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Professor Romila Thapar delivered the
11th Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture
“Of Histories and Identities” at the SLFI
Auditorium on 1 August 2010.



Field visit to Vavuniya, USIP project.

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PROFILE

Established in 1982, the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) is one of Asia's leading research centres, focusing on ethnicity, identity politics, conflict and conflict resolution, post-war reconstruction, democracy and governance, human rights, development and gender. The mission of ICES is to *deepen the understanding of ethnicity, identity politics and conflict, and to foster conditions for an inclusive, just and peaceful society nationally, regionally and globally, through research, publication, dialogue, creative expression and knowledge transfer.*

ICES engages in academic research, advocacy on key policy matters and endeavours to create a critical mass of people who believe in cultural pluralism and tolerance. For three decades, ICES has strived to evolve a model of historically sensitive, theoretical and empirical research, publications and debate on key socio-political issues in the global South. It has been particularly influential in shaping policy and public imagination on issues of ethnic diversity and constitutional reforms in Sri Lanka. ICES provides a vibrant and dynamic intellectual environment for academic and policy dialogues, discussions, seminars, publications and socially-engaged literature, art and cinema.

ICES is governed by a board of directors consisting of eminent scholars and practitioners. The Board of the Centre formulates the broad policy of ICES that is executed by a multi-ethnic core staff headed by an Executive Director.

Each of the two offices in Colombo and Kandy has its own academic personality, with its special concerns and emphases, while sharing the same vision and collaborating closely in pursuit of a common mission and a goal.

In addition to its research staff, ICES benefits from a wide global network of eminent researchers, practitioners, frequent international research fellows and interns who contribute to research projects and to shaping the Centre's work.

ICES has a culture of working collaboratively and conducts its projects with partners in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America drawn from academic institutions, policy institutes, women's organisations, and community-based groups among others.

The ICES library is one of the most sought after academic resource centres in Sri Lanka, housing a range of publications on ethnicity, culture, identity, religion, women's studies, politics, law and history.

ICES receives funding from a range of bilateral and multilateral donors and foundations including Ford Foundation, CIDA, IDRC, Diakonia and NORAD.

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VISION

A world which celebrates diversity anchored in the fundamental unity of the human species.

GOAL

To contribute towards relevant rigorous intellectual traditions that recognise our common humanity and promote our diverse identities, and to generate ideas that inform and guide policies and institutions in order to promote justice, equity and peaceful coexistence.

MISSION

To deepen the understanding of ethnicity, identity politics and conflict, and to foster conditions for an inclusive, just and peaceful society nationally, regionally and globally, through research, publication, dialogue, creative expression and knowledge transfer.

RESEARCH

The ICES is independent and international in its research, outlook and audience, with a natural emphasis on Sri Lanka and South Asia. Projects are a synthesis of detailed country analyses and broader regional analyses, all placed within the global context. The multi-dimensional approach adopted by the ICES in its research is directed at the enrichment of conceptual, theoretical as well as empirical understanding of ethnicity, ethnic conflict and conflict resolution in particular and of all other issues that come under the purview of its research portfolio in general.

The Centre has consistently produced cutting-edge literature on ethnicity and related socio-economic, political and cultural processes. Its research portfolio shown below reflects a wide geographical and thematic diversity of interests that have a bearing upon contemporary issues of governance worldwide.

ICES's research, policy interventions and discussions have traditionally been in the following four broad areas:

- **Ethnicity, Identity and Violence** - Protecting the endless diversity of identities, and promoting coexistence; and continuing to understand the problem of the perpetration, witnessing and survival of violence.
- **State, Politics and Power** - Promoting understanding of the state; and contributing towards the development of a state that is more responsive to the needs of the community
- **Justice and the Struggle for Peace** - Deepening understanding of, and catalysing improved policies for, social and reparative justice and inclusive peace; and strengthening mechanisms and capacity in human and minority rights
- **Gender and Sexuality** - Providing a feminist analysis of gender and sexuality; re-conceptualising VAW interventions in conflict and other settings; and strengthening the role of women as political decision makers at all levels.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Celebrating Diversity
Generating New Ideas

ICES at 30

The International Centre for Ethnic Studies completed 30 years in 2012. Over these 30 years the ICES been at the forefront of research and civic action in this country generating fresh ideas, intervening in existing debates, stimulating new ones, and providing a vibrant space for intellectuals and artists. The ICES remains committed to its mission to *deepen the understanding of ethnicity, identity politics and conflict, and to foster conditions for an inclusive, just and peaceful society nationally, regionally and globally, through research, publication, dialogue, creative expression and knowledge transfer.*

In the past four years the ICES has contributed to the discourse and debates on reconciliation through research, policy intervention and art. In these four years the ICES has critically analysed post-war policy and practice and focused on generating ideas to inform and guide policies and institutions in order to facilitate healing, promote peaceful coexistence and pursue justice.

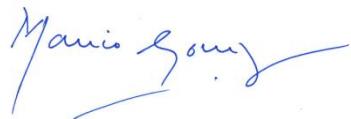
The end of the war in May 2009 raised the hopes of all Sri Lankans that the challenges of state reform, power sharing, language parity, social equity, gender equality, vulnerability, social healing and social marginalization would be addressed in a principled and sustained manner. Despite the absence of obvious violent conflict over these past three and a half years, few concrete and creative steps have been taken to draw on the multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-lingual fabric of the country and to seek long term answers to these lingering problems. Many of them continue to simmer and boil and new challenges have emerged.

The most troubling aspect of post-war life has been the rapidly shrinking space for intellectual debate, dissent, and civic action. Public debates have tended to be parochial and narrow rather than celebrating diversity and encouraging a plurality of opinions. It is in an environment such as this that rigorous intellectual inquiry, principled interventions and socially relevant art become even more important.

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Over the next few years the ICES will continue to celebrate diversity and provide a space for scholars and artists to generate new ideas that can help shape more equitable and egalitarian futures. The institution will continue to pursue cutting edge research; conduct 'out of the box' and relevant academic initiatives; encourage socially relevant artistic activity; and intervene in policy debates and institutional practice, locally and globally.

In the past the ICES has attracted talented young scholars and mentored them towards excellence. It will continue to look for new researchers from Sri Lanka and outside and seek to build its capacity to make socially relevant interventions and to enhance the space for intellectual and policy intervention.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mario Gomez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Mario" on top and "Gomez" below it, both ending in a flourish.

Dr Mario Gomez
Executive Director

14th February 2013

ICES, COLOMBO

RESEARCH

The Research undertaken during 2009-2012 straddled the themes of post-war reconciliation, development, state reform, and justice and identity politics and gender. During this period ICES, Colombo launched a new series of research papers and working papers in order to present on-going research at ICES for discussion and debate.

Post-War Justice, Reconciliation and Development

Through in-depth research conducted in-house, quantitative surveys as well as a series of commissioned papers, since 2009 ICES has been exploring the complex and contested nature of building peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka, taking into account the history of the conflict and the current socio-political and economic configurations. While the term reconciliation is easily and often invoked by politicians, civil society organisations, international community, the clergy etc., it clearly has a multiplicity of meanings. Through these research studies, we are hoping to de-construct these diverse understandings, whether dominant, alternative or subaltern in all its differing strands—as truth, justice and accountability, political reform, or economic reconstruction; the significance of substantive initiatives versus the purely symbolic, myth versus reality or psychological versus material; and the impact of factors such as political will, financial resources, time and moral imagination in reconciliation processes.

Development is the Solution, What is the Problem?

Principal Researcher: Sumith Chaaminda Leelaratne

Research Assistants: T. Waradas, Begum Rahman, Vishalanee Jayarajan

Period: January 2009 – June 2013

Supported by: Diakonia



Karainagar Fisheries Harbour, Jaffna

Two development projects titled “Uthuru Wasanthaya” (Northern Spring) and “Negenahira Navodaya” (Reawakening of the East) were initiated in the North and East of Sri Lanka by the government during the last phase of the war. The political strategy behind these two development projects was not concealed from the outset; the government

authorities interpreted them as a part of their larger project of integrating ethnic minorities into the state and development. One possible interpretation of this development strategy is that it aims at winning over active or passive consent of ethnic minorities towards the state so that state power is consolidated in Tamil populated areas. Against this background, it is important to study whether political dimensions of power, control, and hegemony do function within these post-war development projects. This study is an inquiry about the possible political articulations of development and their prospective outcomes with regard to the post-war Sri Lankan context.

From War to Peace – People's Perceptions from the North and East

Principal Researchers: Minna Thaheer and Pradeep Peiris

Research Assistant: Kasun Pathiraja

Period: February 2012 – June 2013

Supported by: Diakonia

This is a study that traces the process of reconciliation in Sri Lanka since May 2009 to December 2012, from the prism of people's perceptions, especially that of the resettling communities in the North and East directly affected by the war. This is an attempt to comprehend social phenomena as perceived by the people who are also the subjects of the study.

The study will attempt both a qualitative and quantitative assessment of perceptions of reconciliation processes. The qualitative study will be based on information elicited from interviews with the subject's life—world in the districts of Mannar, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya, Trincomalee and Batticaloa. This exercise is framed to trace a path of inquiry on the overlapping existence of the perceptions of the governed and the governing and will seek to document rival narratives, histories, geography and demography in the period since the end of the war.

