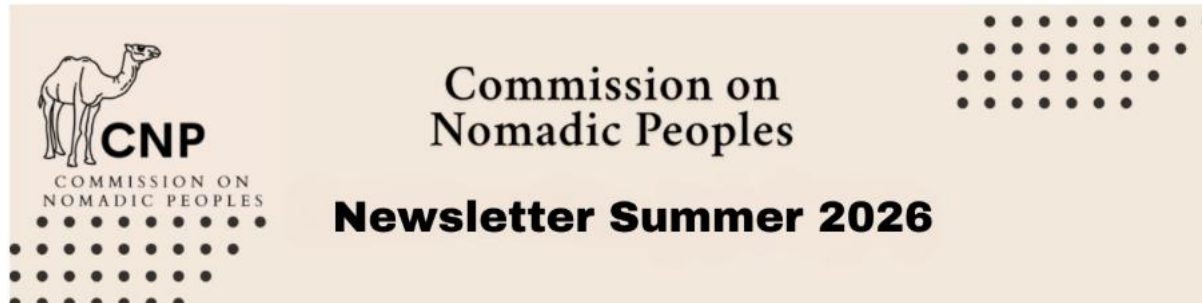




Dear Friends and colleagues,

As we welcome the northern hemisphere's summer — full of fieldwork, new research projects, and continuing collaborations — we are excited to bring you updates regarding our journal *Nomadic Peoples*, as well as the award winners for both the Bonte-Brisebarre Grant and the CNP Photo Contest. Please join us in congratulating our editorial team, graduate students, and long-term colleagues! Then keep on reading for exciting new publications, web developments, upcoming events and discussion of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP2026).

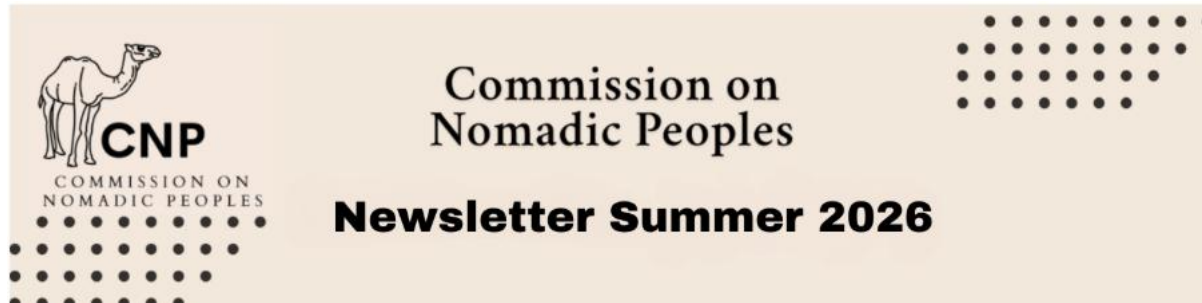
As we enter our second year as your deputy chair and chair of the Commission of Nomadic Peoples, we are excited to be making new connections and reinvigorating old networks. Please reach out via email with your ideas, suggestions, and events so that we can continue to grow our community.

Have a wonderful summer/winter,

Allison and Joana

News from our journal *Nomadic Peoples*

The Commission on Nomadic People's Journal *Nomadic Peoples* is published by White Horse Press and is now Open Access. The journal editor, Saverio Krätli, reports that our journal impact factor has reached a record **1.3**. *Nomadic Peoples* has also made a substantial leap in its standing within Anthropology, moving to **51st of 143 journals (Q2)** from 82nd of 141 journals (Q3) in 2024. We are grateful to Saverio and his team, alongside our publisher, the White Horse Press, for their hard work. Please join us in celebrating this success — and encourage your own colleagues and teams to keep up this momentum by actively promoting *Nomadic Peoples* through manuscripts and special issue submissions. We also appreciate our readers' hard work ensuring that this important scholarship finds the widest possible audience through teaching, research collaborations, conferences, and scholarly engagement.



Bonte-Brisebarre Grant 2026

The Bonte-Brisebarre grant was launched in 2026 by friends and colleagues of Professor Pierre Bonte and Professor Anne-Marie Brisebarre. This grant honors their crucial contributions to the field of pastoralism studies and their work in service of education and research. The grant aims to support the fieldwork of students enrolled in Anthropology Master's degrees who are from and/or work in the Sahel, North Africa, the Middle East and the Mediterranean. This is an annual grant — please read more about this initiative and tell your students about it: <https://nomadicpeople.info/new-graduate-student-grant-opportunity-the-bonte-brisebarre-grant/>

We are very happy to announce the ex-aequo winners of the first edition of the Bonte-Brisebarre Grant. Congratulations, Dominic Loomes and Bastien Pillon!

