



## 2020 International Conference

# Current and Future Directions in Research, Theory and Practice

9-10 April 2020

Prithvi Narayan Campus  
Pokhara, Nepal



### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

#### Overview

The 2020 International Conference: Current and Future Directions in Research, Theory and Practice brings together the international community of researchers, academicians and professionals from multiple disciplines to present the latest research topics and explore opportunities in the areas of humanities & social sciences, management & law, education and science & technology.

The conference serves the purpose of promoting strong connections between research, theory and practice and explores different perspectives on the application of research findings into practice. It provides an interdisciplinary platform for policy makers, top managers, researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the related fields.

Fortunately, this year is **Visit Nepal 2020**. The Government of Nepal has declared 2020 as the Visit Nepal Year. You'll experience Nepal's unique features from the highest mountains in the world to living cultures, gods and goddesses as it is home to a rich heritage, adventure, diversity and natural resources. Nepal is also an ultimate destination for travelers and adventure seekers. You're welcome to visit us and at the same time explore Nepal's unique trip.

### Conference Theme, Academic Areas & Topics

The conference will cover four major academic areas such as humanities & social sciences, management & law, education and science & technology while addressing the common theme “current and future directions in research, theory and practice”. Topics for the conference revolve around the linkages between research, theory and practice, promoting and disseminating research with a focus on contemporary practice and its theoretical context. The conference features the following topics under four tracks; topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

Conference Theme: Current and Future Directions in Research, Theory and Practice

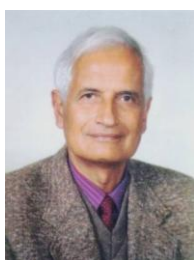
| Track   | Academic Areas               | Topics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Track 1 | Humanities & Social Sciences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Humans, Migrations and Cultural Identities</li><li>• Culture, Religion and World Politics</li><li>• International Politics and Relations</li><li>• Globalization and Nationalism</li><li>• Diaspora and transnationlism</li><li>• Race, Ethnicity and Nation</li><li>• Gender Equality</li><li>• Sociology and Anthropology</li><li>• Population Studies</li><li>• Development Economics</li><li>• Emerging Markets</li><li>• Public administration</li><li>• Media and communications</li><li>• Digital humanities</li><li>• Language, Literature and Theory</li><li>• Language and communication</li></ul> |
| Track 2 | Management & Law             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business and innovation</li><li>• Sustainable development</li><li>• Business and society</li><li>• Marketing</li><li>• Tourism management</li><li>• Business Policy and Strategy</li><li>• Business entrepreneurship</li><li>• Financial Management</li><li>• Human Resource Management</li><li>• Operations Management</li><li>• International Business</li><li>• Corporate Governance</li><li>• Business and Legal Environment</li><li>• Business Law and Ethics</li></ul>                                                                                                                                 |
| Track 3 | Education                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curriculum and Pedagogy</li><li>• Education Practice Trends and Issues</li><li>• Employability Issues and Trends</li><li>• Pedagogical Methods and Innovations</li><li>• Collaborative and Problem-based Learning</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|         |                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Thinking and Problem Solving</li> <li>• Language Learning Innovations</li> <li>• STEM Education Experiences</li> <li>• Gender and Equality in Education</li> <li>• Inclusive Learning, Cultural Diversity and Special Education</li> <li>• Education, Research and Globalization</li> <li>• Leadership and Educational Management</li> <li>• Education Planning Management</li> <li>• Technology in Teaching and Learning</li> <li>• English Language and Literature Teaching</li> <li>• Applied Linguistics</li> <li>• Translation Studies</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                       |
| Track 4 | Science & Technology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atmospheric Science</li> <li>• Chemistry &amp; Biochemistry</li> <li>• Condensed Matter</li> <li>• Environment and Ecology</li> <li>• Geoscience</li> <li>• Global Warming and Climate Change</li> <li>• Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge</li> <li>• Information and Communications Technology</li> <li>• Material Science</li> <li>• Mathematical Science</li> <li>• Microbiology</li> <li>• Molecular biology &amp; Genetics</li> <li>• Nanotechnology</li> <li>• Physics and Astronomy</li> <li>• Plasma Physics</li> <li>• Quantum Computing</li> <li>• Robotics and Computer Science</li> <li>• Science, Ethics, and Society</li> <li>• Science Policy</li> <li>• Science Tourism</li> </ul> |

### Keynote Speakers

There will be two keynote speakers in the conference: domestic and foreign nationals of high profile academic records. Both will address to the plenary session of the conference.

