



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

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09.00-11.00 **Panel 3:** 'State Reform and Urban Development'

Moderator: Chandra Sriram

Dinesha Samararatne, 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>
6. Vijay Nagaraj (2015) "Beltway Bandits' and 'Poverty Barons': For Profit International Development Contracting and the Military-Development Assemblage', *Development and Change* 46(4): 585-617.
7. Vijay Nagaraj (2014) "A Very Highly Political Job': Human Rights Practice, 'The Political', and Practitioners' Dilemmas in Sri Lanka', *Journal of Human Rights Practice* 6(3): 399-421 (co-authored with Shermal Wijewardene).
8. Kristine Höglund & Camilla Orjuela (2013) 'Friction and the pursuit of justice in post-war Sri Lanka', *Peacebuilding*, 1(3) 300-316.

On gendered aspects of TJ:

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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