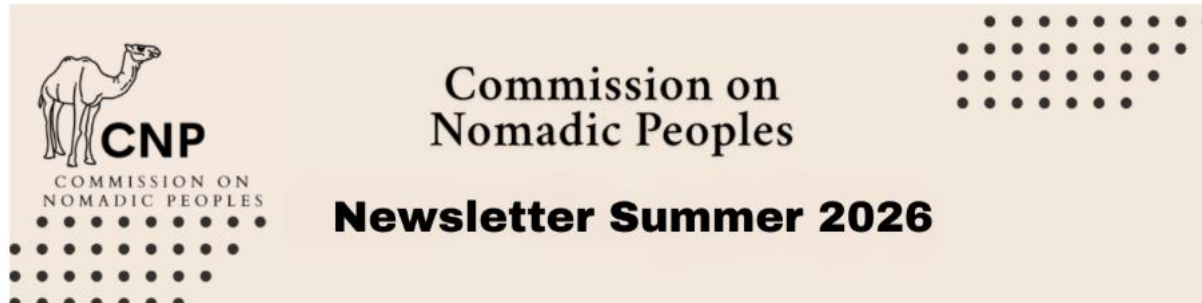
Dominic Loomes — Master's student of Anthropology at Iscte-Lisbon University Institute in Lisbon, Portugal.

The grant supports his current fieldwork in the Bijagós Archipelago of Guinea-Bissau, West Africa. Dominic's research project, entitled *Culture as the Weapon: Land Cinema and Plant Wisdom Revival among the Bijagós People of the Urok Islands, Guinea-Bissau*, explores changing livelihoods (i.e., shifting cultivation, inter-island mobile fishing and cattle production) and ecological knowledge among residents of the remote Bijagós islands through a Participatory Action Research approach including filmmaking.

Bastien Pillon — Master's student of Anthropology at Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, in Toulouse, France.

Bastien just came back from the field in Morocco, where he conducted fieldwork on animal domestication among the Aït Oussa camel herders in the region of Guelmim-Oued Noun. Bastien successfully defended his first-year thesis project, entitled *La patte blanche du dromadaire: Ethnographie des relations des éleveurs, entrepreneurs et dromadaires au Maroc* (The White Foot of the Camel: An Ethnography of Relationships Between Herders, Entrepreneurs, and Camels in Morocco), on July 6th, 2026. He received the highest distinction ("Très bien"). The final thesis defense, corresponding to the second year of his Master's degree, will take place next year. Félicitations, Bastien!

Read about his findings [here: https://nomadicpeople.info/milk-and-money-relations-between-camel-herders-entrepreneurs-and-camels-at-quelmim-oued-noun-morocco/](https://nomadicpeople.info/milk-and-money-relations-between-camel-herders-entrepreneurs-and-camels-at-quelmim-oued-noun-morocco/)



CNP Photo Contest 2026

The CNP launched its first photo contest in 2026. Our aim is twofold — both to celebrate the wonderful photography that is captured during fieldwork and to support the *Nomadic Peoples* journal with beautiful covers and photo essays. We anticipate that this will be an annual competition — so please start thinking about submitting your own photographs! In all of our work, but especially photography, consent to participate is paramount — for this reason, all participants in this contest must affirm that any photographed subjects consented to the use of their image in an academic context. Additionally, we will not be featuring photos of children. Find more information about the photo contest here:

<https://nomadicpeople.info/nomadic-peoples-photo-contest-2026/>

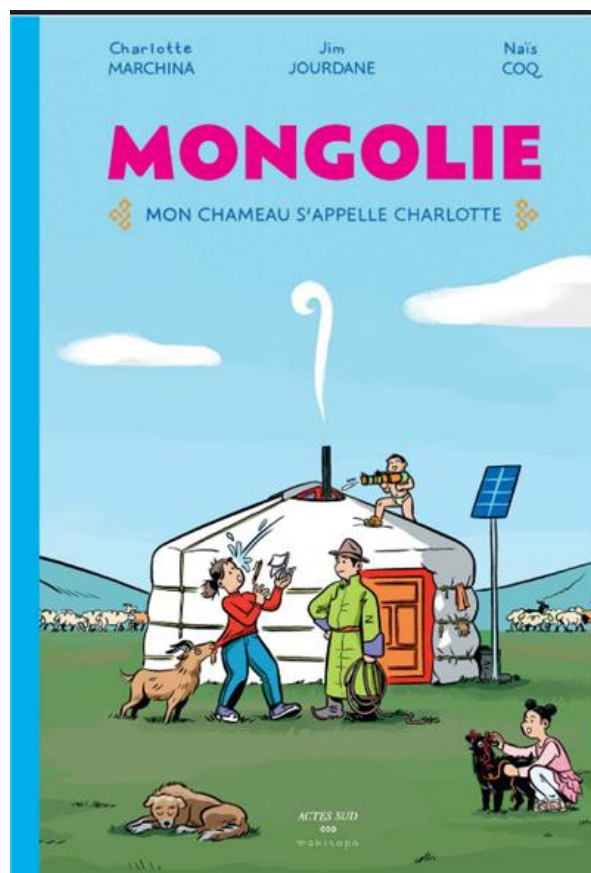
The 2026 winner of the CNP Photo Contest is **Danko Taboroši!** Their photo will grace the cover of the Spring 2027 issue of *Nomadic Peoples*.

