

# 'Our god Braha saved us from our wrong thinking' Time, Identity and Historical Change in the Hills of Nepal



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**@ 7pm / Khalili Lecture Theatre**  
Lower Ground, Russell Square, SOAS, University of London

## **Speaker: Dr Anne de Sales**

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How are we to assess the changes Nepal has seen in recent decades? Can we explain changes over time in terms of historical development, as a rational series of objective changes? Why does thinking in terms of rupture and continuity rapidly lead to a frustrating dead end? How should we include in our analysis the different scales of space and time involved in the changes as we perceive them? Anne de Sales found that these questions were being asked with increasing acuity during her visits, over the course of thirty years, to the heart of the Maoist insurgency in Western Nepal.

The lecture will be chaired by Professor Michael Hutt (SOAS) & introduced by Professor David Gellner (All Souls, Oxford).

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Photo caption: Bhume Dance in Thabang  
(Rolpa district, Nepal), June 2010.  
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