

Report

EFSLE Nepal Travel Grant 2025

An EFSLE panel participated in the Global Plant Humanities Conference, organized by GPHN in association with Medhavi College, Pokhara University, Nepal, Notre Dame University, Australia and GSF, Finland, held on May 2-3, 2025 at Malla Hotel, in Kathmandu, Nepal. The panel left an indelible imprints among the participants and all the panelists successfully presented their research papers. The panel was chaired by Dr Rishikesh Singh and comprised of the other two panelists Dr Richa and Dr Raj Gaurav Verma. These two panelists were also the recipients of EFSLE Travel Grant 2025. EFSLE applauds the uniqueness and peculiar ideas of their research papers.

The theme of the Panel was **“Ecocritical Pedagogy, Phytocriticism and Indigeneity”**. The panel was uniquely designed as it included three distinguished research papers which were presented in the form of a workshop that included interactive sessions. All the three papers were seeking to find a way where the study of Plant Humanities in relation with indigenous culture and their academic adaptation and textual interpretations evolved in this contemporary era, selecting the actual content from the native sources of their own plant based narratives.

The title of Dr Rishikesh research paper was **“Neuroecoaesthetical Perspectives in Phytocriticism: Indigeneity and the Indian Academic Discourse”**. Dr Richa talked on **“Phytopoetic Readings of Select Poets from Jharkhand: Analysing the Interplay between Nature, Culture, and Poetry”** whereas Dr Raj Gaurav Verma presented his ideas on **“Plants, Play, and Childhood: A Plant Studies Perspective in Indian Children's Literature”**.

This event opened a gateway for EFSLE to collaborate with some of the most esteemed academic institutions of Nepal like Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, to establish its new Executive Council in Nepal very soon.

Some glimpses of the event:









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