Sasha Mouzin and **Sudip Maiti** are the runners-up; their photos will be included alongside several other participants in a photo essay to be published by [White Horse Press](#) in the Fall of 2026, and in the Spring 2027 issue of *Nomadic Peoples*. Congratulations Danko, Sasha and Sudip!

New and noteworthy publications

Graphic novel

Charlotte Marchina (Inalco, Université Paris Cité, CNRS) has published a delightful graphic novel on Mongolian nomadic pastoralism and her research, *Mon chameau s'appelle Charlotte* (*My camel is named Charlotte*). It is currently only available in French, but we hope to read it in more languages in the future!



Read more at [actes-sud.fr](https://actes-sud.fr/catalogue/mongolie-mon-chameau-s-appelle-charlott-021604): <https://actes-sud.fr/catalogue/mongolie-mon-chameau-s-appelle-charlott-021604>

Special dossier

We need pastoralists! How herders and farmers sustain fertile landscapes — check out this new and important special dossier, published by the League of Pastoral Peoples (LPP), the German Institute of Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture (DITSL), the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) and MISEREOR, with contributions by our own Ilse Köhler-Rollefson and Saverio Krättli.

Read the dossier [here](#):

https://www.misereor.org/fileadmin/user_upload_misereororg/publication/en/foodsecurity/dossier-we-need-pastoralists-how-herders-farmers-sustain-fertile-landscapes-3-2026.pdf

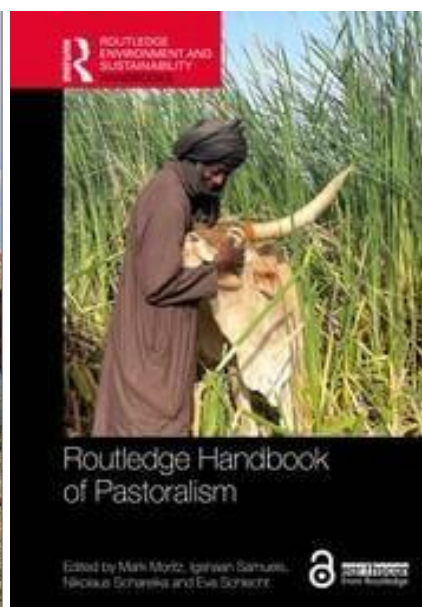
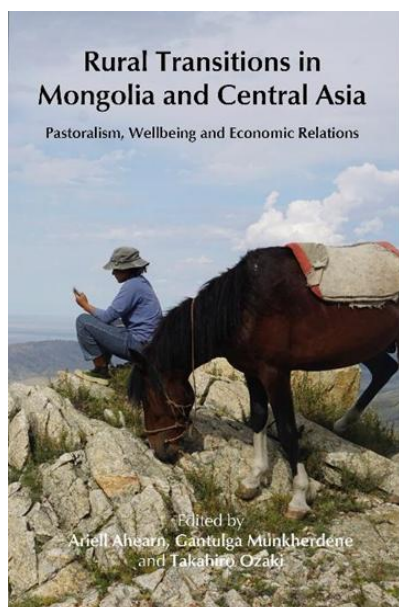
Edited volumes

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<https://doi.org/10.63308/63899870973021.book>

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doi.org/10.1111/jlca.70040

Tian, X., T. Kidokoro, F.M. Mwangi and E.G. Rintaugu. 2026. 'Childhood physical activity and developmental niche in contemporary pastoralist Maasai community in southern Kenya.' *American Journal of Biological Anthropology* 190(2): e70283. doi.org/10.1002/ajpa.70283

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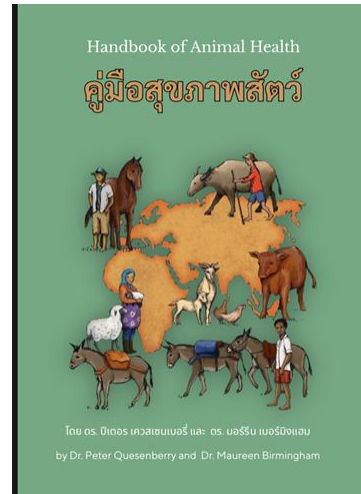
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Handbooks

The Handbook of Animal Health (2018), by Peter Quesenberry and Maureen Birmingham, published by [International Animal Health Consultants \(IAHC\)](https://iahc-vets.org/), is available online as a free PDF download in Burmese, Chinese, English, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Kyrgyz, Lao, Russian, Tamil and Thai — see the links list at the end of this section.

