

Martin Chautari

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on

How Do Masculinities Influence Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV)?

by

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at

Martin Chautari Seminar Hall, Thapathali, 28 July 2014 (Monday), 3:00 pm

This presentation will outline the findings of an innovative research project conducted by Saferworld (www.saferworld.org.uk), exploring masculinities and SGBV in Eastern Nepal. SGBV, especially against women and girls, is a major social and security issue in Nepal. Conceptually, the notion of multiple masculinities is used throughout, to better illuminate the connections between men, gender, power and violence. Presenting the findings from four stages of ethnographic and participatory research, this presentation prioritises young man's experiences and perceptions of masculinities and SGBV. This research explores the implications of locally specific processes of social change that are changing gender roles and creating tensions between 'traditional' and 'modern' masculinities. The lives of young Nepali men emerge as complicated and contested as the young men in this study are negotiating multiple and often conflicting demands and pressures. Ultimately, this presentation will illustrate the potential for young men to be advocates for positive change in relation to reducing SGBV both in Nepal and further afield. More broadly this presentation will advocate for research on masculinities in order to better understand local patterns of SGBV, both in Nepal and further afield.

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***Dr Matthew W Maycock** is currently working as an Investigator Scientist within the Gender and Health Team at the Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow, where he is doing post-doctoral research exploring masculinities and health with a number of secure institutions and workplaces in Scotland. Throughout various university studies, Matthew has consistently worked on gender issues with masculinity being a particular focus. Matthew completed his PhD from the School of International Development, University of East Anglia in 2012, focusing on masculinities in post-conflict Nepal, specifically considering the experiences of a group of recently freed bonded labourers. This complements a long held interest in research on masculinity with a strong focus on South Asia and especially Nepal. Matthew complements his research on masculinity by working for ten years on gender specific health promotion campaigns and resources (explicitly focusing on men and boys). Matthew's broader research interests are concerned with the potential contribution that an explicit focus on masculinities can bring to a wide range of research areas. More information on Matthew's research can be found at: www.matthewmaycock.com*

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This presentation will be in English. This is a public discussion and participation is open to all.