



# SRI LANKA WORKSHOP

**ESRC GCRF NETWORK ON CONFLICT,  
JUSTICE & DEVELOPMENT**

**WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**

*7-13 January 2018*

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Monday 8th January

International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Colombo

09.30-10.30      Update on network activities from Kirsten Ainley. Briefing on TJ in Sri Lanka and workshop programme from Mario Gomez and Alan Keenan.

10.30-10.45      Coffee

10.45-12.45      **Panel 1:** 'Expectation and Despair: A Country Struggling to Transition'

**Moderator:** Alan Keenan

**P. Saravanamuttu**, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Alternatives

**Gehan Gunatilleke**, D.Phil candidate, Oxford University and Research Director, Verite Research

**Harini Amarasuriya**, Senior Lecturer, Open University

**Farzana Haniffa**, Senior Lecturer, University of Colombo

12.45-14.00      Lunch – catered, at ICES

14.00-15.30      **Panel 2:** 'Inclusion and Exclusion'

**Moderator:** Mario Gomez

**P. Muthulingam**, Institute for Social Development

**Niran Anketell**, South Asia Centre for Legal Studies

**Kushil Gunasekera**, Foundation for Goodness

15.30-16.00      Coffee

16.00-18.00

**Public Event:** 'Justice, Conflict and Development'**Moderator:** Radhika Coomaraswamy**Stephen Oola** – 'The Legacy of Joseph Kony: Transition and Development in Uganda'**Mette Nielsen** – 'Nepal's Transition'**Camilo Sanchez** – 'The Forthcoming Presidential Election and the Peace Process in Colombia'**Dareen Khalifa** – 'Justice before Transition in Syria'**Alan Keenan** – 'The Many Faces of Justice and the Crisis of the International: Lessons from Sri Lanka'

## Tuesday 9th January

International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Colombo

09.00-11.00

**Panel 3:** 'State Reform and Urban Development'**Moderator:** Chandra Sriram**Dinesha Samaratne**, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo**Jayadeva Uyangoda**, Former Professor of Political Science, University of Colombo**Neloufer de Mel**, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo**Iromi Perera**, independent researcher, former Senior Researcher at Centre for Policy Alternatives

11.00-11.30

Coffee

11.30-13.00

'Demons in Paradise', a documentary film by Jude Ratnam

13.00-14.00

Lunch at ICES and discussion with Director

**Moderator:** Kirsten Ainley

14.00-15.30

Network members only session



## Wednesday 10th January

### Dambulla Temple

- 10.30 Visit to Dambulla Temple and an introduction to recent Muslim – Buddhist tensions – accompanied by Iromi Perera
- 13.30 Lunch at Jetwing Lake hotel
- 15.00 Drive to Trincomalee

## Thursday 11th January

### Community Centre, Sampur and Amaranthe Bay Resort

- 08.00 **Visit to Sampur and discussion:**  
**J.M. Azhar**, President, Rural Economic and Community Development Organization (REDCO), Kantale  
**Ruki Fernando**, INFORM documentation centre  
**K. Kirishnapillai, V. Sithravel, A. Thayaharan, Chandra Mohan, J. Rohini, K. Selvaraja**, Sampur residents and land rights activists
- 14.00 Visit to Koneswaran Hindu Temple
- 15.00 Visit to Naval Camp in Trinco (TBC)

## Friday 12th January

### Amaranthe Bay Resort

- 09.30 **Panel 4:** 'Political, Economic and Social Dynamics of the East and North', Part Two  
**Father Yogeswaran**, Director, Centre for Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Trincomalee  
**Sarala Emmanuel**, Suriya Women's Development Centre, Batticaloa  
**Ruki Fernando**, INFORM  
**Moderator:** Alan Keenan
- 11.00 Coffee

