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### **Biography**

Dr Emiline Smith is a Lecturer in Criminology at the School of Social and Political Sciences. She is a member of the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research, the Trafficking Culture Research Consortium, and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime. She is also a Fellow at the Centre for Criminology at the University of Hong Kong, and an advisor for the Nepal Heritage Recovery Campaign. Prior to becoming a Lecturer at the University of Glasgow, she obtained a PhD in Criminology at the University of Glasgow and worked as a Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Liverpool in Singapore.

Her research concerns the trafficking of cultural and natural resources, such as antiquities and wildlife. Her research primarily focuses on Asia; she has done fieldwork in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. She explores how and why participants take part in illicit transnational trades, and how urban settings, especially so-called 'global cities', facilitate such trade. She is further interested in plastic waste disposal and its impact on marine environments.

Dr Smith recently wrote and published a children's book titled 'Pema and the Stolen Statue from Dolpa'. Illustrated by Krisha Tamrakar (Artudio, Kathmandu), this trilingual storybook highlights the unique cultural and natural heritage of one of Nepal's most isolated and remote regions, Dolpa. The book was formally launched at the Taragaon Next in Kathmandu on 3 December 2021, and accompanied by a special museum exhibition about the Dolpa region. The story centres around a young girl named Pema, who learns more about the unique cultural heritage of her region. She sets off to return a stolen statue to its rightful place.