

## ABOUT THIS VOLUME

After four volumes and nine years of publication, the decision taken by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology to highlight the emerging aspects of ethnicity in Nepal and facets of community adaptation was to present before the reader more than just an occasional melange of academic observations on the themes. The opening essay presents a broader perspective than usually available from home and the second presentation goes into details of where the first article leaves the reader. The three other essays focus on various aspects of ethnic/community adaptation to three different regions – one in the Eastern Tarai, a second one in the Western Hills, and the third one in the Western Tarai. These five papers were assembled in this volume to draw together the key issues in the process of ethnic fermentation and show how ethnic groups are adapting themselves to the emerging challenges of socio-cultural transformation and resource management.