

## **Reducing disaster risk and vulnerabilities or reinforcing inequalities in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake**

For this seminar, I will present findings from my independent research study conducted as part of Master's thesis between March and August 2016. Using an intersectionality based policy analysis methodology, my study analyses post-disaster needs assessment and recovery policy framework formulated by the Government of Nepal in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquakes to understand how the government –conceptualises disaster, risk and vulnerabilities; identifies 'vulnerable groups', and articulates recovery strategies. The study further explores the government's vision and strategies for resilience and prosperity, and assesses whether and how the issues of inequalities, gendered vulnerabilities and inclusion are addressed.

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