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*Distinguished Guest Speaker*

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**Globalization, Peoples’ livelihood and food security: Assessment and prediction for Manang, Trans-Himalayas, Nepal[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013**

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Alice Peters Auditorium (PB 191)**

**Everyone is welcome**

1. There is an emerging consensus that globalization promotes economic growth and prosperity throughout the world; but it also carries risks for the communities, unprepared for such changes. The national development activities do not seriously consider the possible impacts of globalization because of the fact that the implications are too uncertain and thought to be beyond the timescale of conventional research planning. Manang, the upper part of Himalayas, comprises a dynamic cultural landscape maintained by different socio-economic activities of the *Manangis*. The presentation makes broad assessment of interrelationship among the existing environmental and socio-economic factors with their implications and predictions on peoples’ livelihood of Manang, a unique region to predict about local effects of large-scale global changes in the trans-Himalayan zone in Nepal. It has been concluded that *Manangis*’ knowledge, traditional conservation practice and entrepreneurial skills are crucial to sustain cultural landscape, livelihood, and production system in Manang; however, they must be cautiously integrated with new technologies in the future based on interdisciplinary research findings. Different adaptive strategies need to be recognized and addressed by local communities, and greater national development activities and international cooperation in the context of climate change and internationalization will be required for proper management of cultural landscape of Manang. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)