

1st Nepal Conference on Restorative & Community Justice

Theme: "Re-connecting to our restorative roots"

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Call for Presentations

Restorative justice (RJ) is a movement taking place in many societies of the world, offering a better framework of justice, and providing with evidence-backed functional alternatives of addressing crime, conflict and injustice. In Nepal too, RJ is slowly – but fairly excitingly – finding spaces in both discursive and practical spheres of justice works. This momentum has to go unabated, and scholars and practitioners interested in this field have to come together to share ideas for the restorative future they want to co-create.

In this context, Nepal Institute of Justice aims to organize First Nepal Conference on Restorative and Community Justice. The theme of this inaugural conference is "*Re-connecting to our Restorative Roots*" based on the premise that Nepal, akin to some other Eastern cultures, possesses cultural-judicial systems which have restorative and non-adversarial foundations. Apart from cultural spheres, humans too have restorative potentials, and by tapping on that we can achieve a deeper, more community-responsive, and a more fulfilling justice systems. These potentials, we think, are where we need to connect ourselves again.

Academic researchers, practitioners, policy workers or others (individuals or organizations) interested in the subject are welcome to submit an abstract of their presentations (up to 300 words), covering areas including, but not limited to:

- Restorative culture/values in socio-cultural traditions (of Nepal)
- Alternative dispute resolution and (community) mediation (in Nepal)
- Transitional justice in Nepal and its restorative transformations
- Community justice, bottom-up and "lay" justice

Please submit your abstract along with your brief bio to nij@nepaljustice.org by September 30, 2017. Organizations willing to organize a panel on their works related to the conference theme are equally welcome. For any queries related to this, please feel free to contact Mr. Ram Tiwari at rtiwari@nepaljustice.org.

