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Reimagining the relevance of humanities and social sciences in the digitalizing era

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It is our immense pleasure to present **this issue of *Humanities and Social Sciences Journal*, Volume 17, Numbers 1–2**, a peer-reviewed journal indexed in **NepJOL** and the **Asian Science Citation Index (ASCI Database)**. We emphasize our commitment to promoting high-quality, inclusive, and original research that advances knowledge across the humanities and social sciences. The journal serves as a forum where researchers, educators, and scholars can share original findings, engage in meaningful academic dialogue, and contribute to the development of knowledge that informs education, society, and public policy. As a bilingual and interdisciplinary journal, this journal seeks to encourage intellectual exchange that transcends disciplinary and linguistic boundaries.

The Humanities and Social Sciences have long served as the intellectual foundation for understanding human behavior, society, culture, history, politics, economics and language. In today's world shaped by rapid technological advances, artificial intelligence, digital transformation, global interdependence, and environmental challenges, these disciplines continue to offer essential insights into human identity, dignity, and well-being.

Humanities and Social Sciences foster creative and critical thinking, improve effective communication, and encourage people to analyze information, solve problems and respond to contemporary challenges including those related to digital ethics, privacy, artificial intelligence, cybercrime and the responsible use of emerging technologies. Ethical scholarship is essential to academic research. Academic integrity, transparency, inclusiveness, and respect for different perspectives are the foundation of responsible research. We encourage our contributors to uphold these values by engaging critically with existing literature, acknowledging different viewpoints, and presenting research that advances scholarly understanding and constructive dialogue. The publication of this issue has been made possible through the collective efforts of many individuals.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the authors for their valuable research contributions that make this publication possible. We also acknowledge to our peer reviewers, whose careful evaluation, professional expertise and constructive feedback maintain the academic quality and credibility of the journal. Their commitment reflects the collaborative spirit upon which academic excellence depends. The production of each issue represents the collective efforts of individuals committed to advancing knowledge, encouraging dialogue, and promoting academic excellence.

We sincerely thank our readers for their continued encouragement and support. We warmly invite researchers, educators and policymakers to contribute their original work to future issues. *Humanities and Social Sciences Journal* welcomes scholarly research articles that address a broad range of topics relevant to Nepal and the wider international community.

As the Editor-in-Chief of this journal, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the Campus Chief, the members of the editorial team, and the publisher for their unwavering dedication and support in bringing this issue to publication. Finally, it should be noted that the views and opinions expressed in the published articles are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the editors, the publisher, or the institution. We welcome constructive feedbacks and suggestions from our readers for the continued improvement of this journal.



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