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Heir to a Silent Song: Two Rebel Women of Nepal by Barbara Nimri Aziz

The Mystery of Shakti Yogmaya: Politics or Religion?

NAYA brings to you Dr. Barbara Nimri Aziz: anthropologist, journalist, radio producer, activist, and author. In the last two decades, she has worked extensively in the Himalayan Region.

On her first visit to the Arun River Valley in East Nepal, Aziz was confronted with a new dynamic that sent her on a quest into Nepal's political history. The events she recorded called for a special sensibility to poetry, to the potential and capacity of rural women, and to the role of religious experience in political leadership. Aziz's groundbreaking documentation of the life, the objectives and the tactics of the revolutionary, Shakti Yogmaya, was a modest beginning. Still, the qualities and circumstances of this Nepali woman's life are inspiring to men and women alike, foreigners as well as Nepalis.

Aziz reviews her early research challenges and reflects on future possibilities for us to learn more about Yogmaya's contribution to Nepal's history, whether through politics, history, religion or gender oriented research.



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Nepali Dinner will be served

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