Gramin Bikaska Sanskritik Aayamharu (Cultural Dimensions in Rural Development), Text book M.A. Rural Development T.U, Academic Book Center 2065, 2nd.ed. 2069 BS.
- Giri, M. (2015). तुषारा स्वनाथान एक अध्ययन, Okharkot Article Collection: In Context of Okharkot Encyclopaedia
- Giri, M. (2009). Qualitative and Quantitative Research on Interrelationship between economic, social and cultural rights and violence against women: 100 case study of marginalised women of Siraha, Udayapur Dang and Kailali districts. Kathmandu: WOREC Nepal. 2066BS.

Research Grants and Fellowships

- 2023-2024 **Mini research Grants**, Community participation and Gender Inclusion in Dapha Musical Culture in Kirtipur, RMC, Shahid Smarak College, Kirtipur, Kathmandu
- 2022-2023 **Faculty Research Grant, University Grants Commission, www.ugcnepal.org.np**
- 2021-2022 **Mini research Grants**, Cultural and Historical Trajectories of Gopali Community of Chitlang Valley, RMC, Shahid Smarak Collage, Kirtipur, Kathmandu
- 2019-2020 **Small RDI grant of University Grants Commission, www.ugcnepal.org.np** .
- 2019-2020 **Research Fellow**, A study of Inclusive Democracy and Local Governance in Nepal. This project is managing by the CDA, TU, with the technical support of Open Society Foundation (OSF). This was a team research carried out by a group of researchers on different dimensions of governance.
- 2017-2020 **Research Associate under Disaster Resilience component on "A State of Social Inclusion In Nepal (SOSIN)"**. This research is being carried out by the CDA, TU, with the technical support of USAID.
- 2015-2016 **Special (Mini) research Fellowship** of Research Centre, Nepal Sanskrit University on Culture and Livelihood strategies among the Pattharkattas community.

- 2014 **Wenner-Gren Fellow at Cornell University, August 2014- January 2015.** Wenner-Gren Research Fellow, the project was operated jointly by the Central Department of Sociology and Anthropology, TU and the Department of Anthropology, Cornell University. I have enhanced knowledge and skill of qualitative (ethnographic) research- writing and teaching through varieties of trainings, workshops and seminars during my stay at Cornell, New York.
- 2012 - 2013 **Ph.D Research Fellow, University Grants Commission,** Political Economic Dimensions of Marginalization of Musahar community of Siraha Nepal. www.ugcnepal.org.np
- 2009 - 2012 **Harka Gurung Research Fellow (HGRF),** *Social Inclusion Research Fund*, SNV, Nepal. Besides participating on series of conceptual and methodological seminars to enhance qualitative (ethnographic) research-writing skill and knowledge, I have produced academic articles and final report at the end of the project. www.socialinclusion.org.np

Professional Consultancy and Research Experience

- 2023 **Team leader/expert,** Final Evaluation of She Leads-Nepal Women Leadership Empowerment Program, supported by **International Foundation for Electoral System**, coordinated by **Social Welfare Council**.
- 2023 **Team leader/expert,** Mid-term Evaluation of Pan Nepal Assistance project, supported by **the American Himalaya Foundation**, coordinated by the **Social Welfare Council**.
- 2020-2021 Consultant, **Foundation for Critical Discourse (FCD)**. A study on continuity and change on caste system in Nepal. A book chapter is published.
- 2020 **Team leader/expert,** Wrap up / Final External Evaluation of Integrated Community Development supported by Educate the Children International, coordinated by **Social Welfare Council**.
- 2019 **Research Consultant in Nepal Madhes Foundation,** Research on Reconstruction of Musahars and Soil Relationships. I have produced and published an article in Madhesh Adhayan vol.7.
- 2017 **Deputy Team leader,** External evaluation/ impact research on Approaches of Community Mobilization for Improving Program Effectiveness and Efficiency executed by **Save the Children Nepal**.