#### Dr Suresh Raj Sharma



Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma is the founder Vice-Chancellor of Kathmandu University, Nepal. He served as Professor of Chemistry for Tribhuvan University for a long time. He was the first Executive Director of the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT) in Nepal. He has also worked as Member Secretary of National Education Committee, a member of National Commission for UNESCO and a delegate to the SAARC Technical Committee on Science and Technology.

Currently, Dr. Sharma is a member of the Board of Trustee of Kathmandu University and the Coordinator of Kathmandu University School of Law Planning Advisory Committee. He received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from London South Bank University, UK.

Dr. Sharma's paramount contribution to education in Nepal was the establishment of Kathmandu University as a public university in 1991 and his commitment to global engagement in higher education.

### **Dr. Tom Robertson**



Dr. Tom Robertson is the former Executive Director of the United States Fulbright Commission to Nepal. He is an environmental historian who has published widely on topics related to Nepal's development programs and environmental issues.

Dr. Robertson did his Ph.D. in environmental history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was Professor of History at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts.

### **Conference Chair**



**Dr. Vikash Kumar KC** is Professor of Statistics at Prithvi Narayan Campus, Tribhuvan University, Pokhara, Nepal. He received his M.Phil. in 2004 and Ph.D. in 2008 from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. His areas of interest are health inequality, reproductive health and STDs in relation to HIV/AIDS through the application of statistics. He is an accomplished author of numerous research articles, book chapters and has over a dozen of professional books to his credit.

### **Conference Coordinator**



**Dr. Min Pun** is Associate Professor of English at Prithvi Narayan Campus, Tribhuvan University, Pokhara, Nepal. He has researched on topics related to linguistic diversity in Nepal and Nepali writing in English, and published extensively in these areas. In 2001, he had been to Trinity Western University, Canada for higher studies and from 2003 to 2005, he had been a Visiting Researcher at the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, University of Tokyo, Japan.

### **Prithvi Narayan Campus and the City**

With over 60 years of its history, Prithvi Narayan Campus is one of the oldest and largest campuses of Tribhuvan University and is striving for finding solutions to challenges and preparing students for leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The campus was founded on 1 September 1960 in the western region. The campus now has 4 faculties and 1 institute: Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Faculty of Management and Faculty of Law, Faculty of Education, and Institute of Science & Technology. It has 34 departments and runs 32 programs and offers about 500 courses. There are 521 faculty and 100

non-teaching staff who have involved in providing higher education to 10511 students in various academic programs.

In 2018, the campus awarded the “Best Campus of the Year” by the Ministry of Education, Nepal. Similarly, in 2019, the campus was accredited by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Nepal as one of the QAA certified higher education institutions in the country.

The campus is special, which lies at a panoramic city of lakes. The time here will be among the most memorable of our visitors’ life. While at the campus, each of our visitors will be at the heart of a welcoming, vibrant and tourist spot city.

### **City Tour**

During the conference, we offer the participants a free of charge city tour. It is an opportunity to mingle around as well as appreciate the city of Pokhara famous for its culture, natural beauty including lakes and Himalayan ranges, art galleries, short few hours’ trekking spots and excellent cuisines.

### **Benefit from the Conference**

**Apply to Speak:** You can take advantage of the international environment of the conference and present your research to the international community of academics, researchers, and professionals.

**Publish Your Paper:** The conference will provide a publishing platform for your submitted paper for presentations. All accepted conference papers will be published and indexed in one of our journals. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference abstract brochure.

**Get Your Certificate:** The conference will award a certificate of participation after your presentation. You can collect it from the conference venue.

**Network with Peers:** The conference brings together academicians, researchers, and professionals from all over the world. This will provide you an opportunity to meet and interact with people from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds and create a network for future.

**Explore Visit Nepal 2020:** The conference year is the Visit Nepal 2020. You can explore Nepal, particularly Pokhara as one of the most popular conference locations in the world.

## **JCONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

### **Conference Advisory Board**

- Prof. Dr. Chandra Bahadur Thapa
- Prof. Dr. Lekh Nath Bhattarai

### **Conference Core Committee**

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| • Prof. Dr. Vikas Kumar KC       | - Chair (Conference Chair) |
| • Prof. Dr. Gyan Bahadur Karki   | - Member                   |
| • Prof. Dr. Bishnu Prasad Poudel | - Member                   |
| • Assoc. Prof. Dr. Min Pun       | - Member                   |

## Conference Organizing Committee

### Organizing Steering Committee

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| • Assoc. Prof. Dr. Min Pun  | - Chair (Conference Coordinator) |
| • Nagendra Bahadur Bhandari | - Member, Chair of Track 1       |
| • Resam Lal Poudel          | - Member, Chair of Track 2       |
| • Dr. Nabaraj Neupane       | - Member, Chair of Track 3       |
| • Dr. Kapil Adhikari        | - Member, Chair of Track 4       |

