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AURORA CLUB POKHARA UNIVERSITY



"Inclusivity Prevails, Radicalism Fails"



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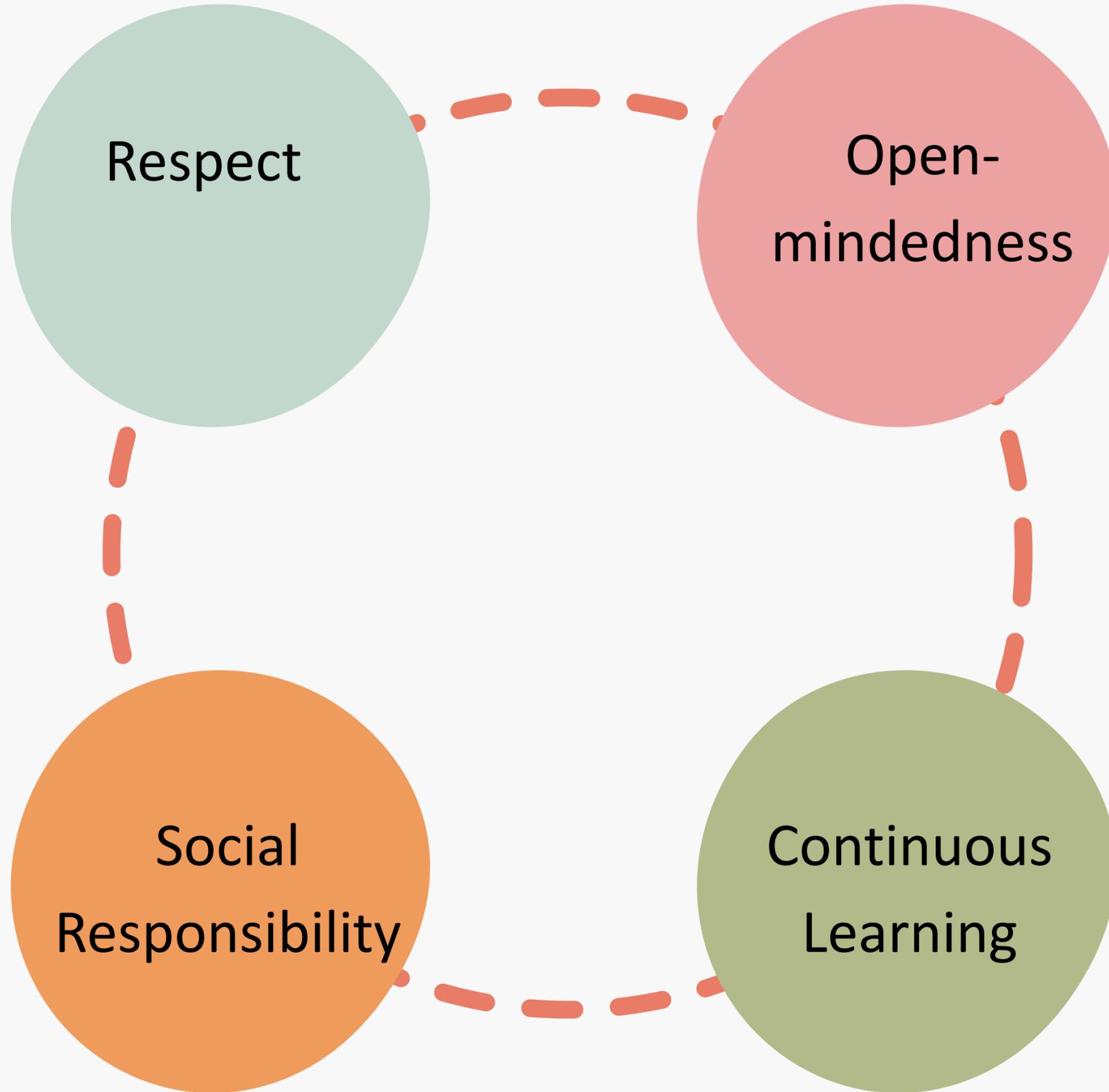


**CORE
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GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

- **Raise awareness** about the nature, consequences, and impact of radicalism among students and faculty members at PU.
- Promote **critical thinking, empathy, and respect** for diverse opinions to counter radical ideologies.
- Foster a sense of community, **inclusivity, and shared responsibility** in addressing radicalism and promoting equality.



