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International Conference

NEPAL TODAY: CHALLENGES OF INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY

Saturday May 19, 2007

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Mr. Subas Nembang Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nepal

Nepal is at a historic and crucial turning point. The people-led revolutions of 1990 and spring 2006 have shown the unprecedented courage of Nepali people in fighting for democratic rights. The recent uprisings, general strikes (*bandhs*), and continued demonstrations by large numbers of marginalized groups like Dalits, Janajatis, Madhesis, and women highlight the importance of establishing inclusive democracy.

Bob Kerrey, President of The New School invites you to participate in a critical dialogue on Nepal's quest for "Inclusive Democracy" with Nepal's prominent national leaders, political analysts, scholars and civil society leaders.

Speakers, discussants and moderators for the conference include: Andrew Arato, Krishna Bhattachan, Kul Gautam, Ashok Gurung, Om Gurung, Sumitra Manandhar Gurung, Susan Hangen, David Holmberg, Pramod Kantha, Bob Kerrey, Mahendra Lawoti, Suresh Ale Magar, Subas Nembang, Kathryn March, Navin Rai, Murari Raj Sharma, Alfred Stepan, Mukta Tamang, Padma Ratna Tuladhar.

CONFERENCE LOCATION The New School, Tishman Auditorium, 66 West 12th Street, NYC

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE (For Continental Breakfast and Lunch)Student with valid ID\$10Others\$25

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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