The quantitative study will be based on a survey of 600 respondents conducted in resettlement villages across five districts—Mannar, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya and Trincomalee. This is primarily designed to understand how communities conceptualised the term 'reconciliation' and what they hoped to achieve from the reconciliation process.



A fleet of abandoned bicycles along Pudumathalan road, Mullaitivu.

Short Research Papers

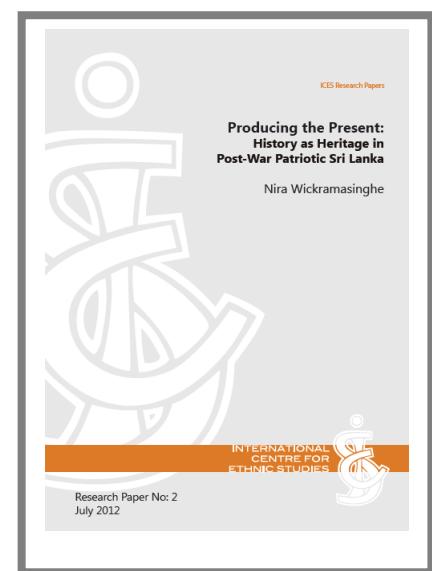
ICES, Colombo has commissioned over 20 research papers on the theme of post-war reconciliation, justice and development covering a wide range of issues such as: the role of cinema in post-war reconciliation, women's testimonies before the LLRC, the role of judiciary in reconciliation. Four papers have been published:

- “**The Transition to Civilian Life of Teenage Girls and Young Women Ex-Combatants: A Case Study from Batticaloa**” by Sonny Inbaraj Krishnan: Published in June 2012

This study focuses on the reintegration processes of both ex-combatants who have been rehabilitated and released by the GoSL and the former girl-child soldiers who self-demobilised in 2004. The author argues that disabled ex-combatants, more so female disabled ex-combatants, face serious reintegration obstacles in the absence of specific medical and psychosocial care in communities.

- “**Producing the Present: History as Heritage in Post-War Patriotic Sri Lanka**” by Nira Wickramasinghe: Published in August 2012

This paper explores the consolidation by a patriotic post-conflict state of a notion of history reinvented as national heritage. The distinction between history as an analysis of the past and heritage was rarely made explicit in the public discourse of Sri Lanka. After the war ended the distinction disappeared entirely except in some rare university history departments. Heritage as we understand it, is present centred and is created, shaped and managed by and in response to, the demands of the present. It is to follow David Lowenthal, ‘Heritage is not History’. While it borrows from and enlivens historical study, heritage is not an enquiry into the past but a celebration of it. The distinction between heritage and history is one of motive. Heritage is best understood as a claim, a special pleading. History in post-war Sri Lanka has abandoned specialised journals to inhabit and flourish in theatre, film, videos and pamphlets encouraged by the patriotic state. Professional historians too have either left the public sphere or acquiesced in the production of a history/heritage.



- “**Reconciling What? History, Realism and the Problem of an Inclusive Sri Lankan Identity**” by Harshana Rambukwella: Published in August 2012

This paper examines the lack of an inclusive pan-Sri Lankan identity in relation to literary representations and understandings of nation, looking specifically at the work of the English language writing of Yasmine Gooneratne and Ambalavaner Sivanandan and the Sinhala writing of Gunadasa Amarasekara. While Sri Lankan history may not yield much evidence of an inclusive national identity one needs to

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raise the question as to why literature, which might be seen as a discourse where the improbable and idealistic is often explored, has failed to yield such a conception of idealistic nationhood. The tentative answer to this complex and multifaceted question proposed here is that it is related to the dominance of historical consciousness within the Sri Lankan cultural imagination and the choice of realism as a mode of representation.

- “**Fishing in Turbulent Waters**” by **Sumith Chaaminda**: ICES Working Paper No. 2, Published in September 2012

Using the fishing industry in the Northern and Eastern provinces as a case-study, the author assesses the extent to which the government’s development initiatives have contributed towards reducing ethnic tensions in the war-affected areas. This paper argues that rather than opening new avenues towards ethnic reconciliation, the government’s post-war development strategy has led to an increased asymmetry in the distribution of the benefits of economic growth between ethnic communities.

Other papers in this series that we hope to publish in 2013 include Organisational Politics and Negotiated Order in the Canadian Tamil Diaspora: 1978-2012 by Amarnath Amarasingham; Building a Peaceful Future by Recognising the Past by Hammad Sheikh, Eranda Jayawickreme, Nuwan Jayawickreme and Jeremy Ginges; Speaking of Justice: Women’s Testimonies and the LLRC in Post-War Sri Lanka by Neloufer de Mel.

While all papers in this series will not be printed as hard copies, ICES has created an email list of approximately 750 persons for circulation of all research papers which include, representatives of civil society organisations, academics, activists, policy-makers and diplomatic staff. Some of the publications will also be translated into Sinhala and Tamil.

Under the theme of ‘Reconciliation, from Invoking to Understanding’ ICES is also publishing short summaries of some of the research papers in newspapers and on Groundviews, the citizen journalism website, for wider dissemination. The list of articles can be viewed at the following link:
<http://groundviews.org/category/issues/reconciliation-from-invoking-to-understanding/>



State, Politics and Power

Politics of State Reform

Principal Researchers: Nilu Abeyratne and Sanayi Marcelline

Research Assistants: Geethika Dharmasinghe, Raasu Mohanraj, Niyanthini Kadirgamar, Divya Martin

Period: June 2009 – February 2011

Supported by: World Bank

The principal aims of this research were to identify and study past attempts at state reform to resolve the ethnic conflict, understand the structural impediments and politics behind these attempts and the reasons for their failure from the perspectives of both the political elites and the subaltern or the ordinary citizen. **The online version of the publication was circulated in January 2012.**

(See <http://groundviews.org/2012/01/08/problem-solution-parameters-of-possibility/>)

Dr. Dayan Jayatileka commenting on this study wrote:

“Once you’ve dispensed with the layers of very proper titles, you realize what the report contains. It tells you what Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims think, today, over two years after the war, about the most contentious issues that have divided us over the post-independence decades. As if that weren’t important enough, it thereby tells you what the firm (possibly solid) contours of communitarian consciousness are, what the problem is, what the possible options are and which ones are impossible. Thus, the ICES survey gets to the crux of the matter.”

The Practice of Human Rights Claims-making in Sri Lanka: Towards a ‘Thick’ Description

Principal Researchers: Vijay Nagaraj and Shermal Wijewardene

Period: August 2012 – February 2013

Supported by: Diakonia

This project takes as its object of study *the practice of human rights claims-making in Sri Lanka*. By ‘practice’, the idea is to map human rights claims-making in terms of the performance of it, i.e. what human rights practitioners in non-government organisations (NGOs) do and how they speak in the service of human rights in Sri Lanka. As in many other parts of the world, ‘human rights’ in Sri Lanka is a highly controversial and contested discourse. Many state and non-state actors constantly critically comment on and evaluate the practice and invoking of human rights. The significance of this project lies in its objective to provide a ‘thick’ account of the issues of logic, discourse, politics, and ethics attending human rights claims-making, drawing on conversations with human rights practitioners themselves.

The main expected outcome of the project is *the development of new insights into the nature and dynamics of human rights practices and claims-making in Sri Lanka*. Its intention, with regard to this topic, is to support clear thinking; credible evidence; nuanced analysis; openness to diverse ideological orientations; and the prospect of moving forward from established knowledge.

Gender

Women in Local Government from 2006 to 2011: A Comparative Analysis of Representation of Women and Nominations for Women: ICES Working Paper No. 3

Principal Researcher: Chulani Kodikara

Research Assistants: Thyagaraja Waradas, Lakmali Piyaratne

Period: January 2010 to June 2012

Supported by: UN Women

This is a baseline study which was conducted by ICES to serve as a reference point or benchmark to enable a comparison between the 2006 and 2011 representation and nominations statistics and also as a tool to measure the impact of the *Changing Minds* programme (See section on Advocacy).

The focus of this study is twofold. Firstly, it compares the number of women elected to local authorities following the 2006 local government elections with figures from the 2008, 2009 and 2011 local government elections disaggregated by district, party and ethnicity across all 25 districts of the country. Secondly, it compares the number of nominations given to women at the 2006 and 2011 local government elections by the four major political parties—United People’s Freedom Alliance, United National Party, Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna and the Tamil National Alliance—disaggregated by ethnicity, in the districts of Badulla, Galle, Kurunegala, Moneragala and Trincomalee.

This study therefore unmasks and disaggregates national averages and statistics on representation and nominations with a view to identifying and analysing patterns and trends in representation and nomination of women in local government elections in Sri Lanka. The findings from this survey will inform a qualitative study of the *Changing Minds* programme as well as advocacy and public action seeking to enhance the number of women in local government in the country.

Who are the Women in Local Government?

Principal Researcher: Chulani Kodikara

Research Assistants: Lakmali Piyaratne, Kethakie Nagahawatte

Period: September 2011 – June 2013

Supported by: Diakonia

Following the 2011 local government elections there are 4,466 members elected to local authorities across the country, 90 (or 2.01%) of whom are women. While several studies have interrogated the obstacles that women face in entering all levels of government, there are hardly any studies which have sought to understand the success stories. “Who are the Women in Local Government” seeks to fill this gap firstly through a quantitative survey with all elected women in local authorities and an equivalent sample of men. The survey will be followed up with a qualitative study.

