

Knowing the Writers/Introduction to the writers

1. **Dr. Meena Acharya** is renowned activist of Feminist movement in Nepal, diligent economist and researcher. She has contributed immensely as employee of Nepal Rastra Bank, World Bank and is active in Gender issues. She is currently designated as Chief Secretary of 'Tanka Prasad Acharya Smriti Pratisthan'. Prior to her educational background, she completed her schooling in Nepal, Bachelor's in India, Master's Degree in Russia and achieved her Ph.d from Wisconsin University, America. She has even served as Advisor to President and has been working as consultant in various INGOs and NGOs including National Planning Commission, UNICEF, IFAD, UNFPA, and INSTRA. Dr. Acharya has been involved in investigation of women's issues since 80s and later published "Nepali Mahilako Maryadastar" in collaboration with Lynn Benet; first of its kind that depicted the real scenario of women. She has published dozens of book then after.

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2. **Ms. Sarita Shrestha** is currently serving as Executive Director of ASMITA. She has been working with the organization since its establishment and has since been actively involved fighting for gender equality and women empowerment for all. She completed her Master's Degree in Development Management (MDM) from Asian Institute of Management (AIM), Manila, Philippines in 1998. Her various articles have been published particularly on the current issues of women. She is coordinator of the conference entitled "Unpaid Care Work of Women; Recognition, Reduction and Redistribution and Ensuring Economic Empowerment of Women" as well as chief editorial of the book entitled "Women in Unpaid Care Work".

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3. **Dr. Mira Mishra** is professor of Department of Home Science, Department of Gender Studies and Women's Studies under Tribhuvan University. She has published articles and research based on rural development, female sexuality and womanhood. Her recent articles published are "Ethnicity in Inequality: Recent interpretation from rural Nepal" (2015), "Reflections on teaching Women's studies" (2017), etc.

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4. **Ms. Pushpa Ghimire Niraula** is currently working as an Associate Professor for Department of Economic Studies and Department of Gender Studies. She has acclaimed Degree in Economic Studies from Tribhuvan University, Msc in Rural and Regional Development Planning from AIT (Asian Institute of Technology), Thailand in 1995 and completed her Post Graduate Research Oriented Studies on Women's studies from

Hannover, Germany in 2000. She is involved with Gender studies course plan and it's re-designing with Tribhuwan University; Ghimire has been working as an expertise researcher on women's economic rights and women rights and other related issues.

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5. **Ms. Mona Sherpa** is a feminist activist and a development worker with 18 years of experiences. She has worked as Deputy Country Director of HELVETAS Swiss Inter-cooperation and Knowledge, Policy and Campaign Manager in ActionAid. Mona has done EMBA from Leeds Beckett University, UK and Master's in Humanities and Social Sciences from Tribhuwan University Nepal. Her key expertise areas are: Strategic management of programs and operations, women's right and empowerment; governance and social inclusion, knowledge management and policy advocacy; REFLECT (Regenerated Freirean Literacy through Empowering Community Technique); and capacity building of community based organizations and networks in Nepal and beyond. She has conducted several researches as lead on women issues e.g. unpaid care work, women's role and empowerment, safe public spaces for women, governance and GESI and peace. She is a member of South Asian Feminist Network (SANGAT) and a part of women's movement of Nepal. She was also the steering committee member of Association of INGOs in Nepal (AIN). She is one of the advisors committee members of Institute of Development Studies (IDS) led Growth and Equal Opportunities for Women initiatives and also the advisory committee member of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) initiative on Women's Economic Empowerment: recognizing, reducing and redistributing unpaid care and domestic work.

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6. **Ms. Shanta Laxmi Shrestha** started her professional career as secondary teacher and at present is working as Committee Member of Beyond Beijing Committee and Coordinator of Sustainable development for women. She got an opportunity to study the life of rural women closely as Women Development Officer and Program Officer in government sector. Later, she continued her passion of working for the benefit of segregated people through INGOs as Save the Children, Nepal, and Lutheran Foundation for their empowerment. She has further worked as Training coordinator in Eretria of Africa,

Tanzania and Zambia and has resumed in Capacity building Program in Department of Women's Development and their partner organization. M.Phil graduate from Kathmandu University, Shrestha is currently enlisted as member of "Think Tank" by Department of Women, Children and Social Welfare.

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7. **Ms. Lily Thapa**, currently is Chairperson of Sankalpa and Founder Chairperson of WHR (Women for Human Rights). WHR has been fighting for the rights of single women and ensuring their social, economic, political and legal rights for the single women of Nepal and South Asian nation since last 20 years. She is General Secretary for SANWED (South Asian Network for Women Empowerment and Development) and enlisted as member of "Think Tank" by Department of Women, Children and Social Welfare. Thapa is awarded with various National and International awards. She is professionally working as Associate Professor for Sociology and Gender Studies in Tribhuvan University.

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8. **Ms. Shanta Bhandari** has been with ASMITA since its establishment and is presently the Program Coordinator of ASMITA. She accomplished her Master's Degree in Sociology from Tribhuvan University in 2001. She has remained as Radio Jockey in "Shakti" and "Samshanti Radio Program" ran by ASMITA and has various articles published on women's issues. After completion of One year Journalism from Media Point, she has worked as Voter Learning Instructor and Election Evaluation Officer. Recently, she coordinated for the national conference on "Unpaid care work of women; recognition, reduction and redistribution and ensuring economic empowerment of women".

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9. **Dr. Bindu Pokhrel** is currently Professor and Program Coordinator for the Department of Gender Studies, Tribhuvan University (TU), Kathmandu, Nepal. She has completed her Master's Degree in Sociology from Tribhuvan University and Certificate Course in Women's Studies from Lahore University, Pakistan. She was awarded her Ph.D in 2012 from TU and has presented her paper in various National and International Seminars and Conferences. She has published various articles in books and journals.

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10. **Ms. Neera Shrestha** is an Associate Professor in TU for Gender Studies, Management and Women's Studies in Padma Kanya Campus. She has completed her MBA from TU. She has published various articles in research journals and books on issues of "Indigenous Women Labor", "Household Work", "Women in Informal Economy" and others.

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