# Disasters and Development in South Asia

*An interdisciplinary forum on Nepal’s response to the 2015 Earthquake*

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| 9:30 AM | **Symposium Inauguration**  
Elina Pradhan, *President, Harvard Chan Students for Nepal* |
| 9:30 – 9:45 AM | **Welcome**  
Michelle A. Williams, *Dean of the Faculty, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health* |
| 9:45 – 10:00 AM | **Opening Keynote**  
H.E. Dr. Arjun Karki, *Ambassador of Nepal to the United States* |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | **The 2015 Nepal earthquake in context:**  
*An introduction by Harvard Chan Students for Nepal*  
Mr. Aayush Khadka, Harvard Chan Students for Nepal  
Ms. Akritee Shrestha, Harvard Chan Students for Nepal |
| 10:15 – 11:45 AM | **Panel 1: Responding to disasters:** The politics, policies and processes of disaster mitigation and management  
This panel examines approaches to preventing the death and destruction earthquakes can cause, and efforts to respond in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake.  
Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Leaning, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health  
Panelist: Dr. Vincenzo Bollettino, Harvard Global Health Initiative  
Panelist: Mr. Brabim Kumar, Association of Youth Organizations Nepal  
Panelist: Ms. Emily Troutman, Aid.Works |
| 11:45 – 1:15 PM | Networking Lunch  
Lunch is provided for all symposium participants and guests; lunch seating will be provided within the Kresge Cafeteria on the first floor. |
| 1:15 – 2:45 PM | **Panel 2: Monitoring disaster response:** Aid accountability and the role of citizens and institutions  
This panel brings together NGO leaders and experts in aid accountability to examine the role of government, NGOs, and donors in disaster response.  
Moderator: Dr. Mark Turin, University of British Columbia  
Panelist: Dr. Bijay Acharya, Massachusetts General Hospital  
Panelist: Mr. Ben Smilowitz, Disaster Accountability  
Panelist: Mr. Ujwal Thapa, Entrepreneurs for Nepal |
| 2:45 – 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3:00 – 4:30 PM | **Panel 3: Communicating disasters:** Emergent forms of media engagement  
This panel brings journalists and reporters together to discuss the role the media plays in sharing information and ensuring accountability after a disaster.  
Moderator: Ms. Subina Shrestha, *Al-Jazeera English*  
Panelist: Mr. Gyanu Adhikari, *The Record*  
Panelist: Mr. Kunda Dixit, *Nepali Times*  
Panelist: Ms. Joanna Jolly, BBC South Asia |
| 4:30 – 5:00 PM | **Moderators’ Roundtable**  
The moderators will summarize key themes of the day’s conversation. |
| 5:00 – 6:00 PM | **Reception**  
All attendees of the symposium are welcome to attend a reception in the Rosenau Atrium on the first floor. |