## Sub-Committees

### Track 1: Hum. & Soc. Sc.

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| • Nagendra Bahadur Bhandari | - Chair  |
| • Khagendra Poudel          | - Member |
| • Amrit Bhandari            | - Member |
| • Shanta Khatri             | - Member |
| • Bijay Aryal               | - Member |
| • Anchala Chaudhari         | - Member |

### Track 2: Management & Law

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| • Resam Lal Poudel   | - Chair        |
| • Dr. Hari P. Pathak | - Member       |
| • Bhupal Jaisi       | - Member       |
| • Jas Bahadur Gurung | - Member       |
| • Renu Gurung        | - Member       |
| • Ram Prasad Budha   | - Member (Law) |

### Track 3: Education

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| • Dr. Nabaraj Neupane | - Chair  |
| • Pitambar Poudel     | - Member |
| • Shakuntala Pangen   | - Member |
| • Suraj Poudel        | - Member |
| • Krishna Tripathi    | - Member |
| • Todd Wallenius      | - Member |

### Track 4: Science & Technology

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| • Dr. Kapil Adhikari   | - Chair  |
| • Dr. Ram Jeewan Yadav | - Member |
| • Ramji Gautam         | - Member |
| • Krishna Gurung       | - Member |
| • Amrita Thapa         | - Member |
| • Roshna Chhetri       | - Member |

## Scientific Committee

### Track 1: Hum. & Soc. Sc.

- Prof. Dr. Lekh Nath Bhattarai, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Gyan Bahadur Karki, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Bishnu Prasad Poudel, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University

- Prof. Dr. Bishwo Kalyan Parajuli, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Kusumakar Neupane, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Uma Nath Baral, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Saroj Koirala, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Prakash Upadhyay, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Min Pun, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Girdhari Dahal, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Bhanu Kandel, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Sabindra Bhandari, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Bhawana Pokharel, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Ramesh Adhikari, Faculty of Hum. & Soc. Sc., Tribhuvan University

#### Track 2: Management & Law

- Dr. Bir Bahadur Karki, Faculty of Management, Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Hari Prasad Pathak, Faculty of Management, Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Surya GC, School of Business Studies, Pokhara University
- Dr. Umesh Singh Yadav, School of Business Studies, Pokhara University
- Dr. Nilu Hirachan, Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University

#### Track 3: Education

- Prof. Dr. Kusumakar Neupane, Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Shovakanta Lamichhane, Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Yadunandan Upadhyay, Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Ram Chandra Pokharel, Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Nabaraj Neupane, Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University

#### Track 4: Science & Technology

- Prof. Dr. Chandra Bahadur Thapa, Institute of Science & Technology, Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. AD Mishra, Institute of Science & Technology, Tribhuvan University
- Prof. Dr. Tanka Raj Adhikari, Institute of Science & Technology, Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Ram Jeewan Yadav, Institute of Science & Technology, Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Kapil Adhikari, Institute of Science & Technology, Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Babu Ram Poudel, Institute of Science & Technology, Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Kisan Koirala, Institute of Science & Technology, Tribhuvan University

### CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara is pleased to announce the “2020 International Conference: Current and Future Directions in Research, Theory and Practice” to be held on 9-10 April 2020 in Pokhara, Nepal. The conference provides an international platform for the presentations of current and futures directions in research, theory and practice on topics related to humanities & social sciences, management & law, education, and science & technology.

We accept abstract submissions for full papers followed by oral, poster and virtual presentations at the conference. You can join this conference as a presenter, or an audience. We look forward to hearing from you.

All full paper submissions will be peer reviewed and evaluated based on originality, technical and/or research depth, accuracy and relevance to conference theme and topics. Submitted abstracts will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee. If the abstract is accepted, the authors have to submit their full papers and presentation materials. All submissions should be original and unpublished research results and will be accepted via Online Submission. All manuscripts should meet the format specified by the Scientific Committee and will be peer reviewed and evaluated based on originality, research depth, technical accuracy and relevance to the conference theme and topics.

### **Dates of Importance**

Conference Date: 9-10 April 2020

| <b>Abstract, Full Paper &amp; PPT Slides Submission Deadlines</b> |                  |
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| Abstract Submission Deadline                                      | 10 February 2020 |
| Paper Submission Deadline                                         | 29 February 2020 |
| Presentation Materials Submission Deadline                        | 15 March 2020    |

| <b>Registration &amp; Payment Deadlines</b> |                  |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Early Registration Deadline                 | 15 February 2020 |
| Late Registration Deadline                  | 15 March 2020    |

## **AUTHOR GUIDELINES**

### **Abstract Guidelines**

You can send your abstract for evaluation by the conference team. If your abstract is accepted, you will be asked to provide us the full paper for publication in one of our academic journals and PowerPoint presentation slides for oral presentation, poster presentation and virtual presentation at the conference. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.

