

International Political Economy of Environment and Nepal's Philosophical Foundation

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Abstract

The paper is an attempt to introduce the Nepal's philosophies of wealth and environment. The paper presents what Nepal's philosophies have to offer the world to solve the environment problems posed by international political economy. The paper consists of three parts. The first part puts light on the major problems of environment, which is human preference upon wealth over environment. The second part describes that how international political economy guided by western philosophies is origin of the problem. And the third part offers the solution of the problem from Nepal's philosophical approach.

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Background

International institutions, international resolutions and international laws, which are influential, guiding and even determining in countries of globe, mostly framed upon western philosophies. Acharya & Buzan (2019) have rightly pointed out that "Contemporary mainstream IR theory is not much more than an abstraction of western history woven with western political theory". Same is true for international political economy that is dominant upon current world order. International political economy is also grounded upon western philosophies. The international political economic system, obviously, also dominates the environment sectors and stand outs as deciding factors for degradation of world environment. "There has been remarkable growth in the volume and value of global trade, investment, and finance which have important implications for the natural environment, as all have been identified as having some linkage to environmental quality"(Clapp, 1999). Wrapping up the

above ideas and facts, it can be concluded that there is linkage between western philosophies, international political economic system and environmental degradation in trickle down manner.