



9th SSEASR Conference

on

Sacredness, Symbolism, and Society: Practices in South and Southeast Asia

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Sacredness is based on the belief of human beings. It varies indifferently amongst the different cultural and religious groups. Sacredness dots entire region and covers both tangible and intangible cultural heritage of the society. Sacredness and belief



systems go together in almost all segments of culture and religion in the South and Southeast Asia. Our region as a very ancient past has been the cradle of most of the religions in the world. Therefore, the symbolism becomes significant and features in

our daily life. No wonder, we have hundreds of pilgrimage sites since hoary past. The interesting point of our academic study hovers around the practices involved therein. As it is observed, socio-cultural and religious life of a common South and Southeast Asian presents a kaleidoscopic view. The Conference would deal with these phenomena academically at various locations in our region.



The sub-themes of the Conference are as follows:

- Pilgrims and Pilgrimage
- Beliefs and Symbolism
- Cultural Heritage in South and Southeast Asia
- Mind, space and time: Philosophical Ideas and Thoughts
- Ethnicity and indigenous people of South and Southeast Asia
- Gender, Religion and Culture in South and Southeast Asia
- Economics of Religion in South and Southeast Asia
- Regional Art: Expressions of sacredness and symbolism
- Monuments and Memory Stones in South and Southeast Asia
- Language and Literature: Depicting regional beliefs and sacredness
- Folklore in South and Southeast Asia
- Environment, ecology, and Religion
- Culture and Religion of Diaspora
- Special Session on Culture and Religion of Nepal
- **Other papers are also welcome and need not be related to the sub-themes only.**
- **We also welcome individual panels related to the Conference themes.**

Submission of Abstracts: Abstracts (200 words) can be submitted on this [Google Form](#)

Important Dates

Early Registration Deadline	January 15, 2023
Panel Submission Closes	December 31, 2022
Last Submission of Abstract	February 15 , 2023
Pre-conference Tour	Wednesday, April 1, 2023
Postconference Tour	Sunday - Tuesday, April 5-6, 2023

Registration Fees

	Local Participants	Developed Nations	Developing Nations
Early Registration	NPR 5000	US \$ 250	US \$ 150
Late Registration	NPR 5500	US \$ 300	US \$ 175
Students	NPR 3000	US \$ 200	US \$ 100

The registration amount covers conference day meals, coffee/tea, conference publications, pickup service at the airport. It does not include air tickets, hotels and other personal expenses.

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