Feminist Responses to Domestic Violence in Sri Lanka

Principal Researcher: Chulani Kodikara

Research Assistants: Thiagi Piyadasa, Tehani Ariyaratne and Amila Wijesinghe

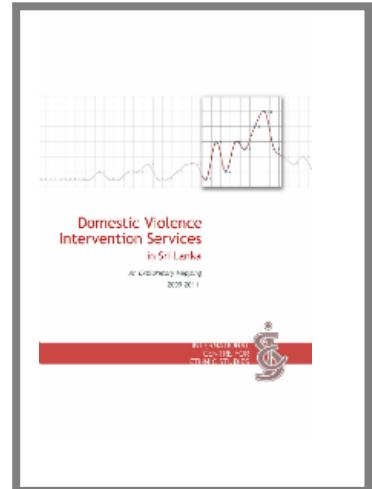
Period: May 2010 to June 2012

Supported by: Women Defining Peace

Building on past research conducted by ICES on violence against women, this research project sought to document and assess responses to domestic violence in Sri Lanka from a feminist perspective. The study was undertaken in a context where domestic violence has emerged as a critical issue of concern for women, even as activities to combat domestic violence have become more widespread. The initial institutional responses to the problem took the form of a few scattered initiatives by women’s groups, which have grown over the past few years/decades with extensive funding from various sources. To date, there has been no attempt to study these services in a systematic and comprehensive manner. Thus a mapping of organisational intervention services for victim-survivors of domestic violence was undertaken to fill this gap. Parallelly ICES, also studied the discourses around domestic violence, particularly in relation to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act passed in 2005. The findings of both studies have been published.

- **An Exploratory Mapping of Domestic Violence Intervention Services 2009 -2011 by Chulani Kodikara with Thiagi Piyadasa:**
First published in February 2012 and revised in July 2012

This study, based on a survey of 86 non-government organisations focuses on the provision of counselling, shelter, legal advice and legal aid, and health sector services for victim-survivors of domestic violence in Sri Lanka. The findings of the survey include information relating to geographical distribution of, and gaps in services, the languages in which services are provided, record-keeping and documentation, number of complaints handled by organisations in 2009, number of cases filed under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 2005, organisational perceptions about domestic violence as well as challenges faced in addressing the issue of domestic violence.



- **Only until the Rice is Cooked? Domestic Violence Act, Familial Ideology and Cultural Narratives in Sri Lanka, by Chulani Kodikara**
ICES Working Paper No. 1, Published in May 2012

This paper maps contemporary discourses on domestic violence in Sri Lanka, especially in connection with the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 2005 (PDVA). The negotiation of the PDVA was a site of struggle where differing discourses on domestic violence were in competition with each other, vying for the status of truth. While the final Act privileged a Politico-Bureaucratic understanding of violence rather than a feminist one, it is nevertheless a significant departure from the status quo on familial violence. More than six years after the enactment, the act is a remedy of last resort for women victim-survivors of domestic violence. Yet the official discourse on domestic violence still perceives it as a threat to the existing social order, echoing the resistance to its passage in parliament. Arguing that this discourse is marked not so much by a denial of the prevalence of domestic violence but by the tendency to normalise and legitimise it, the paper explore how familial ideology, cultural narratives and 'common sense' are being deployed to this end. Yet the emergence of this discourse signals the co-existence of 'competing possibles' and the PDVA continues to be an important discursive space for speaking about domestic violence in Sri Lanka which is crucial to strengthening the voices of victim-survivors and women's rights advocacy.

VISUAL MEDIA

Picturing Reconciliation: A Film Festival

Organised in collaboration with the Organisation for Visual Progression

Supported by: Swiss Embassy and Diakonia

Between September and December 2012 ICES organised a film festival titled ‘Picturing Reconciliation’ which brought together fifteen international and local films /documentaries which explored the meaning of peace and reconciliation in a post-war context while celebrating the power of individual and collective efforts and dialogue to bridge differences. The festival opened in Colombo (17-19 September) and travelled to Kandy (7-9 October), Matara (7-9 November) and Jaffna (23-25 November).The films include a number of internationally acclaimed films such as ‘*Iraq in Fragments*’, ‘*The Redemption of General Butt Naked*’, ‘*Enemies of the People*’ and ‘*Pray the Devil Back to Hell*’. The local films included ‘*Kerosene*’ by Kannan Arunasalam and ‘*A conversation with Chandragupta Thenuwara*’ by Sharni Jayawardena. The festival provided another forum to discuss and debate issues relating to truth, reconciliation, justice, and accountability through a ‘different lens’. All films were subtitled in Sinhala and Tamil.

ICES has now been invited to organise the festival in Batticaloa and Universities of Peradeniya and Kelaniya and will seek to do so in 2013.

Short Advocacy Videos

Potential for Solidarity

Produced in Collaboration with the Organisation for Visual Progression by Anouk de Soyza, 2011.

The end of war has created new avenues for collective action across Sri Lanka. The Potential for Solidarity examines instances of successful North-South collaboration in Sri Lanka’s fisheries, realigns divisive perceptions that have hindered solidarity during the war, and encourages island-wide collaboration.

Where are the Women in Local Government?

Produced in collaboration with Women and Media Collective and Organisation for Visual Progression by Chulani Kodikara and Jayachitra Velayudan, 2010.

Approx. 10 min

Shot in location in Badulla and Moneragala, this film seeks to raise awareness about the issue of under representation of women in local government at community level and with leaders of political parties.

ADVOCACY

LLRC Report Implementation

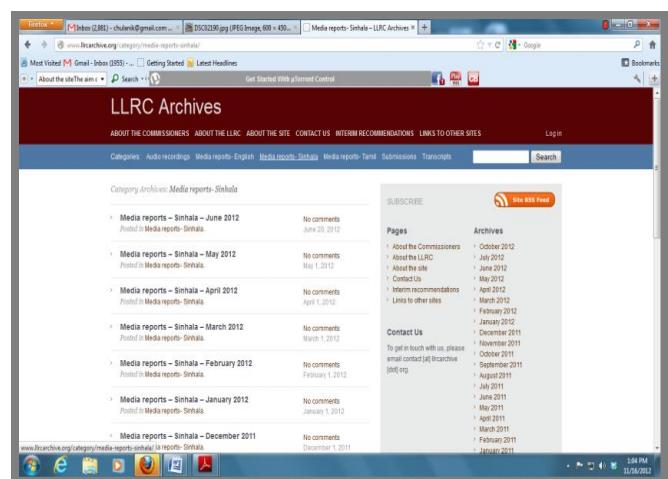
One of the core areas of interest for ICES during this period was disseminating the substance of LLRC Report and advocacy for its implementation. While ICES continued to archive all material/media reports in English, Sinhala and Tamil related to the LLRC at <http://www.llrcarchive.org/>, the report itself was summarised to 20 pages and also translated into Sinhala and Tamil. We also organised a number of workshops and panel discussions on the substance of the report.

Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) Archives

Supported by: The Swiss Embassy and Diakonia

The LLRC archives is a website moderated by the ICES Colombo, which is meant to complement the official site of the LLRC. The site places within the public domain audio recordings, transcripts, submissions and newspaper reports of the proceedings of the Commission available to ICES. This is not a comprehensive archive. Transcripts and recordings of all representations and Sinhala media reportage have not been posted due to logistical reasons and will be posted as they become available.

ICES also held a policy dialogue attended by Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha, Advisor to the President on Reconciliation, Hon. M.A. Sumanthiran, MP, Dr. Farzana Haniffa and B. Skanthakumar both from the Law and Society Trust. At this meeting representatives from civil society organisations made an appeal for the speedy implementation of the LLRC recommendations.



Changing Minds: Nominations and Votes for Women

In January 2010 ICES together Women and Media Collective and five other women's organisations sought to increase the percentage of nominations for women by the major political parties at the 2011 local government elections. The programme sought to increase the number of women nominees to at least 20% in 50 party lists (including the two largest political parties and smaller parties representing the minority Tamil and Muslim communities in Sri Lanka) in the five selected districts of Badulla, Galle, Kurunegala, Moneragala and Trincomalee. In parallel, this programme sought to enhance the possibilities of success of the women who obtained nominations by profiling and highlighting their leadership at the local level, raising awareness within communities about the negative implications of the very low representation of women in local authorities, and highlighting the value of increasing representation. The local initiatives

undertaken by the five partner organisations in this regard were strengthened with advocacy amongst political party leaders at the national level.

A baseline study which was conducted by ICES served as a reference point or benchmark to enable a comparison between the 2006 and 2011 statistics and also as a tool to measure the impact of the *Changing Minds* programme in the selected districts. In addition, this study aims to unmask and disaggregate national averages and statistics on representation and nominations with a view to identifying and analysing patterns and trends in representation and nomination of women in local government elections in Sri Lanka.

COLLABORATIONS

Women and Media Collective (WMC)

ICES collaborated with WMC and five other women's organisations to implement the Changing Minds: Nominations and Votes for Women Programme funded by UN Women from January 2010 to June 2012.

