

# Call for Papers

## 4th Conference on Public Policy and Governance in South Asia

*“Deepening Democracy: Enhancing Voices and Choices”*

11-12 June 2020

### Background and Rationale

Recent decades have witnessed a broad acknowledgement that formal processes of democracy are necessary but not sufficient for delivering good governance and societal expectations for development and change. Important lessons have already emerged as to how such formal processes fail to live up to expectations of good governance and efficient and effective service delivery, and on tackling myriad of social, economic and environmental challenges. In South Asia, as elsewhere, this realization has led to arguments that democracies should move beyond the formal constitutional process and periodic elections. It is also essential that democracies allow people to participate in decisions affecting their lives and livelihoods and enable them to have a sense of control over their circumstances. Accordingly, the main concern remains – how we devise government policies and institutions that enhance citizens’ voices and expand their choice.

The conference themed “Deepening Democracy: Enhancing Voices and Choices of Citizens” is the fourth in the series of Conference on Governance and Public Policy in South Asia. The conference will prove to be opportunity to share innovations in the South Asia region and beyond. It will allow participants share the common challenges of deepening democracy in the region, either as specifically a national character of a particular country, or within each as specific historical, political, social, cultural contexts in the sub-national contexts.

### Sub Themes

1. Quality of public services
2. Democratic institutions
3. Accountability
4. Inclusive governance
5. Public space for contestation and collective action
6. Governance of infrastructure
7. Political economy of representation
8. Deliberate democracy
9. E-governance and citizen’s engagement
10. Sub-national governance



### Target Audience

- Scholars/ researchers/ academicians
- Policy actors
- Graduate and post graduate students
- Development practitioners
- Entrepreneurs
- CSOs, NGOs and CBOs

### Important Dates

Submission of abstract: 15 February 2020  
Abstract acceptance notification: 5 March 2020  
Submission of full paper: 15 May 2020  
Conference date: 11-12 June 2020

### Information for Submission of Abstracts and Papers

All full paper submission and inquiries should be directed to [conference@nasc.org.np](mailto:conference@nasc.org.np)/ [nascconference@gmail.com](mailto:nascconference@gmail.com)

**For Full Papers:** ‘Paper\_full name\_country\_ theme’

**For General Inquiries:** ‘Inquiry\_full name\_country’

The conference secretariat will make responses within three days.

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### Conference Venue

**Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC)**  
Jawalakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal

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