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## **Dedication**

Dedicated to my Parents, Mr. Shiva Hari Luitel & Mrs. Ishwori Luitel, who have been always encouraging me for my studies, and my sweet little Bhanji, Eva, who wants to be an anthropologist.

## Confession

Respected Dr. R.B. Chhetri Sir, my supervisor for this thesis, wanted to write a note of decent when I asked him to allow me to go through the formal rituals (in common language: facing viva, hard binding and submitting to the department) required for the declaration of the completion of thesis writing process. He believes that, this thesis is one of the worst written under his supervision. I somehow persuaded him and now I have already faced the viva and about to submit it to the department, I thought that all the readers shall have access to the opinion of my supervisor, thus have incorporated this confession section in my thesis.

Just in case if someone wonders about my excuses...

- ) I had not well internalized the concept of research as a formal process in the beginning of this study.
- ) I did not consult my supervisor before going to the field.
- ) I suddenly appeared in front of my supervisor with a so called first draft of the thesis.
- ) He had indicated the insufficiency of the data I borrowed from the field and had suggested me to go back to the field... Which I never listened to.
- ) I ignored several of his comments... which if heard could have made lots of changes.
- ) Some of his comments (from which I have learned and gained confidence):
  - o To make arguments that I have made through this study one shall not do the drama of conducting a field work rather it can be done through few minutes' talks with people at Ratna Park.
  - o The arguments in the study are journalistic.
  - o It was a lost opportunity for me. (this comment was an energizer as well)

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