Organisation for Visual Progression (OVP)

Since 2009, ICES has been collaborating with the Organisation for Visual Progression (based in New York and Colombo) in the use of visual media for social change. Chulani Kodikara, Research Associate and Anouk de Silva, Research Assistant followed the three week visual media training programme organised by OVP in Sri Lanka in 2009 and 2010 respectively on basic production techniques as well as visual literacy, media theory and management and advocacy strategies. Following the training, they collaborated with OVP to produce two short advocacy video documentaries 'Where are the Women in Local Government' and 'The Potential for Solidarity'.

Chulani Kodikara also subsequently visually documented the campaign trail of Aynoon Beebi, a Muslim woman who contested at the 2011 local government elections from Kinniya Pradeshiya Sabha in the Trincomalee district. This footage is now being edited as a short documentary about a Muslim woman's experience of trying to enter mainstream politics from the margins.

Equal Ground

Over the last three years ICES has worked closely with Equal Ground to discuss strategies to address discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) communities and raise awareness about the laws on homosexuality and the need to decriminalise these, in particular Sections 365 and 365A of the Penal Code of Sri Lanka.

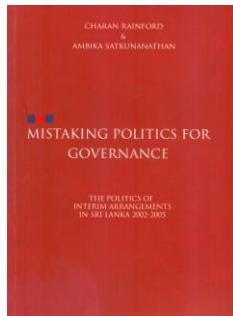
National Collaboration Development Foundation (NCDF), Trincomalee

Between April and June 2012 ICES worked together with the National Collaboration Development Foundation based in Trincomalee to organise a series of awareness raising workshops on the LLRC report and recommendations.

PUBLICATIONS

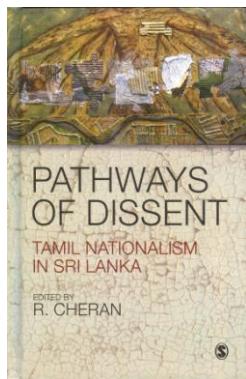
The publication unit of the ICES has published almost 125 scholarly books, monographs, lecture/discussion series and reports which make it a leading source of information on subjects related to ethnicity, ethnic problems. It also include monographs and reports of workshops it has conducted on human rights, religion, anthropology, politics, women's studies, sociology, judiciary in plural societies and education and ethnicity. The credibility and accessibility of ICES research had made our publications popular among a cross-section of society from academics to media, students and general public.

Following is a select list of ICES publications:



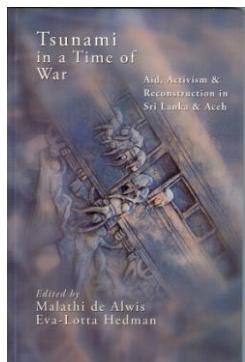
Mistaking Politics for Governance

Examines the origins, structures and outcomes of interim arrangements, proposed and implemented in Sri Lanka between 2002 and 2005. The use of 'interim arrangements' as a means to guide a peace process towards a final settlement has become Israel-Palestine conflict. The 'peace process' between the government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam became the latest repository for the study of interim arrangements as part of post-conflict transition.



Pathways of Dissent: Tamil Nationalism in Sri Lanka edited by R. Cheran, 2009 (pp. 283)

This book endeavours to fill this crucial academic gap through its collection of ten in-depth essays that present a wide perspective of the subject. It holistically portrays Tamil nationalism from various disciplinary perspectives like history, political science, international relations, art, literature, sociology and anthropology. In doing so, it tries to understand the nature of nationalism as it emerges in these areas and adds to the richness and complexity of the



Tsunami in a Time of War: Aid, Activism and Reconstruction in Sri Lanka and Aceh

by Malathi de Alwis and Eva-Lotta Hedman, 2009
(pp. 244)

The devastation of the tsunami and rehabilitation and reconstruction in its aftermath, in Aceh and Sri Lanka, intersected with and shaped the politics of ongoing civil wars leading to militant groups and government forces launching new battles over control of people, land, livelihoods and humanitarian/development aid. It resulted in a marked divergence of political trajectories with Aceh moving towards a cessation of war and Sri Lanka heading towards a resumption of war. These different political outcomes frame this volume's carefully researched,

- *Feminist Engagements with Violence: Contingent Moments from Sri Lanka* by Nimantha Perera-Rajasingham, Lisa Kois and Rizvina Morseth de Alwis, 2007 (pp. 208).
- *Interrogating the Norms: Women Challenging Violence in an Adversarial State* by Farida Shaheed and Neelam Hussain, 2007 (pp. 329).
- *Militarizing Sri Lanka: Popular Culture, Memory and Narrative in the Armed Conflict* by Neloufer de Mel, 2007 (pp. 329).
- *People's Verdict on Tsunami Recovery in Sri Lanka* by Muttukrishna Sarvananthan, 2007 (pp. 146).
- *The Politics of Foreign Aid in Sri Lanka: Promoting Markets and Supporting Peace* by Sunil Bastian, 2007 (pp. 209).
- *Protection of Minority Rights and Diversity* edited by Nanda Wanasundera, 2004 (pp. 421).
- *Sri Lankan Muslims: Ethnic Identity within Cultural Diversity* by M.A. Nuhman, 2007 (pp. 234).
- *Walking to Kataragama* by Sunil Goonasekera, 2007 (pp 675).
- *University Space and Values: Three Essays* by Nira Wickramasinghe, 2005 (pp.119).
- *Selected Writings of Regi Siriwardena: Literature and the Arts, Vol.1*, edited by A.J. Canagaratna, 2005 (pp.831).
- *Selected Writings of Regi Siriwardena: Politics and Society Vol.2*, edited by A.J. Canagaratna, 2006 (pp. 618).

Recent Monographs, Research Papers, Reports and ICES Lecture/Discussion Series

- “Constitutional Utopias: A Conversation with Neelan Tiruchelvam” by Upendra Baxi. Tenth Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture, 2009 (pp.30).
- “Democracy and Development: Restoring Social Justice at the Core of Good Governance” by Gowher Rizvi. Neelan Tiruchelvam Ninth Memorial Lecture, 2008 (pp.31).
- “Domestic Violence Intervention Services in Sri Lanka: An Exploratory Mapping 2009-2011” by Chulani Kodikara and Thiagi Piyadasa, 2012 (pp.103).
- “Of Histories and Identities” by Romila Thapar. Eleventh Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture, 2010 (pp.18).
- “Only Until the Rice is Cooked? The Domestic Violence Act, Familial Ideology and Cultural Narratives in Sri Lanka” by Chulani Kodikara, 2012 (pp.33).
- “The ‘Portuguese Period’ Revised: New Perspectives on Sri Lanka in the Sixteenth Century|” Address by Dr. Zoltan Biedermann. ICES Lecture/Discussion Series, 2012 (pp.37).
- “Producing the Present: History as Heritage in Post-War Patriotic Sri Lanka” by Nira Wickramasinghe, 2012 (pp.29).
- “Translations ‘Attempting the Art of the Impossible” by Ranjini Obeyesekere, Regi Siriwardena Memorial Lecture, 2010 (pp.19).
- “Sustainable Strategies for Tsunami Related Programmes” by Sanayi Marcelline, 2010 (pp.47).
- “Women in Local Government from 2006 to 2011: A Comparative Analysis of Representation of Women and Nominations for Women” by Chulani Kodikara, 2012 (pp.25).

Nethra Review



The literary journal *Nethra*, which was popularly known as “a non-specialist journal for the lively mind”, has held a central position among regular ICES publications since its inception in 1984. Its origins being *The Thatched Patio*. *Nethra* has had an illustrious history with Regi Siriwardena as its founding editor. After a brief interlude, *Nethra* has been re-launched as the reinvented *Nethra Review*; an interdisciplinary journal with a focus on Sri Lanka. The biannual publication seeks to create a forum for social, economic and political commentary, cultural, literary and artistic expression and exchange, and addresses itself to the well-informed reader with an interest in engaging with contemporary Sri Lanka.

LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS/WORKSHOPS

2009

- **Book Discussion:** A.J. The Rooted Cosmopolitan: A Festschrift for A.J. Canagaratna, edited by Chelva Kanaganayagam. Comments by Lynn Ockersz, Sumathy Sivamohan, Wilfred Jayasuriya and Silan Kadirgamar. February 20, 2009
- **Lecture:** Copying Music? The Notion of Musical Copyright Infringement and Intellectual Property by Soundarie David. March 3, 2009
- **Lecture:** The Obama Phenomenon: Post-Racism in the United States by Professor Donald E. Smith. March 18, 2009
- **Lecture:** Forthcoming Indian Election – A Perspective by B. Muralidhar Reddy. April 7, 2009
- **Lecture:** Teaching Violence: A Cross-National Analysis with Special Consideration of Sri Lanka by Prof. Matthew Lange. May 12, 2009
- **Discussion:** Killing Civilians in War: An Analysis of Moral Reasoning. Speakers: Michael Roberts and Nishan de Mel. May 29, 2009
- **Literary Evening** with Three Authors and Their Work. Punyakante Wijenaike on *The Deep Silence*, Vihanga Perera on *Stable Horse*, Jolly Somasundram on *Macbeth Daggers*. June 18, 2009
- **Seminar:** Transformative Constitutionalism in Contemporary Sri Lankan Conjunction, led by Prof. Upendra Baxi. July 25, 2009
- **Lecture:** Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture. Constitutional Utopias: A Conversation with Neelan Tiruchelvam. Guest Speaker Professor Upendra Baxi. Programme co-sponsored with Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust. July 26, 2009
- **Lecture:** Gendered Fictions: Media and the Making of the Malaiyaha Identity by Sivamohan Sumathy. December 4, 2009
- **Discussion:** Electoral Reform in Sri Lanka: Does it Matter for Minorities? by Evan Liaras. February 15, 2010
- **Literary Evening** with Four Authors and Works. Ashok Ferrey – Serendipity Deirdre Jonklaas Cadiramen



Prof. Ranjini Obeyesekere, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University (retired), delivered the Regi Siriwardena Memorial Lecture

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Simon Harris and Neluka Silva – The Rolled Back Beach
Vihanga Perera – Unplugged Quarter. March 31, 2010

- **Lecture:** Translations: ‘Attempting the Art of the Impossible’ by Ranjini Obeyesekere. Regi Siriwardena Memorial Lecture. May 15, 2010
- **Lecture:** Classes, States and the Politics of Diasporas: the Lankan Experience by Ahilan Kadirgamar. June 17, 2010
- **Lecture:** Reading the Painting of the '43 Group' and '90s Trend by Qadri Ismail. July 9, 2010
- **Lecture:** Dowries, Dupattas and Doorsteps: Insiders and Outsiders of the Fort of Galle, by Nethra Samarakewickrema. July 23, 2010
- **Lecture:** Histories and Identities, by Romila Thapar. 11th Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture. August 1, 2010.
- **Workshop:** Writing History – Conducted by Romila Thapar. August 2, 2010
- **Lecture:** Current Global Imbalances: Causes, Consequences and Solution by N.S. Cooray. August 25, 2010
- **Book Launch:** Kalutara an Odyssey, by Bradman Weerakoon. Comments by Niroshana Jayasundera, Maheen Senanayake. Tudor de Silva presided. October 15, 2010
- **Lecture:** President Obama’s Commitment to Engagement with Muslim Communities, by Farah Pandith. November 18, 2010
- **Lecture:** Tamil Citizens of the North 1995-2008: Shifts in Gravity, by Michael Roberts. December 1, 2010
- **Seminar:** Politics of State Reform. The Post-Colonial Project of State Building: Competing Visions, Contradictory Utopias by Sanayi Marcelline. December 21, 2010



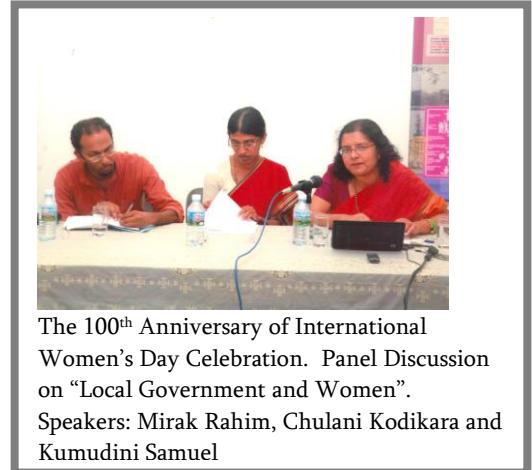
Dr. Qadri Ismail, Associate Professor of English, University of Minnesota presented a lecture on “Reading the Painting of the '43 Group' and '90s Trend”



Ms. Farah Pandith, U.S. Special Representative to Muslim Communities, U.S. Department of State delivered a lecture on “President Obama’s Commitment to Engagement with Muslim Communities”

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- Seeking Space for State Reform: Consensus and Contradictions in Public Perceptions by Nilu Abeyaratne. December 21, 2010
- Discussion: LTTE Activities in Sri Lanka and Political Milestones in the Past 30 Years. Speakers: Sue Ming Yang, Shanaka Jayasekera and Gary LaFree. January 20, 2011
- Discussion: Local Government and Women. International Women's Day 2011. Speakers: Chulani Kodikara and Kumudini Samuel. March 9, 2011
- Lecture: Introduction to Modern Latin American Fiction by Madeleine Wightman. March 18, 2011
- Lecture: Buddhist Nationalism and Christian Evangelism: An Ethnographic Contextualization of the Debates on Conversion, Proselytism and Perceived Religious Persecution in Sri Lanka by Neena Mahadev. April 19, 2011
- Lecture: Repressive Laws: The Impact of the National Security Regime on Tamil Women in the North, by Ambika Satkunanathan. May 16, 2011
- Discussion: Why is Unsafe Abortion Off the Agenda? by Ramya Kumar. July 13, 2011
- Lecture: Making South Asian Cities Habitable: A Perspective from the Past by Ramachandra Guha. 12th Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture. July 31, 2011
- Seminar: Renewing Liberalism in an Age of Extremes, conducted by Ramachandra Guha. August 1, 2011
- Lecture: Persisting Portuguese Linguistic Imprints in India and Sri Lanka, by Shihan de Silva Jayasuriya. August 18, 2011
- Lecture: History after the War, by Nirmal Ranjith Dewasiri. August 26, 2011
- Lecture: Foucauldian Approach on History and the Relevance to Post-War Sri Lanka by Desmond Mallikarachchi. September 14, 2011



The 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day Celebration. Panel Discussion on "Local Government and Women". Speakers: Mirak Rahim, Chulani Kodikara and Kumudini Samuel



Prof. Ramachandra Guha, historian, columnist, biographer, environmentalist and cricket writer conducted a workshop on "Renewing Liberalism in an Age of Extremes".

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- Lecture: Conflict Early Warning and a Critical Approach by Tadakazu Kanno. September 26, 2011
- Lecture: India's Foreign Policy and Sri Lanka by Sumit Ganguly. September 5, 2011
- Lecture: Social Realism in Literature by Madeleine Wightman. October 24, 2011
- Lecture: Ruwanda's Experience of Building Post-Ethnic Identity by Danielle Beswick. November 7, 2011
- Lecture: Reconciliation and Reconstruction through Organisational Change by Martin Hall. December 6, 2011
- Lecture: Peace Building in Sri Lanka by Joyce Neu. December 14, 2011
- Discussion: Towards a Just and Equitable Society: A Perspective from the Jaffna Youth Congress Tradition. Panelists: S. Pathmanathan, Rajan Philips and B. Skanthakumar. 5 March 2012
- Lecture: Post-Nationalist Constitutionalism and the Irish Peace Process by Barry Collins. 9 May 2012
- Discussion: LLRC: From Recommendations to Actions. Participants: Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha, M.P. M.A. Sumanthiran, M.P. Dr. Farzana Haniffa and B. Skanthakumar. Moderated by Dr. Wijaya Jayathilaka. 18 June 2012
- Book Discussion: "Of Tamils and Tigers: A Journey through Sri Lanka's War Years" by Ben Bavinck. Reviewed by Jonathan Spencer. July 24, 2012
- Lecture: "Revisiting the "Portuguese Period" in Sri Lanka: New Research Perspectives' by Dr. Zoltan Biedermann. July 25, 2012
- Seminar "Constitutional Designs for Plural Societies: Integration or Accommodation? by Prof. Sujit Choudhry. July 30, 2012



Book Review: Jonathan Spencer, Professor of Anthropology of South Asia, University of Edinburgh reviewed "Of Tamils and Tigers: A Journey through Sri Lanka's War Years," by Ben Bavinck.



Dr. Sumit Ganguly, Professor of Political Science and holds the Rabindranath Tagore Chair in Indian Cultures and Civilizations at Indiana University Bloomington delivered a lecture on "India's Foreign Policy and Sri Lanka".

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- Book Launch: "Only Until the Rice is Cooked: The Domestic Violence Act, Cultural Narratives and Familial Ideology" by Chulani Kodikara. Reviewed by Maithree Wickramasinghe. August 24, 2012
- Lecture: A Look at the 2012 U.S. Presidential Elections by David Lublin. August 16, 2012
- Cultural Evening: A Gratiaen Evening with Ernest Macintyre on "Between Cultures, Times and Spaces: Ernest MacIntyre's Theatre as Dialogue". September 14, 2012
- Lecture: Everyone's Got Their Indian: The South Asian Community in South Africa by Neelika Jayawardane. September 26, 2012
- Discussion: Divineguma Bill and the Minority Issue. Speakers: Jayampathy Wickramaratne and Chandana Liyanapatabendy. Moderated by Harshana Rambukwella. October 30, 2012
- Lecture: Humanitarian Work Obscured by the Fires of Propaganda War: The IDP Camps of 2009-12 by Michael Roberts. 7 November 2012.
- Lecture: Malabar Secrets: South Indian Muslim Men's Sociality across the Indian Ocean by Filippo Osella. November 23, 2012
- Discussion: In the Thick of Disaster: Relief at the IDP Camps in Vavuniya, 2009. Speakers: A. Safras and Myrna Setunga. November 28, 2012



Dr. Michael Roberts of University of Adelaide presented a lecture on "Humanitarian Work Obscured by the Fires of Propaganda War: The IDP Camps of 2009-12.