The Handbook of Animal Health provides extensive information about the handling and care of most domestic animals kept around the globe, including treatment of the health problems these animals most commonly face. Readers will learn how to keep their animals healthy through good nutrition, as well as how to recognize, prevent, and control common animal health diseases. This technical manual, in easy-to-understand language, is a great companion to animal health professionals of all kinds, from livestock farmers to veterinarians. This manual is a useful tool to help keep livestock healthy and productive, and to recognize when to call on help from more experienced veterinarians and animal health workers.



International Animal Health Consultants (IAHC) is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to enhancing global animal health by making essential veterinary training materials freely available. Learn more at <https://iahc-vets.org/>. Language editions: [Burmese](#) · [Chinese](#) · [English](#) · [French](#) · [Hindi](#) · [Indonesian](#) · [Kyrgyz](#) · [Lao](#) · [Russian](#) · [Tamil](#) · [Thai](#)

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Build on the Knowledge and Initiatives of Pastoralist Women. Policy brief prepared by the IYRP 2026 Working Group on Pastoralism & Gender, August 2024. <https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/IYRP%20Gender%20WG%20Policy%20brief%20text%20only%20Aug%202024.pdf>

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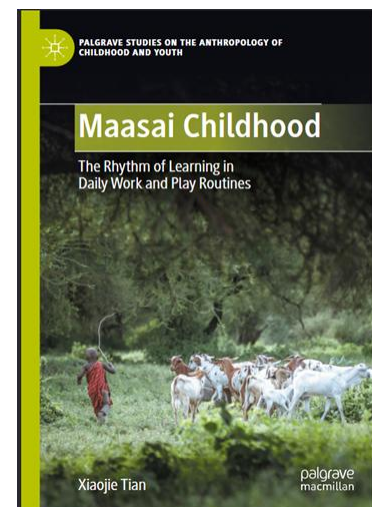
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Global Declaration of Young Pastoralists, Global Gathering of Young Pastoralists. Madrid, 9–11 April 2026, International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026. <https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/documents/Declaration-ENG-Young-Pastoralists-short-version.pdf>

Commission members' publications

In this new section, we highlight recent publications by Commission members. You can read their blogs on our [website](https://nomadicpeople.info/news-and-events/) (<https://nomadicpeople.info/news-and-events/>). Do you have research that you would like to write about and see featured here? Please reach out before our December 2026 newsletter.

Xiaojie Tian (Institute of Health and Sport Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Japan) reflects on the significance of work and play by Maasai children. She has published on this under-researched topic in her 2024 book, [Maasai Childhood: The Rhythm of Learning and Play Routines](#), and her [recent article](#) entitled *Childhood physical activity and developmental niche in contemporary pastoralist Maasai community in southern Kenya*. Read about her pioneering child-focused ethnographic research in her CNP [blog](https://nomadicpeople.info/what-maasai-children-taught-me-about-childhood/): <https://nomadicpeople.info/what-maasai-children-taught-me-about-childhood/>



Jamal Alkiranawi (A New Dawn in the Negev, Israel) recently co-authored an [article](#) about 'Therapy in the Backyard', a pilot programme that brings mental healthcare into the homes of Bedouin pastoralists in Israel following the 2023–25 Gaza war. Read about his research and advocacy for Bedouin mental health and wellbeing in his CNP [blog](#): <https://nomadicpeople.info/therapy-in-the-backyard-mental-health-care-in-israels-bedouin-society-following-the-2023-25-gaza-war/>

Ben-Asher, S., & Al-Krenawi, J. (2025). 'Therapy in the backyard': mental health care in Israel's Bedouin society following the 2023–25 Gaza war. *Israel Affairs*, 31(4), 631–652. doi.org/10.1080/13537121.2025.2499407

Ethnographic films

Under the Open Sky (2025)

Director: Sonum Sumaria

Country: United Kingdom / India

Runtime: 100 minutes

Synopsis: Ahmed's idyllic life as a nomadic camel-herder is turned upside down when grazing land is sold to private corporations, and he has to choose between keeping his traditional livelihood or modernising with the times.

