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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Pennsylvania, 1996

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ACADEMIC WORK

BOOKS

2011. Media Studies 6. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
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2009. Media Studies 4. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
- 2008a. Media Studies 3. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
- 2008b. Socially Inclusive Media. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
- 2008c. Ten Years of Independent Radio: Development, Debates and the Public Interest Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
2007. Media Studies 2. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
- 2006a. Media Studies 1. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali)
- 2006b. Mass Media in Post-1990 Nepal. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari.
- 2005a. Growing up with Radio: Listening Experiences of Three Generations of Nepalis. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
- 2005b. Radio Journalism: News and Talk Programmes in FM. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
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- 2004b. Social Scientific Thinking in the Context of Nepal. Kathmandu: Social Science Baha. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
- 2004c. The Social History of Radio Nepal. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
- 2003a. Nepali Media Bibliography. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari and Centre for Social Research and Development. Co-edited volume (in Nepali and English).
- 2003b. Analyses of Media: Some Social Contexts. Kathmandu: Martin Chautari and Centre for Social Research and Development. Co-edited volume (in Nepali).
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PRESENTATIONS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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