

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

2011      PhD in Tropical Forestry and Natural Resource Management, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
2005      MSc in Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Agriculture (MNRSA), University of Life Sciences, Norway  
1993      MSc in Statistics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

### CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2023- 2024 (Dec)    Member, TU Research Coordination and Development Council  
2020-2024 (Dec)    Dean, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University.  
2019, May –        Professor, Pokhara Campus, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University  
2011- 2019        Associate Professor, Pokhara Campus, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University  
2014-2018(June) - Campus Chief, Pokhara Campus, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University  
1997-2011        Assistant. Professor, Pokhara Campus, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University  
1998- 2000        Asst. Campus Chief, Pokhara Campus, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University  
1994-1997        Assistant Lecturer, Pokhara Campus, Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University  
2007-2010        PhD student, Division of Economics, Policy and Management Planning, Danish Centre for Forests, Landscape and Planning, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### To Institute of Forestry (IOF) Committees:

- 2025- Member, Management Committee, Pokhara Campus
- 2021 Jan- Member -2024 (Dec)- Chair, Faculty Board, IOF
- 2020-2024 (Dec). – Chair, Research Committee, IOF
- 2020-2024 (Dec)– Chair, Examination Board, IOF
- 2019 July- Member Faculty Board, IOF
- 2015- 2019: Member, Research Committee, IOF
- 2015 Jan- 2019 Jan: Member, Examination Board, IOF
- 2018 August- Member, Social Forestry and Forest Management Subject Committee, IOF
- 2013- 2014: Chair, Basic Sciences and Humanities Subject Committee, IOF
- 2014- 2018: Member Faculty Board and Standing Committee, IOF
- 2003 (March - August): Chair, Basic Science and Humanities Subject Committee, IOF

#### To Discipline:

- Editorial Advisory Board: Journal of Forest and Natural Resource Management (NRM)
- Editorial Advisory Board: Journal of Forestry, IOF
- Editorial Board: Journal of Forest and Livelihoods
- Member: International Society for Tropical Foresters (ISTF)
- Editorial Board: Crossing the Border- International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Member: FORMATH (Forest Resources and Mathematical Modeling) Research Group, Japan
- Editorial Board: FORMATH, a multi-disciplinary forestry journal
- Executive Member: Nepal Intellectual Forum
- Member (Academic Team): Future Himalaya Institute
- Member: Tribhuvan University Teachers Association
- Member: Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
- Member: The International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC)

- Life member: Nepal Statistical Society (NSS)

## TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

- Responsible for teaching Community Forestry & Governance, Natural Resources Management, Community Based Forest Management, Research Methodology and Statistics Courses at Bachelor, Master and PhD level at the Institute of Forestry
- Supervised four PhD theses, and currently the main supervisor of three and Co-supervisor of four ongoing PhDs; supervised for more than 30 M.Sc. theses, and several B.Sc. project papers.

## PROJECT LEADERSHIP

- 2022- 2025 Project Director (Principal Investigator) of the project “Tracking of households affected by the 2015 Nepal earthquake”- A joint collaborative project between the University of Tokyo National University & Chiba University Japan, and the Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University, Nepal.
- 2023-2025 Co-PI of the study on Economics of Community Managed Forest Restoration in the Chitwan Annapurna Landscape of Nepal
- 2022-2023 Thematic Team Leader (Socio-economic). Developing Strategy for Restoration of Degraded Land in DCRL Project Area, Department of Forests and Soil Conservation
- 2021-2022 Team leader of the the study on: Understanding the Implementation Status of Scientific Forest Management in Lumbini Province, Nepal
- 2019-2020 Thematic Team Leader (Socioeconomic/ data management) of the Impact Evaluation of the President Chure-Tarai Madhesh Conservation Development Program (PCTMCDP)
- 2014-2018 Key responsible scientist for the project Science and Power in Participatory Forest Management (SCIFOR) in Nepal and Tanzania.
- 2010-2014 Leader of the ‘Socio-economic Study’ of the ComForM Phase III Project in Nepal.

In addition, I have carried out several small grant researches funded by Tribhuvan University, governmental and non-governmental organizations in and outside the country

## RESEARCH INTEREST

I am a Professor of Natural Resources Management and also worked as a Dean of Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University, Nepal. My background is a PhD from University of Copenhagen on “Livelihoods, Forests, and Poverty in the Nepal Himalaya”. I did M.Sc. in Statistics from Tribhuvan University, Nepal and another master in Natural Resources Management from the University of Life Sciences, Norway. I have played a key role in a number of research projects carried out by the Institute of Forestry, Pokhara. In particular, I worked as a key responsible scientist for the collaborative project “Science and Power in Participatory Forest Management (SCIFOR)” in Nepal and Tanzania, and in a Community Based Forest Management in the Himalaya (ComForM). In addition, I supervise PhD and MSc students and also teaching a number of community forestry, research, statistics and scientific writing courses at graduate level. Most of my research is concerned with forest poverty linkages, decentralized natural resource (forest) management and its livelihood improvement potential for local communities. Recently, my research area is gradually shifted towards working with forest resources and mathematical modelling and climate change related issues in developing countries. I have published a numbers of peer reviewed journal articles, several research reports and discussion papers. I have carried out research in collaboration with colleagues and partners from Nepal, Denmark, Japan, China, Canada, Ethiopia etc.

## PUBLICATIONS

Thapa, MS; Baral S; **Chhetri BBK (2025)**. Institutional dynamics in community-based forest restoration: a systematic review on ecological and socio-economic outcomes, Discover Sustainability, 1235 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43621-025-02111-x>

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