

In the Wake of the Big Quake: The Political Economy of Recovery and Development in Nepal

Featuring:

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Almost a year has passed since Nepal was rocked by a series of devastating earthquakes. The situation remains grim for many Nepalis who live in areas particularly affected by the earthquakes. The ongoing challenges of disaster management and reconstruction have added to the complexity of addressing longstanding issues of economic and social development. In this talk, George Varughese, who is The Asia Foundation's country representative in Nepal, will provide his perspective on these recent developments and discuss challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Dr. Varughese has been The Asia Foundation's country representative in Nepal since May 2009, where he oversees a broad range of programs that support an effective political transition, including constitutional development and assistance to the legislative/constituent assembly; facilitate conflict transformation, peacebuilding, and alternate dispute resolution; safeguard women's security and combat the trafficking of persons; support public policy engagement; and enable local economic governance and opportunity. During 2005-2009, he was The Asia Foundation's Representative in Afghanistan. He holds a Ph.D. in public administration and political science from Indiana University.

Dr. Varughese is currently on sabbatical as 2015-2016 Excellence Chair, Visiting Senior Scholar & Professor in Global and Area Studies at the University of Wyoming.