Screenings and further information:

https://undertheopensky.org/screenings/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Contact: sonumsumaria@gmail.com



Bagaal (2026)

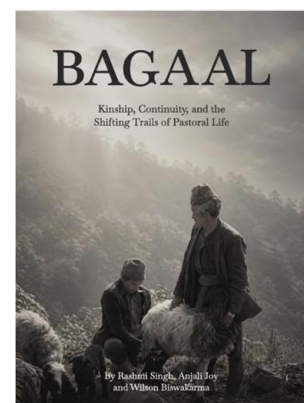
Directors: Rashmi Singh, Anjali Joy and Wilson Biswakarma

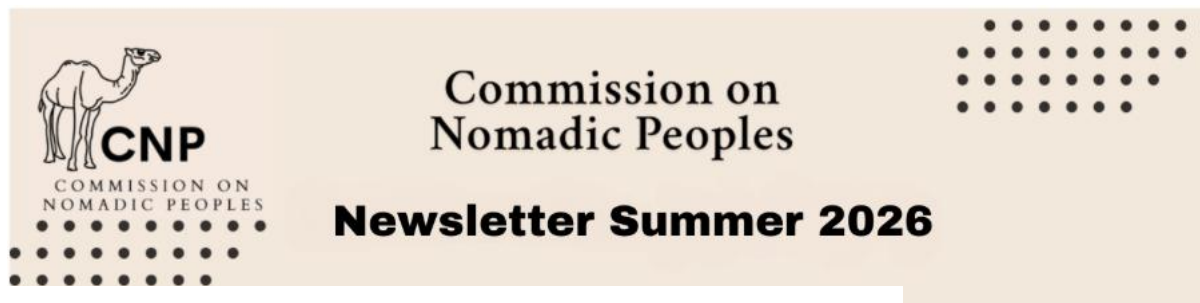
Synopsis: *Bagaal* (meaning *herd*) follows pastoral communities in the Khangchendzonga landscape of Sikkim, in the Eastern Indian Himalaya, as they navigate a way of life under increasing pressure from environmental, social, and economic change.

More information (PDF):

https://www.indianpastoralism.org/files/ugd/0e6cf3_269c4232a84b42fcb53630582bc22572.pdf

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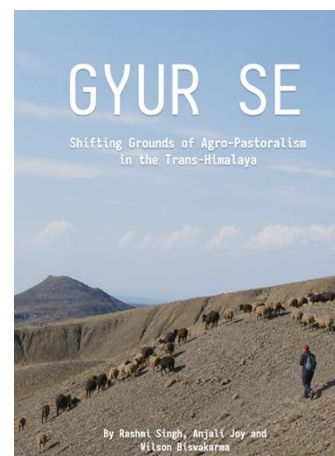




Gyur Se: Shifting Grounds of Agro-Pastoralism in the Trans-Himalaya (2026)

Directors: Rashmi Singh, Anjali Joy and Wilson Biswakarma

In one of the world's highest human habitations, where temperatures plunge to -40°C and winters once cut the region off from the outside world for nearly six months, the people of Spiti continue to live and thrive. Rooted in a delicate balance of agriculture and animal keeping, they are known as agro-pastoralists — custodians of a way of life shaped by resilience, adaptation, and deep ecological understanding. Today, Spiti is increasingly known as a year-round tourist destination, aided by expanding connectivity and a changing climate. Yet beyond this emerging image lies a more complex and intimate story of people, livelihoods, and landscapes in transition.



More information (PDF):

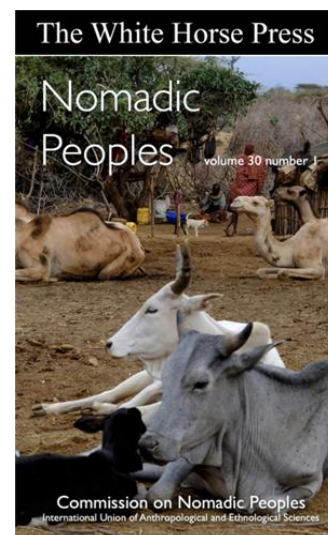
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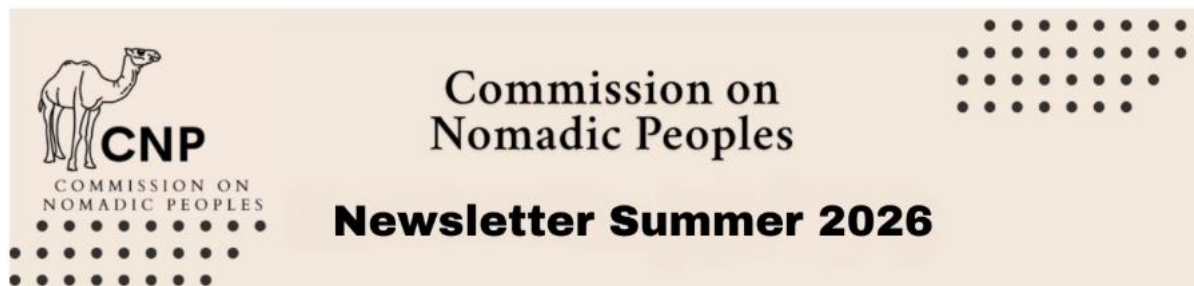
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Nomadic Peoples Journal

The Special Issue *Collective Rights to Land and Resources: An Institutional Perspective on Pastoralism in Africa*, guest edited by Giordano Marmone and Kelly Askew, was published in March 2026. You can find the most recent (and all older) issues of *Nomadic Peoples* [here](https://liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/toc/whpnp/30/1): <https://liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/toc/whpnp/30/1>

Up next, in October 2026, a double special issue will reflect on the IYRP 2026 and *Pastoralists and COVID-19*, guest edited by Angela Kronenburg García, Joana Roque de Pinho and Annemiek Pas Schrijver. Stay tuned!





