



4th Symposium of the
ICTMD MAAGSA Study Group,
Kathmandu, Nepal,
July 28, 2026

4th MAAGSA Symposium 2026 Schedule

6:30 Hotel Shanker Breakfast begins (FYI for those staying at the Hotel Shanker)

7:30 Volunteers arrive & prepare registration

8:00

Registration opens (ongoing)

8:30 Opening

Dhime Baja Performance

Welcome speeches and logistics announcements:

9:00 Session 1 (20 minutes each with 20 min for questions at the end of the session)

9:00 BhalaBhali Project: Creatively Documenting Songs and Language in Far West Nepal
Dinesh Raj Upadhyaya

9:20 The Gowu of Western Tibet and the Balandzikom of Badakhshan: Cousin Lutes in the Highlands of Central Eurasia?
Katherine Freeze Wolf

9:40 Shifting Distinctions in Northwestern Nepal: The Dolpo Dranyen and Mugum Ghoun
Hilary Brady Morris

10:00 Questions

10:30 tea break

10:50 Session 2

10:50 Mind-Body Jerking: Interconnecting the Intricacies of Stick Dances of Malabar and Hindu Kush-Himalaya.
Dr. Mohamed Haseeb

11:10 Stigma, Stage, and Survival: The Fate of Male Dance in Contemporary Tajikistan
Chorshanbe Goibnazarov

11:30 Musical Expression of Tamang People of Dolakha
Nirmala Ghising

11:50 Mountain on Screen: Visual Semiotics and Cultural Narration in South Asian Bengali Cinema
Aurthy Noboneeta, Mili Akter

12:10 Questions

12:20 Business Meeting (agenda includes information about ICTMD and MAAGSA, opportunities, etc.; all are welcome)

1:00 Lunch



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2:00 Session 3

2:00 Music and Social Work in Urban Nepal
Dikshant Uprety

2:20 Deuda across Nepal-India Border: Communicative Memory in Transcultural Fandom
Bhupesh Joshi

2:40 Music Education in Nepal: Challenges and Opportunities
Prof. Dr. Dhrubesh Chandra Regmi

3:00 questions

3:15 Tea Break

3:40 Films

3:40 Short film and presentation: *Salaijo, A Thousand Years*
Mohan Thapa

4:00 Feature Film: *Two Poets and a River*
Richard Wolf

6:00 discussion

6:15 Closing, distribute certificates

7:05 Snacks/cocktails at Tukche in **GAIRIDHARA**, followed by dinner there. This is a 5-minute drive/ride or a 20 minute walk from the hotel.

Please note that while there is another restaurant called Tukche in Lazimpat near the Hotel Shanker, our reservation is at the Tukche in Gairidhara.