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*Development Dialogue Series: A Collaborative Effort of **Institute for Frontier Studies** and **Sajha Prayas Nepal***  
*Episode-2*

*Venue* : National Law College (Pulchowk, Lalitpur)  
*Time* : 3pm-5pm  
*Date* : April 12, 2014 (Saturday)  
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## **POLITICAL TRANSITION AND EDUCATION**

*In the changed context of federal states restructuring*

### **Introduction**

Critical policy researchers often reflect that development policies, frameworks and strategies are short-  
visioned, largely donor driven and ends up without substantive contribution. Education policy and practice  
faces no exception to this claim. Political fatigues, incompetence of concerned authority and prolonged so  
called political transition have visible impacts on the education sector. Still exiting 1971 education act gives  
no justification for changed context and need of 21<sup>st</sup> century education. Quality education is ever high talk  
among the political, public and donor authorities. But questions such as what is quality education and what  
are the provisions of quality education are still relevant. Are we burdening ourselves with the so called  
policy frameworks which we cannot understand and could not implement? Or can we do things differently  
that come up with our lived experiences and real needs compatible with the available resources and  
institutional capacity? These questions are pertinent to ponder upon.

With the aim of engaging the diverse group of people in the issues pertinent to education **Institute for  
Frontier Studies** and **Sajha Prayas Nepal** have jointly initiated this dialogue series. **Dialogic societies** are  
always transforming and liberating. How could we build Paulo Freire's notion of being dialogic and make it  
a systemic? While pondering upon these questions we reflect ourselves and inform larger mass for dialogic  
policy process.

The proposed session starts with the brief introduction of the rationale behind the theme for the discussion.  
Speaker will broadly explore the problems and present his discussion for the way out with evidence.  
Evidence here refers to validating the argument based on the research findings in education and international  
experiences.

## Objectives

- To bring the issue in the political and educational discourses
- To contextualize the issue for broader educational and development perspectives
- To develop discussion paper/working paper on the topic out of series of discussion and dialogue.

## Plan for the discussion

Monthly dialogue series will be conducted on the proposed theme while engaging with the several issues.

Following table shows the agenda of the coming day.

Sn	Activities	Duration
1	Brief introduction of the theme and presenter	15 min (3pm-3:15pm)
2	Presentation by the presenter	1 hour (3:15pm-4:15pm)
3	Question answer session	45 min (4:15pm-5pm)

## Participants

We expect wider participation of researchers, development professionals at I/NGOs, public officials, graduate students, university faculties and consultants. We request participants to confirm their participation by email ([frontierstudies@gmail.com](mailto:frontierstudies@gmail.com) or [info@sajhaprayasnepal.org.np](mailto:info@sajhaprayasnepal.org.np))

## Reporting and Documentation

A reporter will be appointed for the session. He or She will take account of the important proceedings of the session. Reporter could be anyone ranging from a person associated with IFS & Sajha Prayas Nepal or the participants. The summarized version of the program will be kept safely for future use i.e. publication and dissemination.

## Presenter

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