"Gari Khana Deu! - Let us live!" How transnational youth navigate a provisional Nepal

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Over the last several decades, Nepal has experienced a period of what I call “long-term provisionality.” For a generation of elite youth in Nepal who have only known instability and ever-shifting governance, their pathways to careers, futures and success are unclear. This presentation explores the diverse affective relations towards (anti)politics exhibited by Nepalis who were anticipated to be the future of the country. Their attempts to craft new pathways juxtapose anarchism and neoliberalism, multi-level marketing and DIY punk, despair for their country and resurgent celebratory nationalism in ways that confound and remix analytic categories of politics, business, solidarity and art.