Dr. Filippo Osella, Reader in Anthropology, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex presented a lecture on "Malabar Secrets: South Indian Muslim Men's Sociality Across the Indian Ocean"

FILM SCREENING

The monthly film screenings of foreign language “feature films” have become very popular. ICES is the only place where foreign language films are shown in Colombo. In addition to monthly screenings, ICES also conducts regular film festivals. Following films and festivals were conducted from 2009-12:

2009

- Slumdog Millionaire (UK), January 29, 2009
- International Women’s Day Film Festival, 7–9 March 2009: Mistress of Spices (USA/UK), Deserted Station (Iran), Kadosh (Israel)
- The Kite Runner (USA), March 27, 2009
- Before the Rains (India), April 29, 2009
- Remember Me, My Love, (Italy), May 27, 2009
- Waltz with Bashir (Israel, France, Germany), June 29, 2009
- Atonement (France), July 29, 2009
- Downfall (Germany, Austria), August 28, 2009
- Silent Night (Canada), September 21, 2009
- Under the Bomb (Lebanon), December 10, 2009

2010

- Alfred Hitchcock Film Festival. February 22-27, 2010. Films screened: The Man Who Knew Too Much, Notorious, Rear Window, The Birds, Frenzy, Vertigo.
- International Women’s Day Film Festival. March 8-10, 2010. Films Screened: Under the Bombs (Lebanon), Amu (India), Vera Drake (UK).
- Celebrate the 100th Birth Anniversary of Legendry Japanese Filmmaker Akira Kurosawa. March 23, 2010.
- Films Screened: Rashomon, The Idiot, Ikiru, Seven Samurai, Throne of Blood, Yojimbo, Kagemusha, Ran, Dreams
- The Hurt Locker (USA), April 29, 2010
- Visitor (USA), May 26, 2010
- Lemon Tree (Israel), June 29, 2010
- The Japanese Wife (India), August 27, 2010
- Celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Film screened: Charulata, 16 September 2010.
- The Secret in their Eyes (Argentina), September 29, 2010
- The Boy from Lebanon (France), October 29, 2010
- The Country Teacher (Czech Republic), November 29, 2010
- Human Rights International Film Festival, December 8-10, 2010. Films screened: The Last King of Scotland (UK); Tsotsi (South Africa); The Pianist (France/Poland/Brazil); Malena (Italy); Hotel Ruwanda (UK/Italy); Turtles, Can Fly (Iran)

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2011

- Well Done Abba (India), January 28, 2011
- The Child (Belgium), February 25, 2011
- International Women's Day Film Festival March 9-11, 2011. Films screened: The Lemon Tree (Israel), The Japanese Wife (India), Desert Flower (UK, Germany, Austria)
- Crimson Gold (Iran), April 28, 2011
- The King's Speech (U.K.), May 27, 2011
- Biutiful (Mexico/Spain), June 29, 2011
- Moscow Does Not Believe Tears (Russia), August 29, 2011
- The Other Woman (USA), September 29, 2011
- Amores Perros (Mexico), October 28, 2011
- International Human Rights Film Festival December 7-9, 2011. Films screened: Incendies (Canada); Invictus (USA); The Whistleblowser (Canada)

2012

- In a Better World (Denmark), January 27, 2012
- A Separation (Iran), February 29, 2012
- International Women's Day Film Festival March 6-9, 2012. Films screened: Shabri (India); Incendies (Canada); Volver (Spain)
- L'Apartment (France), March 29, 2012
- In the Mood For Love (Hong Kong), April 30, 2012
- The Lady: The True Story of Burma's National Heroine Aung San Suu Kyi, May 18, 2012
- Four Days in September (Brazil), June 29, 2012
- The Pelican Brief (USA), July 27, 2012
- Inside Job (USA), August 29, 2012
- Picturing Reconciliation: An International Film Festival September 17-20, 2012. Films screened: The Redemption of General Butt Naked, Iraq in Fragments, Pray the Devil Back to Hell, Enemies of the People, Encounter Point, We (Ow(n)e) Your Representations, Your Histories, Banished, Following Antigone: Forensic Anthropology and Human Rights Investigations, Seeking Harmony, Defiant Art: A Conversation with Chandragupta Thenuwara
- A Festival of Award Winning American Movie Classics October 15-19, 2012. Films screened: Rebecca, Some Like it Hot, High Noon, Sunset Boulevard, The Verdict.
- Footnote (Israel) November 29, 2012.
- "Widows". A dramatized discussion of Ariel Dorfman. December 3, 2012
- Film Festival for the Human Rights Day, December 10-12, 2012. Films screened: The Constant Gardner, Give Up Tomorrow, Goodbye Bafana

VISITING INTERNS

Lewis Garland, United Kingdom

Communications and Research Consultant at ICES from March to November 2012; BA- University of Warwick, History and Politics (Hons), 2004; MSc-Birmingham University, Human Rights (Distinction), 2007.

In his role as ‘Communications and Research Consultant’ Lewis developed a research proposal looking into the return and reintegration of failed asylum seekers from Europe to Sri Lanka and produced an accessible summary of the LLRC’s key recommendations. He was also involved with editing and copy-editing activities and conducting various marketing campaigns for ICES publications.

“ICES provided an intellectually stimulating, mutually supportive and appreciative environment which allowed me to utilise my research skills and expand my knowledge of Sri Lankan history, politics and society”.

Abigail Rothberg, USA

Worked at ICES from July to September 2012 Master's candidate at Brandeis University, USA. While at ICES I assisted research staff in grant proposal writing and facilitated a discussion about Monitoring and Evaluation.

‘My experience at ICES was very rewarding. I was exposed to interesting research on challenges that face Sri Lanka regarding gender, ethnicity and religion. There were lively discussions and debates in the office on current event topics and the staff were supportive of my own research goals’.

Amayi Mandawala

Intern from July 2011 to September 2011
Undergraduate Student, BA in Law and Sociology, Warwick University

During her two month internship, Amayi assisted the research project ‘The Law & Beyond: Feminist Responses to Domestic Violence in Sri Lanka’. She conducted and transcribed interviews with counsellors and lawyers, analysed aspects of the quantitative survey on domestic violence services intervention services, compiled newspaper articles on a reported case of domestic violence of a woman parliamentarian, documented case studies for the research project and put together an annotated bibliography on domestic violence literature in Sri Lanka.

“I enjoyed every bit of work I did at ICES and learnt things that I will treasure and will help me in my future endeavours”.

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Ruth Ayesha Casie Chetty

Intern from September 2010 to January 2011

During that period Ayesha worked on the LLRC as well as well as the feminist responses to Domestic Violence project.

Harindrini Savithri Corea

Intern from August 2011 to August 2012

Student, Bachelors in Law, Royal Institute, Colombo

During her one year internship Harindrini provided research and editorial assistance to research projects: Law and Beyond: Feminist Responses to Domestic Violence and Who are the Women in Local Government? She also assisted in organising meetings and seminars.

Karlijn van Damme, Netherlands

Intern at ICES from January to March 2011

MA Student in Cultural and Organisational Studies, Vrije Universiteit

During her internship Karlijn conducted research for her master's thesis on the 'Changing Minds' programme implemented by ICES and six other women's organisations. Titled 'Changing Political Minds in Sri Lanka' her thesis attempted to answer the question how NGOs and social movements worked together to implement this project and processes of accountability that influenced their collaboration and project implementation.

'The fact that the working language is English, made it easy for me to work there and to communicate with the people.... They were always open to questions, and they invited me to attend meetings and lectures. I had my own space in the library, where I had easy access to publications written on the issue of Sri Lankan politics....'

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RESEARCH

The ICES Kandy is independent and international in its research, outlook and audience, with a natural emphasis on Sri Lanka and South Asia. Projects are a synthesis of detailed country analyses and broader regional analyses, all placed within the global context. The multi-dimensional approach adopted by the ICES in its research is directed at the enrichment of both conceptual and theoretical as well as empirical understanding of ethnicity, ethnic conflict and conflict resolution.

The Centre has consistently produced cutting-edge literature on ethnicity and related socio-economic, political and cultural processes. Its research portfolio shown below reflects a wide geographical and thematic diversity of interests that have bearing upon contemporary issues of governance worldwide.

The Centre also actively develops close working relationships with academics and other research centres, both locally and overseas, and co-ordinates groups of varied and geographically dispersed researchers toward common goals.

International researchers are welcome and have contributed immensely to the work of the ICES. The Centre also encourages academics, specialists and students to utilise the ICES and its resources as a base for their own research work.

During the period from 2009 to 2012, the Kandy ICES has undertaken researches on Peace and Development, People's Participation in the Policy-Making of the Local Government, Research on Adaptation of Citizen's Client Charter for Promoting Gender Equality and Accountability among State Service Providers, Post-war reconciliation and rehabilitation and Social Networking and Psychosocial Reconstruction among Resettling IDPs in Sri Lanka.

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Sri Lanka Conference on Peace and Development

Principal Researchers: Dhammadika Herath

Conference Co-ordinators: Iranga Silva, Vasantha Premaratne

Research Assistant: W. M. K. B. Wickramasinghe

Period: June – December 2009

Supported by: School of Global Studies, University of Gothenberg

The aim of the conference was to bring together and initiate a process of dialogue among local and international researchers, doctoral students, who study about peace and development issues in Sri Lanka and practitioners of peace and development. The practitioners were professionals engaged in peace and development through working in INGOs and NGOs and government institutions. The participants of this conference were expected to present their practical experience, research findings, ongoing research projects and research proposals. The conference was held from 23-25 August 2009 in Kandy.

