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Abstract

The political transformation in Nepal since 2007 has brought different social changes. In all political and social movements Nepalese women played a role. The stake of Nepali women on such transformation cannot be denied. When it comes to formal politics, the voices of women get least heard at the policy and decision-making level because of their low representation. Lack of strong representation of women at the policy-making level, adequate law was not framed for safeguarding rights of women nor did they get any opportunities. Now with the restoration of democracy in recent decades, women are getting active in politics. They are getting associated and participating in political activities. Representation of women has increased from local committees of political parties to national levels. As a result of continued efforts and advocacy, agendas of ensuring proportional representation of women, ensuring participation of women in major positions of national life and proportional representation of women in posts to be filled through nomination/appointment are on the priority list. Marginalized and backward women in politics are trying to move ahead. This has helped expose the growing access of women to politics. This thesis has tried to analyze the situation of women's political participation in post-conflict Nepal. How the women's voice and choice has been addressed and how the political participation of women has been ensured.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

CA	Constitution Assembly
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistic
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CPN UML	Communist Party of Nepal Unified Marxist Leninist
CPN	Communist Party of Nepal
CRC	Convention on Right of Child
DFID	Department for International Development
FPTP	First Pass the Post
FWLD	Forum for Women Law and Development
GAD	Gender and Development
LDC	Least Developed Country
MP	Member of Parliament
NC	Nepali Congress
NGOs	Non - Government Organizations
NWC	National Women Commission
PR	Proportional Representation
RPP	Rastriya Parajatantra Party
SC	Supreme Court
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nation Development Program
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
WAD	Women and Development
WID	Women in Development