- 2017 **Deputy Team leader**, External Evaluation, Impact of Chautari Natak (Playback Theatre) in six districts of Tarai, in Pro-Public and CSSP Berlin Center for Integrative Mediation.
- 2016 **Lead Consultant in Luthern World Federation Nepal**, Strategy Planning workshop, capacity building training for Santhal and Musahar communities and strategy Planning of Nepal Santhal Adibashi Utthan Sangha (June - Sept).
- 2015 **Deputy Team leader**, External Evaluation, Impact of Chautari Natak (Playback Theatre) in six districts of Tarai, in Pro-Public and CSSP Berlin Center for Integrative Mediation. This was action research to explore area of improvement of Chautari Natak in Nepali communities.
- 2008 - 2009 **Research Coordinator**, *Women's Rehabilitation Center (WOREC) Nepal*.
www.worecnepal.org.np
- 2007 – 2008 **Language Translator**, Cornell Nepal Study Program (**CNSP**) hosts graduate and undergraduate students from different universities of US for a semester. I worked with three students during their field work (3 months) at Mustang, Solukhumbu and Kathmandu.
- 2007 - 2008 **Field Research Supervisor**, *Central Department of Population and Poverty Alleviation Fund*, supported by the *World Bank Measuring Empowerment and Social Inclusion (MESI-II)*, quantitative data collection from Rolpa, Gorkha, Nuwakot, Kavre, Sindhupalchok, Dhading districts.
- 2006 -2007 **Research Consultant/Anthropologist**, *The World Bank*, (Measuring Empowerment and Social Inclusion) Qualitative Research Study Phase II. 8 months Fieldwork in Sindhuli, and produced qualitative research report and thesis:
- 2005-2006 **CNSP Student translator**, I was selected from the Central Department of Sociology Anthropology to participate at Cornell Nepal Study Program (CNSP) with American students for two semesters.

Resource person in Trainings

- 2024 Qualitative Data Analysis Training, at Central Department of Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur Kathmandu, Nepal with the support of UGC Nepal, Baishakh 15-17,
- 2024 Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Methodology Training, Counseling Psychology & Social Studies College, Ktm, Oct-20-21.

- 2024 Social Service Issues and Research Methodology Training. Ghodaghodi Multiple Campus with the Assistance of UGC Nepal and Social Development Ministry, Far Western Province, May 23-25.
- 2024 Training on Data Management and Analysis. For faculties of Sahid Smarak College, UGC funded, May 27 – 29.
- 2023** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology, Thesis writing training (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis) Counseling Psychology & Social Studies College, TU
- 2023** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology Thesis writing training (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis practicum) in **Counseling Psychology**, Kirtipur. TU
- 2023** Qualitative methodology, article writing workshop (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis practicum) in **Sahid Smarak College**, Kirtipur.
- 2022** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis) Counseling Psychology & Social Studies College, TU
- 2022** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology, Thesis writing training (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis practicum) in **Psychology Department**, PK Campus. TU
- 2021** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis) Counseling Psychology & Social Studies College, TU
- 2021** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology Thesis writing training (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis practicum) in **Psychology Department**, PK Campus. TU
- 2020** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis) in **Psychology Department**, PK Campus. TU
- 2020** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology, Thesis writing training (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis) in **Counseling Psychology**, Kirtipur. TU
- 2019** Qualitative Research methodology (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis) in **Psychology Department**, PK Campus. TU
- 2019** **Lead Consultant in Luthern World Federation Nepal**, capacity building training for Santhal and Musahar communities and Evaluation of strategy Planning of Nepal Santhal Adibashi Utthan Sangha .

- 2018** Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research methodology (SOP, research design, data collection and data analysis) in **Psychology Department**, PK Campus. TU
- 2017** **Lead Consultant in Luthern World Federation Nepal**, Strategy Planning workshop, capacity building training for Musahar community and strategy Planning.
- 2016** **Lead Consultant in Luthern World Federation Nepal**, Strategy Planning workshop, capacity building training for Santhal community and strategy Planning of Nepal Santhal Adibashi Utthan Sangha (June - Sept).
- 2009** Lead trainer, in **WOREC Nepal**, violence against women, land and cultural rights, sustainable livelihood and agriculture, marginalized group mobilization and training programs.

