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Dr. Bhandari holds PhD degree from Syracuse University in Sociology, M.A.'s in Sociology (Syracuse University) and Sustainable International Development (Brandeis University), and a M.Sc. in Environmental System Monitoring and Analysis (ITC-The University of Twente, The Netherlands). Dr. Bhandari is experienced in the conservation of biodiversity (including wildlife biology), nature and natural resources, global and international environmental politics, environmental institutions and governance, and forest governance from the grassroots to the national level with a special focus on participatory management, climate change policy and implementation, environmental justice, land cover and land use change, and environmental health hazards. His major specialties include: Biodiversity, Environmental Health Hazards, Climate Change Mitigation, Climate Change Adaptation, International environmental governance, Green Economics, Sustainability, and assessing economic, social and environmental impacts on natural resources. His field experience spans across Asia, Africa, the U.S., Western Europe, Australia, and the Middle East.

Dr. Bhandari also serves as faculty and Deputy Program Director of the Sustainability Studies Department at Akamai University, where he teaches International Relations, and International Environmental Policies and Sustainability. His additional teaching and research focus areas include sociology; environmental, political and organizational sociology; social change; social networks; global environment policy and sustainable development; environmental sociology and natural resource sociology. Dr. Bhandari is also open to contribute to core curriculum including introductory courses, environmental studies, social theory, social statistics, or social research methods, and organizational and political sociology.

