

Spheres of Exclusion in Democratizing Nepal

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The paper will discuss various forms of political exclusion of socio-cultural groups in Nepal during the democratic period, 1990-2002. The groups considered are: dalit, indigenous nationalities, madhesi, Muslims, and women. The paper will discuss seven forms of exclusion: (1) exclusion from access to citizenship, (2) exclusion from governance, (3) exclusion from public policies, (4) cultural discrimination, (5) symbolic exclusion, (6) exclusion from civil society, and (7) socioeconomic inequality.