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## ***New Directions for the System of Rice Intensification in Nepal: Mechanization and Biofertilizers***

**Ram Bahadur Khadka**  
**Friday, December 9, 2016**  
**12:00-1:00 PM**  
**102 Mann Library**



*Refreshments provided*

Ram Bahadur Khadka is an agronomist with the Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC), currently on leave to do a PhD at Ohio State University, Wooster. He has been involved in development and dissemination of SRI practice in Nepal since 2008. Khadka started his career as program coordinator for an EU-funded FAO project on food security in Far Western Nepal. His team introduced SRI in this region and accelerated its spread to more than 1000 farmers in two seasons through Farmer Field Schools.

Khadka joined NARC in 2012, working on different aspects of SRI to make its practices more feasible in local contexts, including mechanization for small-scale farmers who have labor constraints. His current research includes use of beneficial microbes (*Trichoderma*) to help boost rice productivity under SRI management when dealing with biotic and abiotic stresses..

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