

ANGABEN ZUM FORSCHUNGSaufenthalt IM AUSLAND / ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH STAY ABROAD

Zielland / Destination country: Nepal	Ort / City: Kathmandu
Name der Gasteinrichtung / Name of the host institution: Centre for Nepal & Asian Studies (CNAS)	Fakultät / Institut / Faculty / Institute: Tribhuvan University
Anschrift / Address: Kirtipur, Kathmandu	
Zeitraum / Length of stay: _____ = Tage / Days von / from : <u>07/10/2015</u> bis / until: <u>28/11/2015</u> <u>53</u> (TT/MM/JJJJ – dd/mm/yyyy) (TT/MM/JJJJ – dd/mm/yyyy)	

Administrative Formalitäten / Administrative formalities

1. Visum / Visa:

a) Welche Art musste beantragt werden? / Which type of visa did you have to apply for?

No need of visa due to Nepali citizenship

b) Wo haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / Where did you apply for the visa?

c) Wann haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / When did you apply for the visa?

2. Welche Versicherungen haben Sie abgeschlossen/abschließen müssen und von welchen Versicherungsunternehmen? / What types of insurances did you purchase and from which insurance companies?

HanseMerkur

3. Welche Impfungen waren nötig? / Which vaccines were necessary?

Typhus, Hepatitis B

4. Wie haben Sie Geldangelegenheiten vor Ort abgewickelt? (z.B. über Konto vor Ort, Online-Konto, Kreditkarte usw.?) / How did you manage your finances? (e.g., opened a local bank account, online banking, credit card, etc.)

Online banking, Credit card

Information & Unterstützung / Information & Support

5. Wie erhielten Sie Informationen über Ihr Gastland, die Gasteinrichtung und die Kontaktperson? Waren die Informationen nützlich? / How did you get information about your host country, host institution and contact person? Was the information useful?

<i>Informationsquelle / Information source</i>	<i>persönlicher Nutzen / useful</i>	
	ja / yes	nein / no
WWU Münster	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Gasteinrichtung / Host institution	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Andere StudentInnen / Other students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Internet	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify) Previous contact with academic institutions in Nepal	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Erhielten Sie vor und während Ihres Aufenthaltes angemessene Unterstützung durch Ihre Heimat- und Gast-Institution? / Did you receive adequate support from your host and home institution before and during your research stay?

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
WWU Münster	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gasteinrichtung / Host institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

The preparation given by WWU was generally very good and I felt I could approach the coordinators with any of my questions. During the orientation course I would have wished for a more detailed, advanced and more demanding workshop and discussion.

At CNAS in Kathmandu, I received the best possible support from Dr Karki, both in finding resources for my work and having fruitful discussions with me about my topic.

7. Welche Vorbereitung auf das Zielland (bspw. Information zu Geschichte, Staatsform, Kultur, Verhalten, Religion etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of the host country (e.g., history, language, culture, customs) would have been helpful?

For me, staying in Nepal did not require much adjustment because I spent most of my life there. For other students, a thorough introduction into its culture and history, as well as basic language skills, would be most helpful in completing their work in Nepal successfully.

8. Welche Vorbereitungen hinsichtlich der Gastinstitution (bspw. Hochschulstrukturen, akademische Gepflogenheiten etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of the host institution (e.g., university structure, academic customs) would have been helpful?

Of course any academic institution in Nepal might work according to slightly different customs than those common in Germany. However, I don't think a general preparation for the specific academic setting at CNAS would be possible or make sense. As in all different work contexts, one should be observant, respectful and able to adapt to one's environment. At CNAS especially, I felt no difficulty at all in the interaction with their staff.

9. Wie kann das Projekt IP@WWU Ihrer Meinung nach verbessert werden (z.B. Information, Bewerbungsverfahren)? / How could the IP@WWU project be improved (e.g., information, application procedures)?

I do not see much room for improvements, as I enjoyed the entire process very much. The only aspect where my expectations were not quite met is the orientation course, which (as I mentioned before) could have been more in-depth and demanding.

10. Wie beurteilen Sie den Integrationsgrad mit den Studierenden und Mitarbeitern der Gastinstitution? / How do you consider your degree of integration with students and staff in the host institution?

(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
1	2	3	4	5
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Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

I got to interact with both employees of different levels as well as students of various social sciences. For this reason, I found the integration of various groups of people into the institution to be excellent.

Unterkunft & Forschungsinfrastruktur / Accommodation & research infrastructure

11. Art der Unterbringung im Ausland / Type of accommodation abroad:

- ☐ durch die Universität (Studentenwohnheim o. Ä.) / university accommodation (e. g., student halls of residence)
☒ private Unterkunft (z.B. mit einer Familie)/ private housing (e. g. family)
☐ WG / shared apartment
☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
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12. Wie haben Sie die Unterkunft gefunden? / How did you find the accommodation?

- ☐ WWU Münster
☒ Freunde, Familie / Friends, family
☐ Privatmarkt / Private market
☐ Internet
☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
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13. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit Ihrer Unterkunft?
How satisfied were you with your accommodation?