You are invited to submit your abstract, following the format specified by the conference team. Your abstract must include the title of the paper, your name with designation, affiliation, address, telephone number, and email address. You should also need to include a short biography of 100 words. Your abstract should be written and limited to 300 to 500 words, followed by 3 to 5 keywords.

### **Full Paper Guidelines**

After your abstract is selected, we accept the full paper of high-quality, original and unpublished results of research in the entire topic areas. All paper submissions are expected to meet the following requirements:

- All submissions must be written in English and must follow the layout format of either MLA or APA style.
- The manuscripts should not exceed 7000 words and be at least 3000 words including tables and charts and be with 3 to 5 keywords.
- The authors should use 12-point Times New Roman font with single spaced and 5-space indented paragraphs.
- All manuscripts will pass through a double blind peer-review and are expected to meet the scientific criteria of novelty and academic excellence.

- Manuscripts submitted to the conference should be original unpublished results. If any paper is found to be plagiarized, the submission will be automatically rejected.
- If the paper is co-authored, it is the responsibility of the corresponding author to ensure the co-author/s' consent to submit for publication and during submission and peer review process.
- All manuscripts should have the following components:
  - 1) Introduction: Purpose/Objectives
  - 2) Methodology/Approach
  - 3) Findings/Results
  - 4) Conclusions/Implications
  - 5) Recommendations (where appropriate)
  - 6) Acknowledgements (where appropriate)
  - 7) References
  - 8) Appendices (where appropriate)
- All submissions should be sent to the conference team via Online Submission portal.
- The concerned author/s will legally be held responsible for all views and information presented in the accepted papers if any claims made by the third parties.

### **Oral Presentation Guidelines**

The length of the oral presentation will be around 15 minutes. You can use any form of oral presentations you wish, the conference team will provide you with the necessary equipments upon request. All presenters should make sure that you need to present at the conference venue at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time for presentation.

### **Poster Presentation Guidelines**

You can also send your abstracts for poster presentations. If your abstract and full paper are accepted, you will be expected to prepare a poster display of your paper for presentation at the conference. The poster should be self-explanatory, but the author should be available at certain times, such as refreshment breaks and during the time devoted to poster session, to interact with viewers and answer questions. A total of 15 minutes' time will be provided for each poster presentation.

### **Virtual Presentation Guidelines**

If you cannot attend the conference in person, we also accept abstracts for virtual presentation and publication of paper in our journals. After your abstract and full paper is accepted, you need to send us your PowerPoint presentation with visual recordings. The length of the virtual presentation should also be limited to 15 minutes.

## **SUBMISSION**

All submissions including abstracts, full papers, presentation materials and any other materials related to your presentation at the conference via Online Submission portal. If you have any queries regarding your submissions, please feel free to contact us by email at [conference@pncampus.edu.np](mailto:conference@pncampus.edu.np)

## **REGISTRATION**

### **Conference Registration Fee**

All conference participants as an audience, a presenter, or an author must pay the registration fee. For each paper, at least one author must attend and pay the registration fee. The registration fee is given below:

| Participation Type                                  | Early Registration Fee | Late Registration Fee |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Individual Audience (Nepali national)               | NPRs. 2000             | NPRs. 3000            |
| Individual Presenter/Author (Nepali national)       | NPRs. 3000             | NPRs. 4000            |
| Individual Audience (SAARC national)                | USD 40                 | USD 60                |
| Individual Presenter/Author (SAARC national)        | USD 60                 | USD 80                |
| Individual Audience (beyond SAARC national)         | USD 80                 | USD 100               |
| Individual Presenter/Author (beyond SAARC national) | USD 100                | USD 120               |

The conference fee does not include accommodation and airport transportation. In case of non-attendance, the registration fee will not be refunded. The conference registration fee includes the following:

- participating in all plenary and parallel sessions
- getting all conference materials
- having tea/coffee and lunch
- taking city tour

All conference participants should follow the registration deadlines and payment instructions below.

