

## KIX EAP Podcast – Episode 5

### Speaker biographical note



**Bal Chandra Luitel (PhD)** is professor at Kathmandu University's School of Education, located in Dhulikhel, Nepal. His scholarship centers on a transformative educational approach that pulls from multiple disciplines and both Eastern and Western philosophies to give local students better access to mathematical skills and critical thinking in order to achieve active citizenship. Pushing back against the dominant culturally decontextualized mathematics curriculum, Dr. Luitel trains math and science teachers to bring transformative practices into Nepali classrooms. His research in these areas has been published widely and his work has been cited by scholars throughout the world. He received his MA and PhD from Curtin University (Australia) where he studied under Peter Taylor and was active in the Transformative Education Research Group (TERG). One of Dr. Luitel's most recent endeavors is the newly established [\*Journal of Transformative Praxis\*](#), an academic journal started in collaboration with colleagues from Norway and Nepal.