

# Nepal Briefing:

## *A Political, Economic, and Social Update*

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

5:30 pm registration ♦ 6:00 pm program followed by a reception

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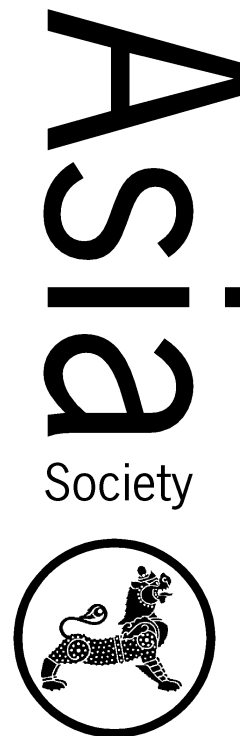
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The optimism that greeted the restoration of democracy in Nepal in 1990, after 30 years of absolute monarchy, is steadily waning. A bloody Maoist insurgency beginning in 1996, the massacre of the royal family in June 2001, and the gradual collapse of the economy due to a slowdown in the tourist industry and widespread corruption are but three of the major setbacks Nepal has faced in the last decade. The beautiful Himalayan kingdom of 24 million people struggles with continuing socio-economic problems, which include poverty, rampant unemployment, feudalism, low levels of education, caste discrimination, and a deteriorating infrastructure. In light of Nepal's current political crisis, what is the future for democratic governance in Nepal? How does poverty factor into the root cause of the Maoist uprising? How have development efforts and sustainability been affected by the political turmoil in Nepal? How has the insurgency impacted Nepal's economy as foreign tourists, Nepal's second largest industry, and investment are increasingly scared away? Join us for a timely and informative briefing on the current political, economic, and social situation in Nepal today.



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