

EDITORIAL

This issue of the *Bulletin* provides a good example of the breadth and depth of topics that we regularly cover. Kamal Adhikari's essay *Perception or reality? A case study of corrupt practices in the forestry sector in Nepal* provides a close look at how corruption actually operates in an important sector of the economy, and should be required reading for anyone who wishes to help achieve transparency and clean governance, anywhere in South Asia. Richard Axelby's essay *Hermit Village or Zomian Republic? An update on the political socio-economy of a remote Himalayan community* provides a detailed re-analysis of a forgotten anthropological classic – Colin Rosser's work on "A Hermit Village in Kullu" – and relates it to the lively, ongoing debate about whether certain Himalayan communities should be considered part of "Zomia." Alaka Atreya Chudal's article *Rahul Sankrityayan and the Buddhism of Nepal* gathers together a number of little-known sources to give us new and valuable information about this famous scholar and his relationship to both Nepal and Tibet. Marion Wettstein's essay *A Pioneer of Comparative Himalayan Mythology* gives us new insights into the important work of Nicholas Allen and its continuing relevance. There are also book reviews on tribal architecture, children and work, and Old Tibetan Studies, and a touching obituary for Philippe Sagant and his "passion for ethnology." All in all, a scholarly feast for Himalayan specialists. I wish all of you good reading!

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