Recent events with proceedings and recordings

More and more events are recorded and made available via conference proceedings, Zoom recordings, and other ways of documentation. We are therefore introducing a new section to celebrate and make these events easier to find. If you have had an event that is accessible to our readers, please let us know.

Pastoralism in India: Changes and Continuity — A Hybrid International Conference

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad, May 8–9, 2026. Rashmi Singh (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad) convened this conference.

Conference proceedings are available on their webpage:

<https://www.indianpastoralism.org/>

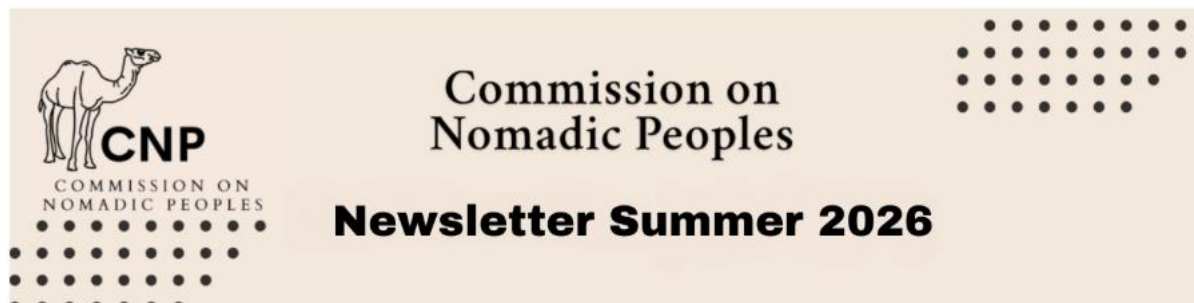


A Joint Webinar by the IUAES Commission on Anthropology of Religion and the IUAES Commission on Human Rights

June 25, 2026. The CNP is an early member of the IUAES and its Council of Commissions (CoC). IUAES Commissions often organize collaborative activities, such as joint webinars, conference panels and round tables.

The IUAES Commission on the Anthropology of Religion and the IUAES Commission on Human Rights convened a joint *Religion and Ecology* webinar that included Joana Roque de Pinho (Centro de Estudos Internacionais, Iscte-IUL, Portugal). Feel free to get in touch with us if you are interested in IUAES Commissions. You can find information about them [here](https://waunet.org/iuaes/list-of-commissions/): <https://waunet.org/iuaes/list-of-commissions/>





Upcoming events

Nomadic Futures: Cultural Rights, Knowledge Systems, Climate Resilience

International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilizations under the auspices of UNESCO (IISNC), Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 19–21 August 2026.

Coinciding with COP17 to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP 2026), this conference will critically examine the status of cultural rights and political recognition for mobile pastoralists and nomadic peoples. Cultural rights, ways of knowing and climate resilience will be explored as integrated elements rather than separate spheres.

Conference details: <https://unesco-iisnc.org/event/nomadic-futures-cultural-rights-knowledge-systems-climate-resilience/>

Are you coming to the *Nomadic Futures* conference? A large number of CNP members will be in attendance — send us an email so we are sure to include you in a CNP Get Together (time/date tbd).

Navigating Towards Equitable and Sustainable Food Systems: Symposium Within the Context of the International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralists, Highlighting African Perspectives.

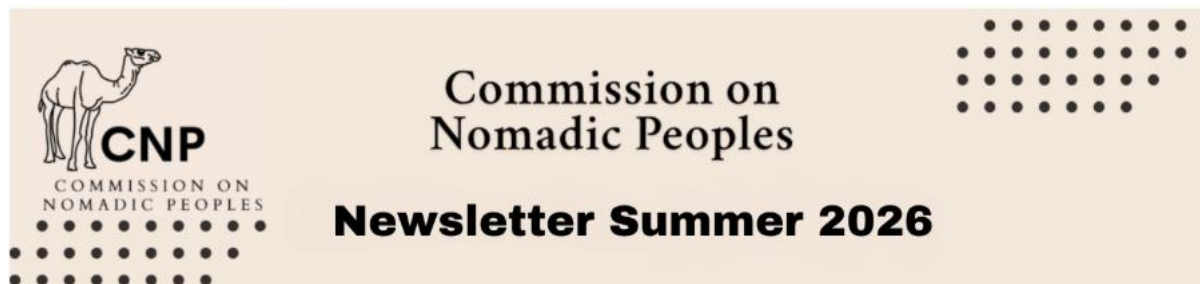
Omnia, Podium, Hoge Steeg 2, Wageningen, The Netherlands. September 11, 2026.
Participants abroad can connect online. A link will be sent upon registration.

