



## Tourism, Development and Himalayan Futures: Disparities and Imaginaries

Tourism is often described as a development pathway particularly suitable to broad-based economic growth and a means to bring development to remote areas that tend to 'lack behind' national averages. Yet, there remain a dearth of empirical studies on the local effects of tourism development on economic disparities and imaginaries. In this talk, I present findings from the Himalaya that encourages a critical investigation of tourism's promise as a rural development strategy. I show how current tourism income is unevenly distributed while the anticipation of future tourism involves fundamental negotiations of the political and moral grounds of the economy itself.

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