

**Bibliography of Academic Writings in English by L.S. Baral
on the Political History of Nepal**

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The political historian and literary scholar Leelanateshvar Sharma Baral (1923-1997) often shortened his formal name to L.S. Baral. L.S. Baral is better known in the Nepali literary world by his pen name Isvar Baral. Under the latter name, there have been more than a dozen books published, some of them posthumously. However, Baral's writings in English on politics in Nepal were published in many different journals and books, often obscure from the point of view of access of the students of Nepali society in Nepal. Given the good quality of the analysis contained in them of Panchayat era politics, one of us (Onta) thought that it would be a good idea to bring them together in a 'collected essays' type of volume. Joint work on this collection began in 2002 but was frequently halted for various reasons, including the pursuit of a PhD by the other editor (Parajuli). It has taken us almost a decade to complete it and we are happy to finally present it to the discerning readers at large [This text is from the editorial introduction to the collection of L.S. Baral's writings on the political history of Panchayat Nepal, published under the title *Autocratic Monarchy: Politics in Panchayat Nepal* (2012, Martin Chautari). For more information on what is contained in this book and for reviews of it, please look at <http://martinchautari.org.np/index.php/publication/13-publications/chautari-books/26-autocratic-monarchy-politics-in-panchayat-nepal-2>].

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