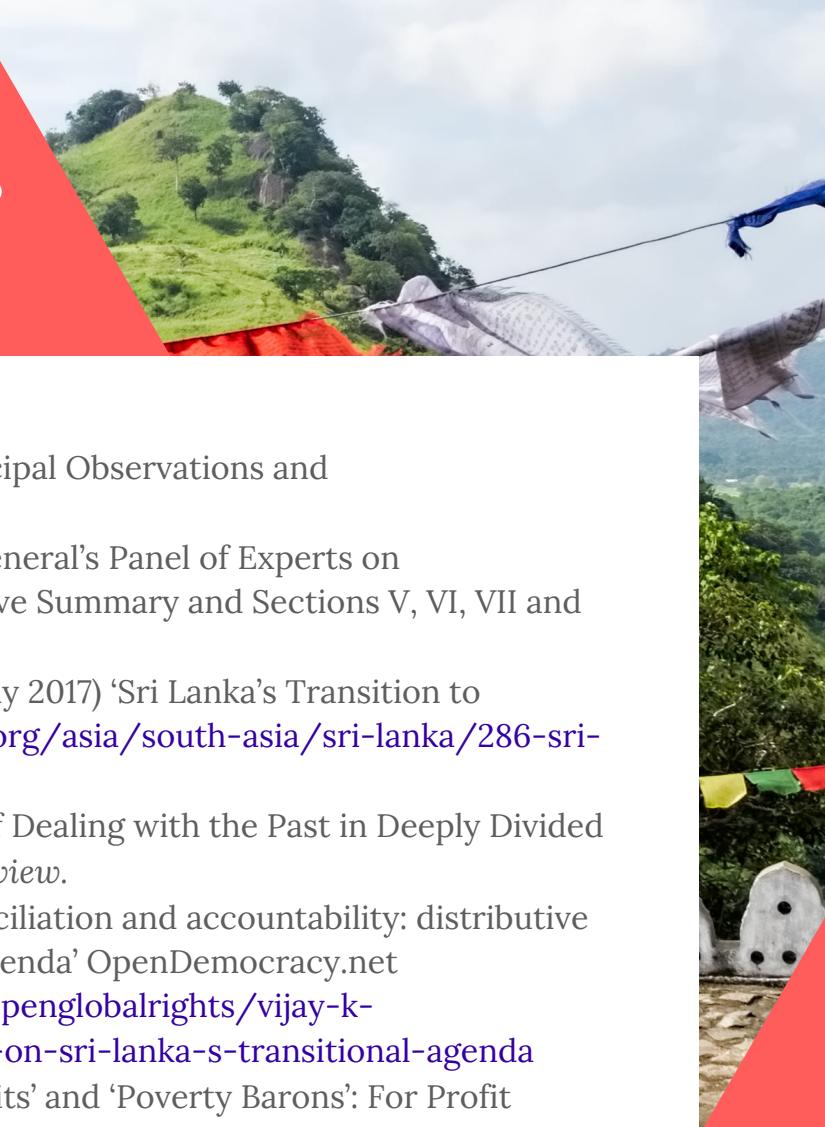
11.30 Drive to Colombo

## Saturday 13th January

International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) Colombo

09.00 Optional all-day workshop: "Justice in Transition: A Comparative Assessment of Impact", South Asian Centre for Legal Studies. Organised by Isabelle Lassee (Head of Programmes, South Asian Centre for Legal Studies) and Geoff Dancy, Department of Political Science, Tulane University.

## READING FOR SRI LANKA WORKSHOP



1. The LLRC Report – Chapter 9 Principal Observations and Recommendations.

2. The Report of the UN Secretary General's Panel of Experts on Accountability in Sri Lanka – Executive Summary and Sections V, VI, VII and VIII.

3. The International Crisis Group (May 2017) 'Sri Lanka's Transition to Nowhere' <https://www.crisisgroup.org/asia/south-asia/sri-lanka/286-sri-lanka-s-transition-nowhere>

4. Mario Gomez (2017) 'The Politics of Dealing with the Past in Deeply Divided Sri Lanka', *Harvard Human Rights Review*.

5. Vijay Nagaraj (2016) 'Beyond reconciliation and accountability: distributive justice and Sri Lanka's transitional agenda' OpenDemocracy.net <https://www.opendemocracy.net/openglobalrights/vijay-k-nagaraj/putting-distributive-justice-on-sri-lanka-s-transitional-agenda>

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8. Kristine Höglund & Camilla Orjuela (2013) 'Friction and the pursuit of justice in post-war Sri Lanka', *Peacebuilding*, 1(3) 300-316.

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9. The International Crisis Group (28 July 2017) 'Sri Lanka's Conflict-Affected Women: Dealing with the Legacy of War': <https://www.crisisgroup.org/asia/south-asia/sri-lanka/289-sri-lankas-conflict-affected-women-dealing-legacy-war>

10. Rebekka Friedman (forthcoming) 'Remnants of a Checkered Past: Social Reintegration in Post-War Sri Lanka', *International Studies Quarterly*.



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