A monograph was published on 'Post-war Reconstruction in Sri Lanka: Prospects and Challenges' edited by Dhammadika Herath, Kristine Höglund, Michael Schulz and Kalinga Tudor Silva, based on the papers presented at the conference.

People's Participation in the Policy-Making of the Local Government Institutions

Principal Researchers: Dhammadika Herath

Research Assistants: W.M.K.B.Wickramasinghe

Secretarial Assistance: Saleeka Peiris, Maheshi Kuruppuarachchi

Period: May 2009 to May 2010

Supported by: The World Bank, Colombo

The primary objective of this project was to ensure people's participation in the policy affairs of Pradeshiya Sabhas (PS) and local governance in the district of Kandy. The constitution and the relevant enactments relating to the local government institutions in Sri Lanka provides for the appointment of people's committees in PSs in order to assist the elected members in policy making and local governance. Although the PSs can appoint four committees as finance and policy, housing and community development, environment and amenities and technological services, only the committee for finance and policy has been appointed in most PSs with a few exceptions. The project aimed to generate a broad dialogue and a programme of action to appoint all four



committees in PSs within the Kandy district by bringing together the heads of PSs, state officials, civil society leaders and relevant resource persons. The formation of peoples' committees should lead to a qualitative improvement of policy making in PSs in several ways: the elected members will have access to policy advice from respected educated local citizens, who may also posses technical knowledge on local development; the committees will also act as means of checks and balance; local needs would be better represented and there will be more efficient resource allocation; the committees can also lead to greater accountability and transparency concerning the affairs of the PSs.

The project also aimed to advocate for a more efficient and reliable composition of such committees. Although the appointment of committees is compulsory in municipal and urban councils, it is not mandatory to have all four committees in PSs. A committee in a PS can consist of elected members, the chairperson and local residents. However, there is no defined procedure to appoint citizens into the committees. Thus, usually, political allies of the PS governing party are appointed. This weakens the independence of such committees as political allies cannot be expected to challenge or oppose the elected members. This project aimed to advocate for a better and more transparent procedure to appoint citizens for these committees.

The research findings were presented at a workshop held in Kandy from 27-28 August 2009. The participants included the Chief Minister, officials of Local Government Institutions, seventeen Pradeshiya Sabhas, Assistant Secretary of Colombo Municipal Council, human resource experts, lawyers and academics.

Two publications emerged based on the research findings, one in Sinhala and the other in English.

Research on Adaptation of Citizen's Client Charter for Promoting Gender Equality and Accountability among State Service Providers

Principal Researchers: K. Tudor Silva, Dhammadika Herath

Research Assistants: Priyan Seneviratne, Raasu Mohanraj, W. M. K. B. Wickramasinghe

Period: October 2011 to February 2012

Supported by: CARE Sri Lanka

The Citizen's-Client Charter (CCC) was introduced by the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs (MPAHA) in 2007. It was expected that different government Ministries, Statutory bodies and Departments etc. would have customized and adopted the CCC according to specific services provided by them. However, up to the present time, the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs (MCDWA) has still not adopted the CCC. The MCDWA is currently guided by the Women's Charter which was introduced in 1992.

It is expected as a first step that the successful adaptation of the Citizen's Client Charter by the Ministry of Child Development and Women's affairs can create a favourable environment for promotion of gender equality and accountability within the state apparatus. This will help strengthen accountabilities towards Women Headed Households (WHH). However, before embarking on this endeavour it is important to generate an in-depth understanding of the Citizen's Client Charter, its expectations and how it can be made more gender sensitive and transformative and thereafter adapted by state ministries when delivering service provisions expected of them.

The objectives of this assignment was to provide an overview of the Charter, its purpose, objectives and current adaptations by different ministries (that have a direct link with women's empowerment), implementation progress and outcomes; provide an analysis of how citizens are currently using the charter, and steps taken by GoSL officials to inform citizens about the charter and its purpose; identify the links between the citizen's client charter and the Women's charter through an extensive secondary and primary data review and to identify a methodological framework for possible adaptation of the citizen's-client charter by the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs.

Social Networking and Psychosocial Reconstruction among Resettling IDPs in Sri Lanka

Principal Researchers: K. Tudor Silva, Dhammadika Herath

Research Assistants: Raasu Mohanraj, M. M. M. Rishan, W. M. K. B. Wickramasinghe,

Period: February 2011 to May 2012

Supported by: United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

The main objective of this action research was to establish a community support mechanism for people who have lost pre-existing community structures due to their exposure of years of armed conflict.

The specific objectives were to identify the needs of resettling IDPs at the levels of the individual, family, community and the society at large; to identify and assess the support mechanisms needed to facilitate recovery and resettlement processes and to develop a program of action to rebuilding social networks and to address the immediate practical and emotional needs of the returnees.

The action component of this project aimed at implementing measures to help returnees recover from displacement, address social problems and rebuild their social networks. The project proposed to carry out a series of activities which will lead to social reconstruction side by side and in a complimentary and supplementary manner to ongoing programs for material reconstruction. The project aimed to train 40 grama niladharis to help facilitate recovery, development and social networking and on approaches to develop social harmony within and between ethnic communities. The trainees will receive theoretical and practical training on psychosocial needs, social reconciliation and social networking and conflict transformation. The grassroots level workers will act as social catalysts in the affected communities to help establish and promote contacts among surviving family members and also will organise a range of activities such as active listening, referring persons needing professional counselling, psychiatric care and other services, organisation of activities to promote dialogue and interaction among different religious and ethnic communities, exposure visits to create bridges between divided communities, youth camps, leadership training and help establish and promote contacts among surviving family members. The research findings were published in a monograph.



COLLABORATIONS

ICES-INASP AuthorAid Workshop on “Research Writing Skills”

Workshop: 15-19 March 2010

Co-ordinators: Iranga Silva and Vasantha Premaratne

Supported by: INASP



In August 2009, ICES (Kandy) submitted a proposal for a “Two-day Workshop on Effective Proposal Writing” under Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (PERii) Mini Activities for 2010 to International Network for Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP). This activity was approved by INASP and included as a part of the “AuthorAid Workshop on Research Writing

Skills” to be held as a INASP-ICES collaboration. A five-day workshop was held from 15 to 19 March 2010.

The proposal stressed the importance of developing the skill of writing effective grant proposals for early career researchers as well as NGO officials who face a tough competition for research/project grants under the prevailing global economic crisis. Furthermore, the proposal also highlighted the importance of giving priority to applicants from other parts of the country rather than ones from Colombo who usually get many opportunities for such skills training. The proposal specified the two following objectives:

- To improve the ability of authors to communicate their research so that it is acceptable to peer-reviewed journals
- To enhance the proposal writing skills of the NGO personnel and early career researchers

Since the event was held in Kandy, ICES took over the responsibility of organising the logistics. The announcement of the workshop received a very enthusiastic response. Finally 42 participants were selected representing a good cross-section of the fields of Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. They included some senior academics from University of Jaffna, Eastern and South Eastern Universities, NGO personnel, practitioners and young career researchers from University of Peradeniya and the Institute of Fundamental Studies in Kandy. A panel of local and foreign resource persons conducted the workshop that was at Hotel Tourmaline, Kandy from 15-19 March 2010. After a strenuous five days of work, on the last day of the workshop the participants were treated to a cultural event of traditional Kandyan dancing and drumming followed by a dinner held at Hotel Chaaya Citadale, Kandy.

ICES-ISLE Programme

The Inter-Collegiate Sri Lanka Education (ISLE) is an atypical study abroad programme. It is a demanding academic and intense cultural experience designed for highly motivated students with interests in various aspects of South Asian cultures and societies. Past students have found studying in Sri Lanka enriching in many ways: intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically. Students with an open mind who are ready to be challenged will find the ISLE programme a deeply rewarding study abroad experience.

ISLE programme undertaken by a consortium of American liberal arts colleges, annually brings a group of students from the participating colleges for a three-month summer programme in Sri Lanka. The ICES has had close links with the ISLE programme from its inception in 1982, and provides library and auditorium facilities for its students.

VISITING INTERNS

Sebastian Gorenflo, Germany

Intern from 5 January 2009 to 31 March 2009

A senior student in Cultural Anthropology, Peace and Conflict Studies and History at the University of Marburg, Germany.

Maheshi Kuruppuarachchi

Intern June to December 2009; University of Peradeniya; World Bank Project “People’s Participation in the Policy Making of the Local Government Institutions.

Aysha Aseef

Intern from August 2009 to January 2010; under the supervision of Kakoli Ray and Chulani Kodikara – WDP Project ICES Colombo/Kandy

Anupama Sree, Japan

International University of Japan, Niigata, Japan

Intern from June 2010 to September 2010

Maneesha Dullewe

Intern from January to March 2011; Plantation sector literature survey, Suicide case study translation, resettlement in the north literature survey

Timothy Fuller Hutchinson, USA

Intern from May to June 2011

M.A., International Development and Social Change, Clark University.