Paper Presentations and Participations

- 2023** *Labour Migration and Recession of Agrarian Culture in Rural Villages of Nepal*, Paper presented on *19th IUAES-WUA World Anthropology Congress 2023*, Oct.14-20, New Delhi, India
- 2023 Society and Sanyas Ashram: Dynamic Status of Renouncer (Sanyasi) in Vedic Period. Internation Conference on Rigvedic Himalaya (ICRH) December 7-8, 2023, Pokhara
- 2022 Political Economy of Language and Cultural Trajectories of Gopali Community in Chitlang Valley. The 36th SALA and 43rd LSN joint international conference held in Madan Bhandari Memorial College, Kathmandu on 26-29 November.
- 2021 Continuity and Change in the Caste System: Trajectories of Inter-caste Relations of the Musahar and Chamar Communities of Siraha District. Conference on Caste in Nepal. Foundation for Critical Discourse Nepal.
- 2019 Democracy and Corruption: A Study of Local Governance at Golbazar Municipality, Siraha. Dec 21-22, CDA, TU
- 2018 Jat Nasodhanu Jogiko: Caste Renouncers' (Dasnami Sanyasi) Identity Campaigns in Nepal. National Seminar on Anthropology of Nepal: Issues, Trends and Discourses. PN, Pokhara. Feb 16-17.
- 2017 Politics of Place and Community at Cultural Border . Thematic Seminar on "Anthropology of Tarai-Madhesh", CAD, TU. Sept 10.
- 2017 Transition from Unfree Agrarian labour to Sharecropper and Freelance Labour: Changing Labour Regimes of Musahar Community in Siraha. Seminar on "Conceptualizing Peasantry: Understanding Peasants and Peasant economy in Nepal. CDA, TU and CSRC, July, 28.
- 2016 Humanitarian Governmentality through Earthquake Relief Distribution: Culture and Livelihood of village people. Earthquake, Post Disaster Reconstruction and the State, Nepal Anthropology Second Annual Conference. CDA, Dec. 16-8

- 2016 Cross-Border Robbery and Livelihood: A case study from Southern village of Siraha District. 5th Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network, So.Sc. Baha Kathmandu, 12-14 December.
- 2016 Political Economy of kinship and marriage among the Musahars. Seminar on Kinship Studies in Nepali Anthropology, By CDA, Sept. 30.
- 2016 Storytelling and performance: Healing and Collective Belonging of Earthquake Victims through Playback Theatre. Fifth Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and Himalaya. Ktm, by **Social Science Baha and ANHS**. 27-29 July
- 2015 Becoming a Musahar: Storytelling as an art of telling history in Eastern Tarai. The Fourth Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and Himalaya. Ktm, by **Social Science Baha and ANHS**. 22-24 July
- 2014 **Non-Degree Graduate course and Seminars in Anthropology**. Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University, New York, America. August –December.
- 2014 **The 113th AAA Annual Meeting**. Advancing Knowledge and Solving Human problems. Washington DC. Dec 2-7.
- 2013 Weakening Jat Samaj and Changing Inter-Caste Relations among the Musahars in Tarai villages, SASON International Conference, "Current Dynamics in Transforming Nepal", SASON, December 14-16.
- 2013 From Social Reproduction to Social Transformation: Educational and Agentive Acts are Catalysts among the Musahars of Nepal, Indra Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (M.P) India. March 14-16.
- 2012 From Private to Public Sphere: Social Movements are tools to empower marginalized Musahars in Nepal. 5th Next Generation Global Workshop in Kyoto University, Japan. Sept 6-9.
- 2012 Marginalization and Arts of Resistance among the Musahars of Central-East Tarai Paper presented in Silver Jubilee Conference of SASON, June 2-3.
- 2011 Ethno-Nationalist Activism in Nepal: A case study of the Danuwars of Nepal. Indian Formation Research Society. International Conference on Structures of Exclusion in South Asia, Delhi: in **Delhi University**. Nov 23-25.

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications and my experience.