Registration and programme updates:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=5TfRJx92wU2viNjKMkUxj1KHc_4Z16pPiisA2qP-yG9UNFAyU1NYU1NKVVhDRVBYWloxVUFYM0M2US4u&route=shorturl

Contact: han.vandijk@wur.nl

This half-day symposium will explore pathways for transforming food systems in ecologically fragile areas toward greater sustainability and equity: What are the key elements for moving forward while taking environmental considerations and conflict sensitivity into account? Which interventions can strengthen resilient, climate-smart rangelands, pastoral systems and rural livelihoods? How can we enhance the role of women and youth in food production and value creation, and expand meaningful income-generating opportunities for them?



World Anthropological Union Congress — WAU 2027, Lisbon, Portugal. Save the date!

As part of the IUAES Council of Commissions, the CNP encourages members to submit panels and papers to the upcoming WAU congress that will take place in Lisbon, Portugal on August 31st – September 4th, 2027. Stay tuned for concrete information soon!

<https://waunet.org/wcaa/news/please-save-the-date-for-the-world-anthropological-union-wau-congress-2027/>

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WAU CONGRESS 2027

SAVE THE DATE!

Lisbon, 31 August-4 September



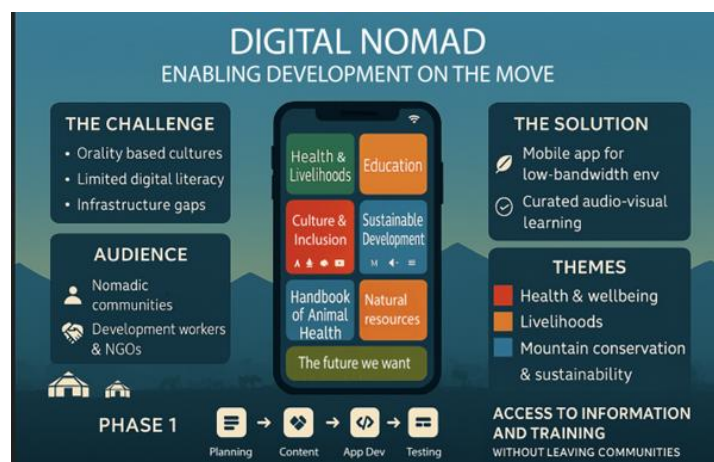
Digital developments

The Digital Nomad Project

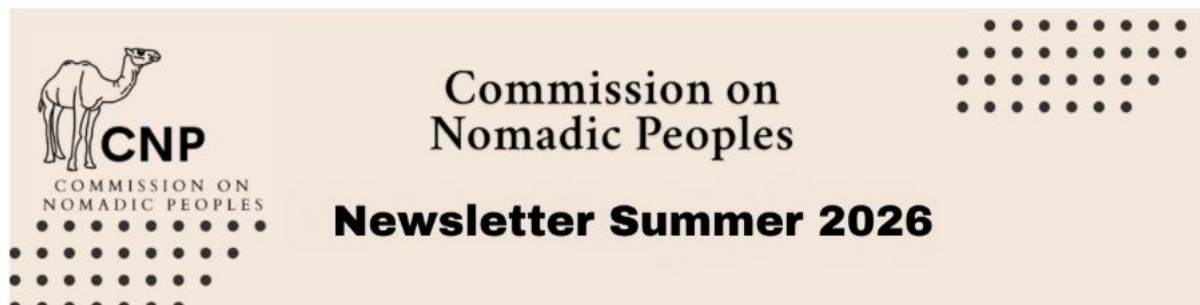
The Digital Nomad Project (<https://www.plateauperspectives.org/en/project/digital-nomad/>) by Plateau Perspectives is developing a web-based and smartphone-accessible platform that functions both online and offline, enabling the delivery of information and training in low-bandwidth environments. The initiative focuses on supporting nomadic and pastoralist communities — especially in the mountain regions of Central Asia — by making practical, high-value learning materials easily accessible.

The platform is being designed to host three main types of content: video series, handbooks or chapter-based books, and curated document clusters on specific themes.

As a first demo, the team is integrating the Handbook of Animal Health (2018, see above) into the system, with the authors' permission. This resource, originally produced for community animal health workers and pastoralists, is being adapted into smaller, navigable segments for use on both web and mobile interfaces. To further enhance accessibility for users who may have limited experience with written technical materials, the project also aims to complement the handbook with short summary elements, such as teaser videos or audio-visual syntheses of key chapters. All supplementary content will be reviewed to ensure accuracy and suitability.



