

## Student Activism in Nepal



Student demonstration in front of the TU campus, 2008

- 32 students out of 605 has passed their first-term examination.
- Escalation of demonstration invited armed police intervention.
- Hundreds got arrested. Demonstration continued for weeks.
- Students demands included change in exam questions, fewer restrictions in enrollments, and lowering down the passing grades, and changes in the syllabus contents.



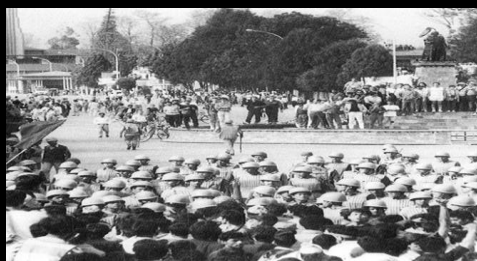
Tiananmen Square, China - Student protest, 1989

- Student-led demonstrations in Beijing in 1989. Which is also famously known as '89 Democracy movement
- The students called for democracy, greater accountability, freedom of the press, and freedom of the speech.
- Rise of the students, demand for democracy and domestic political movements and development.



Rana Dynasty 1885-1951

- Brought political and administrative changes; opening of the political borders and education
- Education was limited to the Royal Rana's and the relatives of the Rana's
- Educated, unsatisfied with the Rana policy, young Rana's formed coalition with other parties and Shah's to overthrow the regime



Student-led Movement 1972

- The Shah Dynasty ruled Nepal from 1951 to 2008.
- Shah's established the Panchayat system from 1960 -1990, after parliamentary democracy failed.
- Between 1970 -80 Anti-Panchayat movement were observed for the first time by student activist supporting Mao manifesto which led to National referendum.
- In 1972, student were observed demanding People's democracy followed by a call to lift the ban on political parties.

Does 'Agency' have to be strictly of the individual and does it have to be fully and consciously intentional in order to be 'agentive'?