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GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

- Establish partnerships and collaborations with internal and external stakeholders to amplify the impact of AURORA's initiatives.
- Advocate for curriculum integration and research that addresses radicalism and promotes equality across academic disciplines



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

- **Combat radicalism through awareness and prevention strategies.**
- **Promote equality and inclusivity within the academic community.**
- **Disseminate knowledge on radicalism and equality through training sessions.**



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- Integrate **anti-radicalism and equality topics** into the curriculum.
- Conduct **impactful awareness campaigns and workshops.**
- Encourage **student-led research** and foster collaborations.

**SPECIFIC
OBJECTIVES OF
THE CLUB**



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- Establish partnerships for knowledge sharing and collaboration.
- Implement monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for continuous improvement.
- Ensure sustainability and leadership succession within the AURORA Club.

**SPECIFIC
OBJECTIVES OF
THE CLUB**



The AURORA Club will be led by students from various faculties of Pokhara University, working together to combat radicalism and promote equality in the academic environment.

Club members will receive comprehensive training through Training of Trainers (TOT) sessions to equip them with the necessary knowledge, skills, and tools to address radicalism and promote equality.

OVERVIEW OF THE CLUB'S GUIDELINES



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Club members will actively engage in disseminating their knowledge by conducting training sessions for other students across all faculties of the university.

The club will collaborate with faculty members and curriculum committees to integrate anti-radicalism and equality-related topics into existing courses, fostering a holistic approach to addressing these issues.

OVERVIEW OF THE CLUB'S GUIDELINES



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The AURORA Club will organize impactful awareness campaigns, workshops, and seminars, engaging students, faculty, and the wider university community in open discussions about radicalism, extremism, tolerance, inclusivity, and equality.

Club members will actively participate in research projects focused on understanding the drivers of radicalism, exploring effective prevention strategies, and promoting equality, contributing to the body of knowledge in the field.



OVERVIEW OF THE CLUB'S GUIDELINES

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The club will foster an inclusive and collaborative environment, encouraging active involvement and leadership succession, thus nurturing a new generation of members who will carry forward the mission of combating radicalism and promoting equality.

These guidelines will serve as a roadmap for the AURORA Club's future endeavors, enabling them to create a positive and impactful environment within Pokhara University and beyond.



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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLUB, MAY 2023

GUIDELINES

- Must be a certified student from Pokhara University.
- Must be involved in various extracurricular activities conducted in the school.
- Must be from various geographic areas, ethnic backgrounds, people with disabilities, and gender minorities.
- Have a willingness to contribute to combating radicalism
- Must demonstrate willingness to learn and leadership qualities.

Virtual orientations was conducted.





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Secretary

Members



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Paneru



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MAY/JUNE 2023

SENSITIZATION

Pamphlet-making and sensitization activities.



INTRODUCTION

Radicalism, unfortunately, has become a global concern in recent years. Its impact on societies, including academic institutions, cannot be ignored. It poses a threat to the fundamental values of education, open-mindedness, and intellectual discourse. Recognizing this issue, AURORA was introduced with a vision to foster an inclusive and tolerant academic environment that promotes understanding, critical thinking, and respect for diverse opinions.



BACKGROUND

AURORA stands for Alliance of Universities to Reinforce teacher training curricula to Outcast Radicalism and promote equality in Asian societies. It is an Erasmus + CBHE frame joint project of the European Union. It involves two Asian Countries (Nepal & India) with eight institutions and four European Countries (Czech Republic, Ireland, Romania & Spain) with four institutions. The tenure of the project is until December, 2023.



GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The wider objective of this project is to create a program for Curricular Reform in India and Nepal that will promote INCLUSIVE EDUCATION through teacher training programs in Bachelor and Master levels by developing new courses in educational programs, faculty and teacher workshops, student leadership training and student activities to foster gender equality, democratic values and combat radicalism to be applied from early stages in the school.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

- To enhance the quality of academic education for teacher training through the development and modernization of courses that tackle gender equality, respect for human rights and democracy and combat radicalism.
- To disseminate and sustain new courses extending them to other dept., HEIs and primary/secondary Schools.
- To establish AURORA Centres for inclusive education at HEIs and at Schools to enhance social inclusive and democratic values.
- To enhance cooperation between HEI with other educational centres.



INTRODUCING YOU TO AURORA CLUB, POKHARA UNIVERSITY

AURORA CLUB has taken shape within the confines of our esteemed institution, Pokhara University. This club has set its sights on a noble mission-to combat radicalism within the academic environment. As members of AURORA CLUB, we have received specialized training on the subject of radicalism and are now determined to share our knowledge with all students across all the four faculties of Pokhara University.

AURORA believes in the power of education as a tool to combat radicalism. We recognize that knowledge is the antidote to ignorance, fear, and prejudice. Through our activities, we seek to empower students to question and challenge extremist ideologies, encouraging them to build their arguments on a foundation of facts, reason, and empathy.







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19-22 JUNE 2023, 5TH CONSORTIUM MEETING



Student groups helped in its preparation.

Student's presentation sharing about:

-AURORA club Pokhara University and Student's understanding regarding:

- Concept of radicalism, and ways to combating Radicalism in Education
- Gender Equality and Inclusive Education.
- Promoting Active citizenship and democratic values.





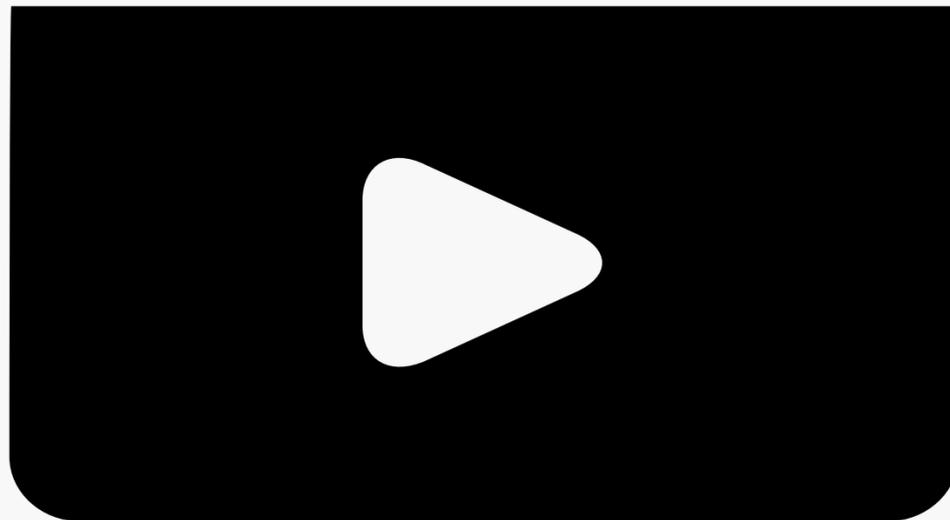
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20TH JULY 2023, OPEN COMPETITION



Call for open competition among the students of Pokhara University to create a video on:

- Combating Radicalism in Education.
- Gender Equality and Inclusive Education.
- Promoting Active citizenship and democratic values.

Followed by an interview.

Erasmus+Students Mobility.



Together We Can



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24TH DECEMBER 2023, MOU



Active Internal Organizations.

Objective:

To collaborate and assist in organizing programs/projects that match the thematic area.(Combating Radicalism, Promoting Inclusivity and Upholding Democratic Values).

