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Amit Gautam is Senior Research Officer working with Social Science Baha (SSB), a Kathmandu-based research organization. Amit's research interests involve a range of areas such as refugees, international border and livelihood, heritage, space and placemaking, and conflict and peacebuilding, among others. Amit participated in the 2023 AAS-in-Asia Publishing Workshop and Conference held back-to-back in June 2023 in Daegu, South Korea. These events were the first international events he ever attended outside Nepal. This experience leveraged the opportunity to network with Asianists from across the globe.

Amit has maintained contact with other workshop participants and scholars by collaborating with them through joint research projects. Besides nurturing his own professional network, Amit has also connected his colleagues at SSB and other co-researchers in Nepal with scholars he has met during the 2023 AAS-in-Asia enabling them to work together on common research interests. Thanks to this experience, Amit's role was crucial in initiating a conversation between AAS and SSB about an AAS-in-Asia Conference in Nepal. His initiative has come to fruition and the 2025 AAS-in-Asia Conference will take place in Kathmandu with Social Science Baha as its host. Amit is a key member of the organizing team in charge of planning and implementing the largest academic event to take place in Nepal, which will gather more than 1,000 scholars over 4 days.