

Event: Special Issue Rig Tshoel Journal Launch

THEME: “CLIMATE CHANGE, MIGRATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE”

10 June 2026 - 2:50-4:00PM

Venue: Auditorium, RTC

Programme Agenda

Time	Session	Responsible Person
2:50 -3:00PM	All invited faculty and students to be seated	Dr. Sonam Chuki in collaboration with Dean, AAD
3:00-3:05PM	Welcome and introduction	Dr. Jelle J.P. Wouters
3:05pm to 3:15pm	Hon'ble President Launch Rig Tshoel	Dr. Jelle J.P. Wouters with support from Tashi Paldon and Rosmita Chhetri, Research Associates
3:15pm to 3:50pm	Panel Discussion on “Climate Change, Migration and Social Change” with Rig Tshoel authors	Dr. Jelle J.P. Wouters
3:50pm to 4:00pm	Refreshment: Near auditorium	Dr. Sonam Chuki with support from Rosmita Chhetri and Tashi Paldon, Research Associates

Mistress of Ceremony for the Event: Dr. Sonam Chuki, SUCCESS Project Coordinator



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RIG TSHOEL VOL. 8

**SPECIAL ISSUE: MIGRATION, CLIMATE CHANGE,
AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN BHUTAN**

PANELISTS:

KINLEY DORJI

ROSMITA CHHETRI

DR. LEISHIPEM KHAMRANG

TASHI PALDON

MODERATOR: DR. JELLE JP WOUTERS

**VENUE: AUDITORIUM, ROYAL THIMPHU
COLLEGE**

**DATE: 10TH JUNE, 2026
TIME: 3PM TO 4PM**



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MODERATOR:



DR. JELLE JP WOUTERS IS AN ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT AT ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE. HE READ ANTHROPOLOGY IN AMSTERDAM, OXFORD, AND SHILLONG. PRIOR TO JOINING ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE, HE TAUGHT AT SIKKIM CENTRAL UNIVERSITY IN INDIA, AND EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITY OF TÜBINGEN IN GERMANY. HE IS THE AUTHOR AND EDITOR OF ELEVEN BOOKS INCLUDING; SUBALTERN STUDIES 2.0: BEING AGAINST THE CAPITALOCENE (CHICAGO UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2022), IN THE SHADOWS OF NAGA INSURGENCY (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2018), VERNACULAR POLITICS IN NORTHEAST INDIA (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2022), THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF HIGHLAND ASIA (ROUTLEDGE, 2023), AND HIMALAYAN CLIMES AND MULTISPECIES ENCOUNTERS (ROUTLEDGE, 2024)

PANALISTS:



KINLEY DORJI IS A LECTURER IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME AT ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE. HE HOLDS A BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, AND IS CURRENTLY A PHD RESEARCHER AT THE ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF BHUTAN, EXPLORING THE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATION IN EASTERN BHUTAN. HIS ACADEMIC WORK INTEGRATES BOTH QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE METHODOLOGIES, WITH PARTICULAR INTERESTS IN WATER, ECOSYSTEM SERVICES, ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY, CULTURAL LANDSCAPES, AND BHUTANESE CULTURE. HE IS COMMITTED TO BRIDGING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE WITH INDIGENOUSLY GROUNDED, SOCIO-CULTURALLY CURATED ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHIES.



DR. LEISHIPEM KHAMRANG IS A HUMAN GEOGRAPHER SPECIALISING IN URBAN, CULTURAL, AND POPULATION STUDIES. BORN AND BRED IN A HUMBLE REMOTE VILLAGE IN MANIPUR, INDIA, YET KNOWN FOR INTENSE POLITICAL CONFLICT AND MILITARISED HUB, HIS LIVING AND BEING ARE SHAPED BY A DEEP LIFEWORLD EDUCATION GAINED FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF LIVING IN A REMOTE, UNDERPRIVILEGED, AND HARSH REALITY OF THE STATIST LOGIC OF CULTURAL POLITICS. GUIDED BY THE INHERENT INNER PHILOSOPHICAL WORLDVIEW THAT HE LEARNED THROUGH EXPERIENCES OF REAL-WORLD REALITIES, HIS INNER VOICE CONTESTS DEHUMANISING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF ANY KIND. HIS WORKS ARE, THEREFORE, MOSTLY DRIVEN BY COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY, CENTERING ON ISSUES CONFRONTING COMMUNITIES.



ROSMITA CHHETRI HOLDS AN MBA IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT FROM NALANDA UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING AS A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE SUCCESS PROJECT SINCE 2025 AT ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE. SHE IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING AND DEEPENING HER KNOWLEDGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, MIGRATION, AND GENDER. HER MAIN INTERESTS ARE CENTERED ON NEXUSES BETWEEN GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE, PARTICULARLY ON HOW DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES IN SOCIETY ARE AFFECTED BY CLIMATIC CONDITIONS, AND DRIVING INITIATIVES ON SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE. THROUGH HER WORK, SHE STRIVES TO CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORTS IN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN BHUTAN.



TASHI PALDON IS A GRADUATE OF BA POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY FROM ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING AS A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE FOR THE SUCCESS PROJECT SINCE 2023. HER INTEREST LIES IN UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, CIVIL SOCIETIES, AND COMMUNITIES, AND HOW THESE INTERACTIONS SHAPE SOCIAL AND POLICY OUTCOMES. SHE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (GESI), AND IN EXPLORING HOW INCLUSIVE APPROACHES CAN STRENGTHEN EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE POLICY DESIGN.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY: DR. SONAM CHUKI



DR. SONAM CHUKI IS A PROMINENT BHUTANESE ACADEMIC, RESEARCHER, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERT BASED IN THIMPHU. SHE IS HIGHLY REGARDED FOR HER EXTENSIVE WORK IN EDUCATION POLICY, GENDER STUDIES, POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. CURRENTLY SHE IS A FACULTY IN ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE, AND ALSO SERVES AS THE PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR SUCCESS PROJECT