Into effect until the end of December 2025.





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24TH DECEMBER 2023, MOU



MoU signed between:

- SGBI
- PUCMS
- Sustainability Week
- Rotaract Club of Pokhara University
- PUBMAS
- APPS



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29TH DECEMBER 2023, TOT

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main content is a presentation slide titled "radicalism". The slide includes the logos of the European Union, Pokhara University, and AURORA. It defines radicalism and lists characteristics of good and bad radicalism. Good radicalism includes promoting diversity, challenging traditional teaching methods, and advocating for social justice. Bad radicalism includes extremist ideologies, suppressing freedom of speech, and undermining academic freedom. Examples of movements are listed: Civil Rights Movement in the United States led by Martin Luther King Jr., Anti-Colonial Movements by Mahatma Gandhi, and LGBTQ+ Rights Movement. The Zoom interface shows the presenter's name as Adhikari (Presenting) and a list of participants including Grishma Adhikari, Subash Malla, and 9 others.

Adhikari (Presenting)

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radicalism

Some forms of activism are considered radical. Some forms of radicalism may be peaceful, some may be violent and harmful.

Good radicalism include

- promote diversity inclusion,
- challenge traditional teaching methods,
- advocate for social justice.

Bad radicalism includes

- extremist ideologies that promote hate and violence,
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- undermine academic freedom.

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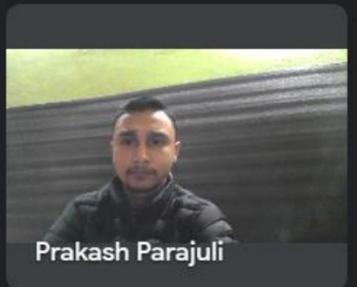
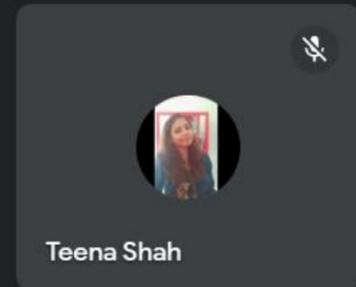
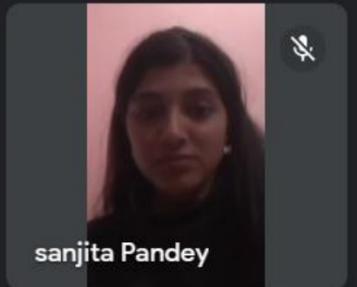
Grishma Adhikari

Subash Malla

9 others

The ToT to the members of the AURORA Club was conducted on 29th December 2023 via an online platform.

Insightful session to develop and expand student's understanding of concepts.



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29TH DECEMBER 2023, TOT

Key speakers:

