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### EDUCATION

- 2011 Doctorate in Philosophy, Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.  
1991 Masters of Arts, Sociology, George Mason University, Virginia, USA.  
1989 Bachelor of Arts, Jesus & Mary College, Honours in Sociology, University of Delhi, INDIA.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

#### **January 2014 - Present**

**Director, Himalayan Program**, and *Jane Pratt Fellow in Sustainable Mountain Development*, The Mountain Institute (TMI). TMI is an international NGO that focuses on environmental conservation, sustainable livelihoods and cultural preservation of high mountain areas. I am responsible for the overall program leadership in Nepal and the Asia Region.

#### **July 2011 – December 2013: *Development Consultant***. (Selected assignments listed)

January 2012 – December 2013: ***Gender and Social Inclusion Expert Advisor to the Research Team and Co-Author*** on the Nepal Social Inclusion Survey Report for a study entitled “Social Inclusion Atlas and Ethnographic Profile (SIAEP)”, carried out by the Central Department of Sociology/ Anthropology, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, and commissioned by the Social Inclusion Research Fund and supported by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, Nepal.

[http://www.siaep.org/uploads/resourceDoc/6208\\_d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427c\\_1400561164\\_N.pdf](http://www.siaep.org/uploads/resourceDoc/6208_d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427c_1400561164_N.pdf)

August 2013 – October 2013: ***Consultant, Identifying Social Development Priorities for the Social Inclusion Action Programme***, focusing on (i) gender equality and social inclusion, and (ii) migration patterns and its impact on the family. The assignment entails a review of existing secondary data, reports and assessments, as well as series of consultations with a range of stakeholders. Contracted by the World Bank, Kathmandu.

February – August 2013: ***Lead Consultant, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Advisor***, supporting the insertion of GESI modules and materials in five health curriculum – Skilled Birth Attendants, Female Community Health Volunteers, Health Facility Operation and Management Committees, Senior Auxiliary Health Workers and Behaviour Change and Communication. Contracted by Nepal Health Sector Support Programme, Nepal.

December 2012 - January 2013

August 2012 – January 2013: ***Lead Researcher***, Further Analysis of the Nepal Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) 2011. Paper Title: *Maternal and Child Health in Nepal: The Effects of Caste, Ethnicity, and Regional Identity. Further Analysis of the 2011 Nepal Demographic and Health Survey*. Contracted by Nepal Health Sector Support Programme (NHSSP), Kathmandu, Nepal. The paper is available at: <http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/FA73/FA73.pdf>

July 2011 – July 2013: ***Researcher***, “Research into the Long Term Impact of Development Interventions in the Koshi Hills of Nepal”, a study commissioned by the UK’s Department for International Development and managed by GRM International, Kathmandu, Nepal.

<http://www.edgroup.com.au/long-term-impact-of-development-interventions-koshi-hills-nepal/>

**July 2001 – August 2005: *Program Development Coordinator***, CARE International in Nepal. Coordinating writing program and project proposals to various donors, some over \$2 million.

**August 1997 – June 2001: Project Coordinator**, CARE International in Nepal. Overall management of two multi-sectoral projects in Syangja and Gorkha districts of Nepal (annual budget approximately \$0.5 m, 30+ staff). Also responsible for gender and caste strategy formulation and technical backstopping in projects and within the organization. Additionally led the design of an innovative project focusing on capacity strengthening of elected and nominated women political representatives in three remote districts.

**November 1995 - March 1996: Assistant Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, UNICEF, Country Office, Nepal.**

**February 1994 - May 1995: Visiting Researcher**, Centre for Environment and Development, Dragvoll University, Trondheim, Norway.

**September 1991 - January 1994: Women's Development Program Officer, Makalu-Barun National Park and Conservation Area Project, Nepal.**

## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

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- Koleros, A., Jupp, D., Kirwan, S., **Pradhan, M.S.**, Pradhan, P.K., Seddon, D., and Tumbahangfe, A. 2015. "Methodological Considerations in Evaluating Long-Term Systems Change: A Case Study From Eastern Nepal". *American Journal of Evaluation* 1-17. (<http://aje.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/12/01/1098214015615231.abstract>)
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- Pradhan, Meeta S.** 2014. "Perspectives on Multiple Dimensions and Intersections in Social Inclusion". Paper in *Perspectives on Social Inclusion and Exclusion in Nepal*, pages 38-56, edited by Om Gurung. Mukta S. Tamang and Mark Turin. Kirtipur, Nepal: Central Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tribhuvan University.
- Pandey, J. P., M.R. Dhakal, S. Karki, P. Poudel, and **M.S. Pradhan**. 2013. *Maternal and Child Health in Nepal: The Effects of Caste, Ethnicity, and Regional Identity: Further Analysis of the 2011 Nepal Demographic and Health Survey*. Calverton, Maryland, USA: Nepal Ministry of Health and Population, New ERA, and ICF International. (Link to this publication is: <http://www.measuredhs.com/publications/publication-FA73-Further-Analysis.cfm>)
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- Williams, Nathalie E., Dirgha J. Ghimire, William G. Axinn, Elyse A. Jennings, and **Meeta S. Pradhan**. 2012. "A Micro-Level Approach to Investigating Armed Conflict and Population Responses". *Demography* 49:1521-1546
- Pradhan, Meeta S.** 2010. "Keeping Girls in School and Delaying Early Marriage in Nepal". *Policy Brief*, Chitwan, Nepal: Institute for Social and Environmental Research-Nepal (ISER-N).
- Williams, Nathalie, and **Meeta S. Pradhan**. 2009. "Political Conflict and Migration: How has Violence and Political Instability Affected Migration Patterns in Nepal?" *PSC Research Report* No. 09-677, Population Studies Centre, University of Michigan.
- Byers, Elizabeth and **Meeta Sainju**. 1994. "Mountain ecosystems and women: opportunities for sustainable development and conservation". *Mountain Research and Development* 14(3): 213-228.