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| Early Registration Deadline | 15 February 2020 |
| Late Registration Deadline  | 15 March 2020    |

### Payment Methods

Before making the payment for the conference using any of the above method, please register online and select your registration fee. There are three ways to pay the registration fee:

- 1) Bank Transfer Payment
- 2) Online Payment
- 3) Onsite Payment

You can use the following bank details to send the registration fee through the bank transfer payment and online payment, or to deposit the registration fee to your nearest bank in Nepal as mentioned below:

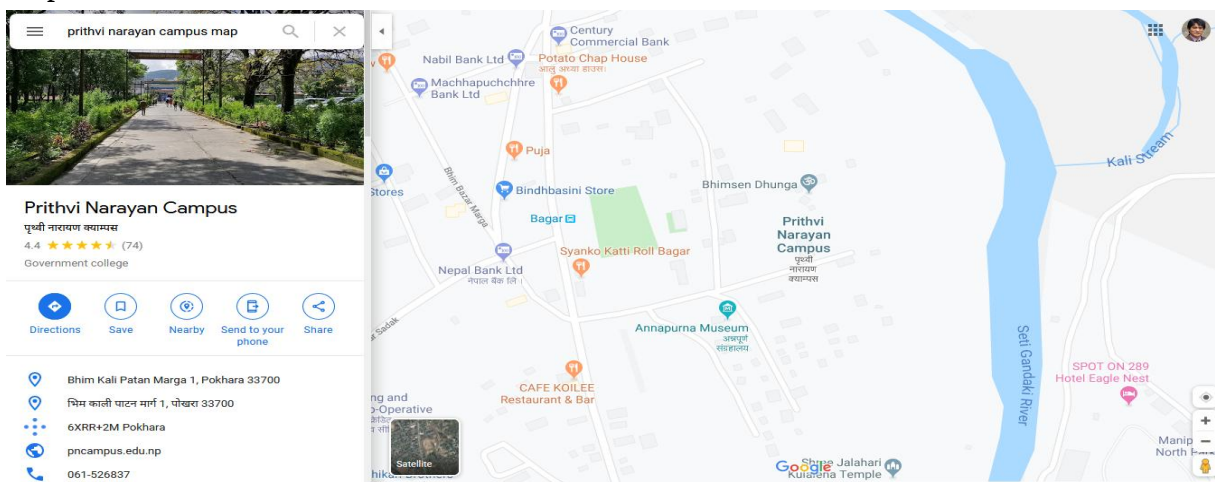
| Detailed Information about the Bank |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Name of the Bank                    | Nepal Bank Limited, Bagar Branch |
| Address of the Bank                 | Pokhara, Nepal                   |
| Account Holder's Name               | Prithvi Narayan Campus           |
| Account Number                      | 09100101101358000001             |
| SWIFT Code                          | NEBLNPKA                         |

After sending your registration fee, you can send a copy of payment receipt through an email to [conference@pncampus.edu.np](mailto:conference@pncampus.edu.np) for confirmation. Please do not forget to submit the voucher to the 2020 International Conference Secretariat, Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara, Nepal if you use the onsite payment method.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

### Conference Venue

Prithvi Narayan Campus  
Bagar,  
Pokhara Metropolitan City  
Nepal



### Conference Accommodation

The Conference Organizing Committee has prepared a recommended conference accommodation. Check the hotel suggestions below and book your conference accommodation well in advance to secure the best available rates.

#### [Hotel Lake Front \(P.\) LTD.](#)

Conference accommodation offers a wide choice of attractive and comfortable hotels in all price classes. Whichever hotel you choose, you can be sure of a warm and hospitable welcome. If you prefer to stay in other hotels, please **Expedia/Nepal/Pokhara** at <https://www.expedia.com/Pokhara-Hotels.d2811.Travel-Guide-Hotels> and book directly with your preferred hotel for conference accommodation.

## VISA APPLICATION

It is the individual participant's responsibility to inquire about the visa requirements to enter Nepal and apply for a conference visa, if necessary. If you require a visa, we advise you to obtain and submit a Letter of Invitation from the conference team to help facilitate your visa process. Also be advised that a letter of invitation is only issued to registered and paid/approved participants, and due to the lengthy immigration process, participants that apply for visa requirements need to act early. In principle, we will issue a letter of invitation to all national and international participants after their registration is completed for participation.

## CONTACT US

You can contact us directly by email or Facebook, or fill in the form below and submit to us if you have any questions or need any assistance for submissions, registration and payment for the conference.

Address:  
2020 International Conference Secretariat  
Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara  
Nepal

URL: [www.pncampus.edu.np/conference](http://www.pncampus.edu.np/conference)  
Email: [conference@pncampus.edu.np](mailto:conference@pncampus.edu.np)

### **PRIVACY POLICY**

Any information received from all our conference participants who register with us will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any third party without their prior consent. Participants' information is primarily used to verify registration and notify them of similar events conducted by the conference team.