Chapters are now available in a bite-size, smartphone-based reading experience. Check it out here: <https://iahc-app.netlify.app/eng/>. The technical development of this project is led by an experienced IT specialist, drawing on long-standing expertise in digital tools for low-resource contexts. Feedback and collaboration with practitioners in animal health, pastoralist development, and related fields are welcomed as the project moves forward. **Contact:** Marc Fogglin fogglin@plateauperspectives.org <https://www.plateauperspectives.org/en/>



Mapping Threats to Pastoralists Initiative — League of Pastoral Peoples (LPP)

On June 5th, 2026, the *Mapping Threats to Pastoralists* webinar discussed the diverse threats facing pastoralists and efforts to map these threats to improve conditions for pastoralists. The [map](#), a work in progress, shows threats that pastoralists face worldwide — such as in their access to land and other resources they need to maintain their lifestyle: water, minerals, and the routes they follow to reach these.

- Watch the full [webinar](#) that launched the threats map: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qg8L1Ju0Ek>
- View the [presentation](#) of the threats map: <https://www.pastoralpeoples.org/presentation-on-threats-to-pastoralism/>

The map depends on contributions from you! You are invited to contribute to this important mapping initiative in one of two ways:

- Fill in the data input [form](#) (preferred option): <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralist-threats>
- Send an email to mapping@pastoralpeoples.org with a detailed description of the threat.

In both cases, please include the following information:

You: Your name, the name of your organization, and your contact details (kept confidential).

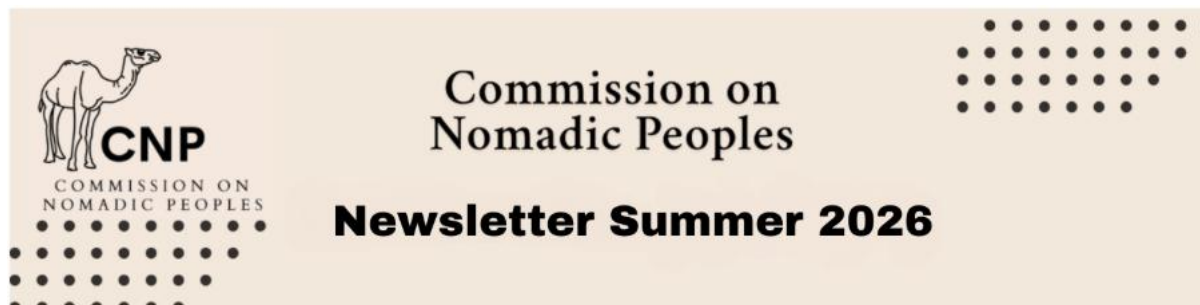
Overview: General information about the threat.

Location details: Where is the threat occurring? Who is affected?

Threat details: Detailed information about the nature of the threat in 100 words or less, plus how the community is responding (also up to 100 words).

Information sources: Where does this information come from? Please provide details of publications, websites, news articles, etc. We cannot include information without suitable supporting evidence.

Find out more about this crucial initiative here: <https://www.pastoralpeoples.org/threats-to-pastoralism/> **Contact:** Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, ilse@pastoralpeoples.org, and Paul Mundy, paul@mamud.com.



Updates and connections

Are you keen on connecting with fellow CNP members or sharing your expertise or services? Feel free to send us (nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com) a small pitch or introduction, and we will share it here.

Meet Sonum Sumaria

Sonum is an award-winning documentary filmmaker based in London. Trained at the Cuban film school EICTV and MetFilm School London, and with thirteen years of experience working with nomadic and marginalized communities — including her most recent feature *Under the Open Sky*, which follows a family of nomadic camel-herders in Western India (see above). Sonum is looking to collaborate with researchers and anthropologists. If you are working with nomadic or indigenous communities and could use a documentary filmmaker, she would love to hear from you: sonumsumaria@gmail.com | www.undertheopensky.org

Nomadic art at the 2026 Venice Biennale

How fitting that nomadism was highlighted at this year's Venice Biennale in the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists!

Read more: Kyrgyzstan pavilion brings nomadism to the 2026 Venice Biennale
(<https://timesca.com/kyrgyzstan-pavilion-brings-nomadism-to-the-2026-venice-biennale/>)

At the center of Kyrgyzstan's 2026 pavilion is [Alexey Morosov](#), a Bishkek-born artist who has lived and worked in Italy for years. He chose the former church of Santa Caterina at Convitto Foscari, in Venice's Cannaregio district, as the setting for **BELEK**, the Kyrgyz word for “gift.”

The exhibition unfolds across three interconnected themes: water, the relationship between humans and horses, and the *Manas* epic.