Mr. Tek Bahadur Chhetry, Project Manager,

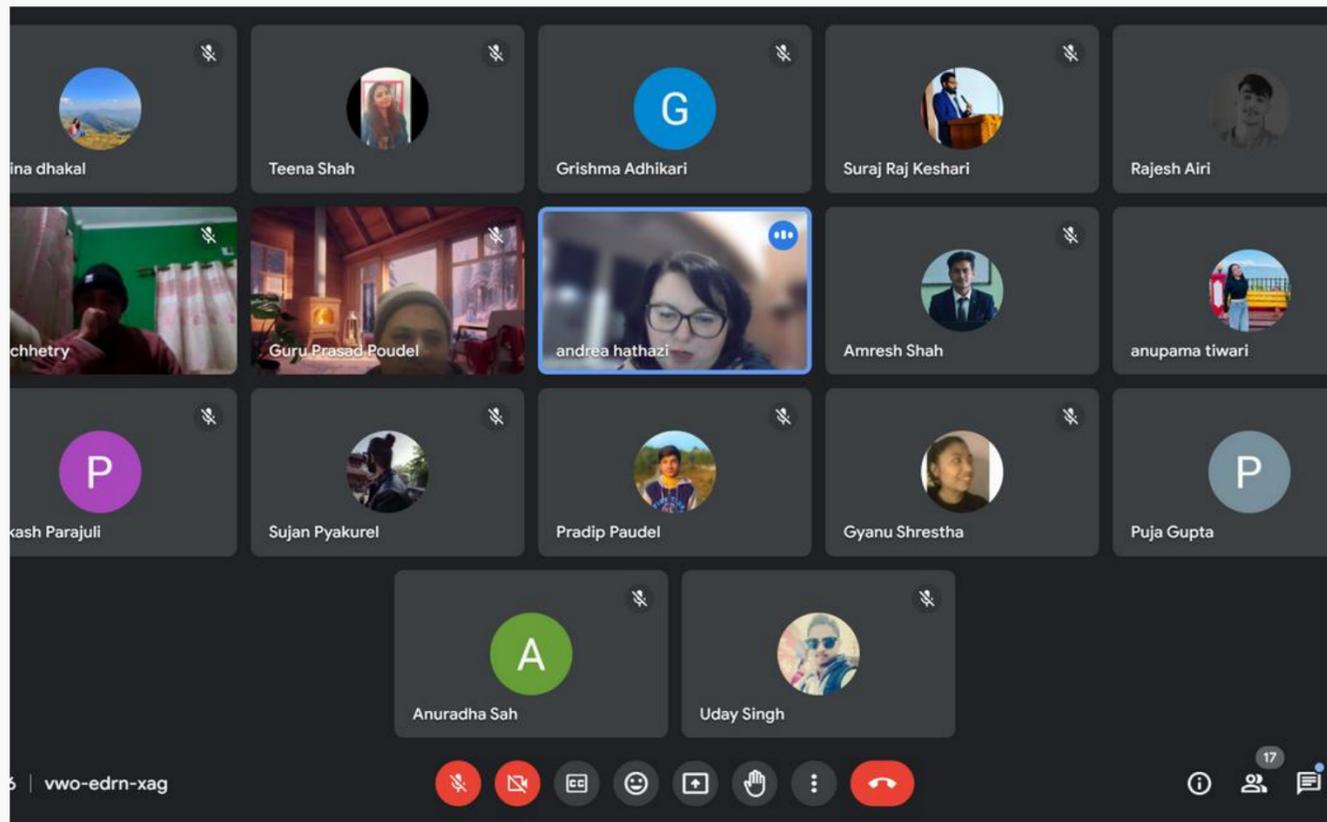
Mr. Guru Prasad Poudel, AURORA Course Module expert

Mr. Rastra Bimochan Timalsena, Principal of National Law College

Dr. Badri Aryal and Mrs. Anita Dahal, PU

Mr. Suraj Raj Keshari, President

Ms. Grishma Adhikari, Vice-President





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POSTER-MAKING COMPETITION, 30TH DECEMBER 2023

Call for an open Poster-making competition, with cash prizes for the first 2 winners.

Criteria for judgment: Text, context, content, and presentation.

Winners present their posters at their colleges among students. Winner among 100+ participants. Runner-up among 50+ participants.

The poster is for a poster exhibition organized by the AURORA Club at Pokhara University. It features the logos of the European Union, Pokhara University, and AURORA at the top. The main text reads "AURORA Club Pokhara University Presents Poster Exhibition On 'Combating Radicalism in Education'". The date "01/09" and the venue "Venue: PU F" are also mentioned. At the bottom, it lists several supporting organizations with their logos: Pokhara University Council of Management, Sustainability Week, Pokhara University, PUBMAS, and others.



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POSTER EXHIBITION, 9TH JANUARY 2024



- Collaboration of partners.
- All the posters were demonstrated as an exhibition in an open area.
- More than 200 participants.
- The poster exhibition was conducted on 9th January 2024 on the premises of Pokhara University







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IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS

Plan 01

Essay Writing Competeion

Plan 02

Speech competetion





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Thank You!