(1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied)				
1	2	3	4	5
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

14. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit der Infrastruktur Ihrer Gasteinrichtung / How satisfied were you with your host institution's infrastructure:

	(1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Zugang zum Arbeitsplatz (PC, Internet) / Access to working space (PC, Internet)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Zugang zu den Bibliotheken / Access to libraries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

slow internet, otherwise it was excellent.

Akademische Qualität / Academic quality

15. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität der Betreuung durch Ihren Gastgeber-Dozenten? How do you rate the quality of your host supervisor's support?

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Verfügbarkeit des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's accessibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Engagement des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's engagement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Beratungsgespräche mit dem/der Betreuer/in / Consultations with the supervisor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

The supervision by Dr. Karki was very good. He was very helpful in various regards and even helped me to get access to other important resource persons.

16. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität ... / How do you rate the quality of...

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Ihrer Forschungsaufgaben?/research activities you took?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
des an der Gasteinrichtung zur Verfügung stehenden Forschungsmaterials?/study material you obtained at your host institution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

17. Wie unterscheiden sich Forschungsstruktur und -kultur an der Gastinstitution von denen an der WWU Münster? / How do research structure and research culture in host institution differ from those at WWU Münster?

- not as much infrastructure as in Münster (buildings, library, seminar hall etc.)
- not enough access to academic literature
- no free internet in the university zone, generally problem of internet availability and speed
- less open and equal culture of discussion between teachers/researchers and students (generally not as common in academic settings in Nepal)

Kosten / Expenses

18. Wie hoch waren die wöchentlichen Lebenshaltungskosten während Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts? / What were average weekly costs during your stay abroad?

	€
Unterkunft / accommodation	100
Lebensmittel / food	80
öffentliche Verkehrsmittel / Transportation	75
(due to undeclared blockade by India, fuel and transportation cost was very high.)	25
Internet and phone	25
Transcription of audio files	
<i>Gesamtsumme per Woche / Total per week</i>	305

19. Wurden Ihre Kosten durch das Forschungsstipendium gedeckt? / Did the research stipend cover your costs?

☒ Ja / yes ☐ Nein, per Woche habe ich zusätzlich _____ € ausgegeben.
No, I spent additionally _____ € per week.

20. Lagen Ihre wöchentlichen Ausgaben im Ausland höher als in Münster? / Did you spend more abroad compared to what you normally spend in Münster per week?

☒ Nein / no ☐ Ja / yes, _____ €.

21. Mussten Sie irgendeine Art von Gebühren an ihrer Gastinstitution entrichten? / Did you have to pay any kind of fees in the host institution?

☒ Nein / no ☐ Ja / yes, _____ € für / for _____

(bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben / please specify)

Persönliche Erfahrungen / Your personal experience

22. Welche spezifischen Ziele hatte Ihr Forschungsaufenthalt? Haben Sie sie erreicht? / Which specific objectives did you have for your research stay? Did you achieve them?

Ziele / Aims:	(1 = überhaupt nicht erreicht/not at all; 5 = voll erreicht/fully)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Community visit and interview	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Religious institutions visit and interview	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participatory observation in religious festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Audio file transcription management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. Wie würden Sie Ihren Forschungsaufenthalt insgesamt einschätzen? / How would you evaluate your research stay in general?

Everything went well despite the blockade and political instability in Nepal. However, I could not manage to visit enough religious institutions and would have liked to interview more religious activists, including religious leaders, priests and monks.

24. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre beste Erfahrung / Please describe your best experience.

Many people I interacted with were very open and helpful to me. I frequently got invitations to take part in their religious and cultural events.
Additionally, I feel very lucky in meeting my host person Dr Karki, who assisted me in finding several resource persons.

25. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre schlechteste Erfahrung / Please describe your worst experience.

There were some difficulties due to the undeclared blockage / oil and fuel crisis.
Otherwise, I encountered no bad experiences.

26. Halten Sie die Dauer Ihres Forschungsaufenthaltes für / Do you consider your research stay to have been ...

- ☒ zu kurz / too short
☐ zu lang / too long
☐ genau richtig / just right

Falls zu kurz oder zu lang, welche Dauer hätten Sie sich gewünscht? / If too short or too long: which length would have been ideal?

8-9 weeks

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Due to the large amount of research that is necessary for my thesis, a longer stay would certainly have allowed me to complete even more of my tasks. In my initial research stay in early 2015, I found the duration of 8-9 weeks to be very suitable.

27. Welche Tipps können Sie den nachfolgenden Promovierenden zu dieser Gasteinrichtung, dieser Stadt, diesem Land etc. geben (Geheimtipps, lohnenswerte Aktivitäten, wichtige Ratschläge)? / Could you please give other PhD students some tips about your host institution, city or country (insider info, useful activities, valuable advice)?

- Always discuss with others about your topics, e.g. with your host person and other members of your host institution.
- Try to collect as many local resources as possible (not only primary, but also secondary, e.g. local newspaper, magazines, books, etc.)