

The Annual Chautari Foundation Lecture 2015

TRACK II – NEPAL'S PLURALISTIC HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT POST-ARUN

What has filled the gap left by cancellation, 20 years ago, of the Arun III hydropower project? Seemingly never-ending load shedding hides vigorous growth in hydropower investment in Nepal the majority of which is coming from a diverse set of non-traditional investors and project developers.

The speaker will argue that this organic development, born and grown during a time of political instability and limited conventional public sector investment into hydropower, lays the foundation for Nepal's future energy security and an end to power shortages.

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