

The Toronto Newar Summer School

May 27 – June 8, 2024, online

THE TORONTO NEWAR SUMMER SCHOOL offers the opportunity to learn to speak the idiom of the Kathmandu Valley, to access the vast Buddhist and Hindu literature preserved in classical Newar, and to delve into the texts of a thriving contemporary literary Himalayan society.

FOUR INSTRUCTORS will lead modules in conversational Newar, classical literary Newar, and modern literary Newar. Academic lectures round off the programme.

LEARNERS may enroll in any one or in all three classes, depending on whether they want to focus on modern (spoken and written) or on literary (classical and modern) Newar. Participants at all levels are welcome.

Beginners receive a first exposure to the language. *Intermediate level students* have the opportunity to strengthen their skills. *Advanced readers* will conduct supervised translations from editions and manuscripts.

REGISTRATION closes on March 31, 2024.

PARTICIPATION is free.



Srilaxmi Shrestha, M.A., an acclaimed private teacher of Newar and Nepali in Leiden, the Netherlands, will be conducting the conversational Newar course.



The modern literary Newar class will be taught by **Dr. Bal Gopal Shrestha**, one of the leading Nepalese anthropologists of Newar Buddhism, author of *The Sacred Town of Sankhu* (2012).



The tutorials supplementing the conversational Newar course will be offered by **Ian Turner, M.A.**, doctoral student in Buddhist Studies at UofT.



UofT professor **Dr. Christoph Emmrich**, who teaches courses in Newar religion and literature, will be offering the classical Newar class.