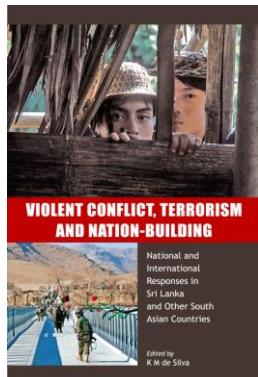
Ven. Deegalle Mahinda, UK

June to August 2012; Bath Spa University, UK. Conducted field research on post-war reconciliation issues, Buddhist activism in politics and inter-religious relations, issues of unethical conversions and ethics of war.

Madusha Perera and Sulochana Wijayasinghe

Interns from August to October 2012; Undergraduates University of Peradeniya. They were given an exposure to ICES research environment.

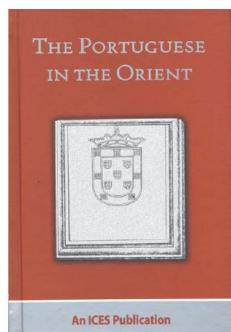
PUBLICATIONS



Violent Conflict, Terrorism and Nation- Building: National and International Responses in Sri Lanka and Other South Asian Countries

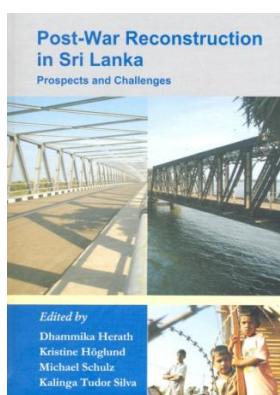
Edited by **K. M. de Silva**, 2009

The book provides an excellent summary of historical backgrounds to the current conflicts in India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and their efforts to resolve the protracted crises that had hindered the countries' potential for development in social, cultural and economic spheres.



Portuguese in the Orient **ICES, 2010**

This is the only volume to be published—so far at least—to mark the 500th anniversary of the advent of the Portuguese to this island and thus its first fateful contact with the West and the colonialism that was to follow. However, its contents are not restricted only to the Portuguese presence in the island but include some aspects of their intervention in other parts of the *Estado da Índia* as well.

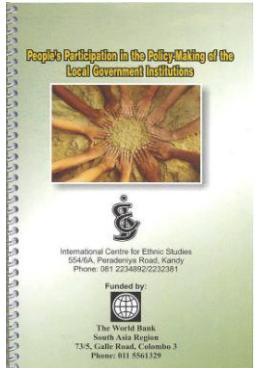


Post-War Reconstruction in Sri Lanka: Prospects and Challenges

Edited by **Dhammika Herath, Kalinga Tudor Silva, Kristine Höglund and Michael Schulz**, 2010

This volume brings together scholars who have latest research findings on northeast development and practitioners with years of experience relating to recovery, development and psychological wellbeing of people of the northeast. This work will be of interest and practical utility to academics, policy-makers and practitioners in government, non-governmental or donor institutions in their efforts to guide the rebuilding processes in the northeast of Sri Lanka.

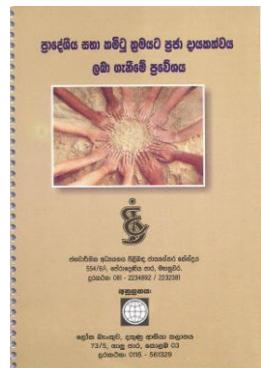
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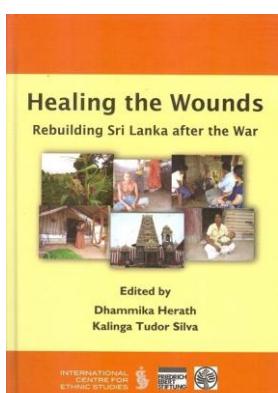
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People's Participation in the Policy-Making of the Local Government Institutions (in Sinhala) ICES, June 2010

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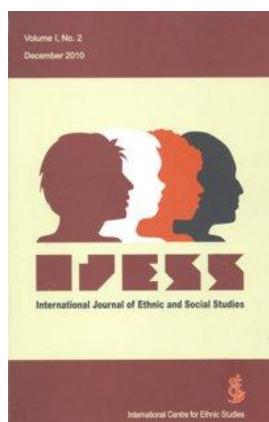
Healing the Wounds: Building Sri Lanka after the War

Edited by Dhammadika Herath and Kalinga Tudor Silva,
November 2012

Rebuilding the war-ravaged communities in Sri Lanka and healing the conflict survivors who continue to suffer from the wounds of the war present a major challenge for Sri Lankan society as it embarks on post-war reconstruction. While considerable progress has already been made regarding resettlement of IDPs and rebuilding physical infrastructure, corresponding efforts to rebuild the communities and heal the social and emotional wounds of the war have been lacking. Based on research conducted among the affected populations, this volume makes a strong case for addressing the root causes of the war and rebuilding the war-torn communities with a view to achieving demilitarisation, sustainable peace and human development.

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IJESS



The *IJESS* has been launched with a wider scope which will cover not only ethnic studies per se, but also the diverse disciplines generally included in a broad definition of the social sciences and humanities. These include, but are not limited to, sociology, psychology, anthropology, gender studies, economics, political science, and history. The *IJESS* particularly welcomes contributions with an interdisciplinary focus.

In accordance with the editorial policy of the *IJESS*, the article is peer-reviewed by two referees. The articles are reviewed “blind,” i.e. the names of the referees will remain confidential at all times and the name/s of the author/s will not be revealed to the referees during the review process. The review process normally takes two to three months. Dr. Maithrie White is the Editor of the *IJESS*.

IJESS was formerly known as the *Ethnic Studies Report (ESR)*. Below is the message from its Editor Prof. K M de Silva.

Message from the Editor of *Ethnic Studies Report*

The *International Journal of Ethnic and Social Studies (IJESS)* has taken over from the *Ethnic Studies Report (ESR)* as the research journal of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES).

The *ESR* was established in the early 1980s almost at the time of the foundation of the ICES. From its modest early years the *ESR* was the research journal of the ICES. Over 25 years or so it developed into a robust and vibrant publication. It published a selection of articles from seminars and conferences organised by the ICES. It also published articles from other scholars as well. The central theme of its articles was the issue of ethnicity and its ramification in troubled societies. Another focal point was the Sri Lankan situation in the country as it grappled with one of the oldest-standing ethnic conflicts in the world, watching a separatist movement taking on a terrorist form.

Now that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam's (LTTE) challenge has been successfully repelled, Sri Lanka will provide a rich lode of material for analysis on post-conflict issues and as a revival of democracy in areas once controlled by the LTTE; the complex processes of reconciliation; and the problem of dealing with minority rights in the whole issue of economic growth. The *IJESS* has a wide range of issues to deal with over the next few years. It also has the challenging task of maintaining the standards of scholarship set by the *ESR*.

LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS/WORKSHOPS

- **Lecture:** “The Making of Ceylon 1837 – 41” by Prof. Patrick Peebles, Emeritus Professor, University of Missouri, Kansas City. 22 January 2009
- **Lecture:** “Revealing Kandyan Dance” by Sudesh Manthilake, Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, UoP. 19 February 2009
- **Lecture:** Ethnic Elections: Myth or Reality?” by Sebastian Gorenflo, a senior student in Cultural Anthropology, Peace and Conflict Studies and History at the University of Marburg, Germany. 26 March 2009
- **Book Launch:** “Race and Ethnicity in a Small American Town: Diary of a Sri Lankan Anthropologist” by Prof. Joe Weeramunda. 15 May 2009
- **Lecture:** “The Right to Hire but Not to Fire: Can Sri Lanka Cope with the Global Economic Crisis?” by Shyamali Ranaraja, Practitioner in Employment and Labour Laws and Human Resources Management Consultant. 27 May 2009
- **Lecture:** "Does Religion Equate with Morality?" by Dr. Douglas King, an Educational Consultant who has a M.Ed. from Cambridge, U.S.A. 18 June 2009
- **Discussion:** Group Discussion involving four US scholars, Dov Wilker (American Jewish Committee), Meg Heubeck (Center for Politics, University of Virginia), Carmiel Arbit, Daman Irby—who visited Sri Lanka on a Professional Exchange Programme of the American Embassy—and a selected group of Sri Lankans that included clergy, academics, undergraduates, NGO officials and other professionals. 4 August 2009
- **Lecture:** “Role of Mosques in Conflict and Peace Building in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka” by Dr. S. H. Hasbullah, senior lecturer Department of Geography UoP. 13 August 2009
- **Lecture/Discussion:** “Theory and Practice of Democracy”. Key speakers: Prof Arjuna Parakrama, Department of English, University of Peradeniya and Prof. Sumanasiri Liyanage, Department of Economics, University of Peradeniya. 20 October 2009
- **Lecture/Discussion:** “Democracy and Nationalism”. Key speakers: Prof Shantha K Hennayake, Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya and Dr. Nirmal Ranjith Devasiri, Department of History, University of Colombo. 25 November 2009
- **Book Launch:** “Unplugged Quarter” by Vihanga Perera. 18 February 2010

- **Lecture:** “Electoral Engineering in Sri Lanka: Consequences for the Minorities” by Dr Evan Liaras, BA Harvard University, PhD Massachusetts Institute of Technology; currently Koc University, Istanbul. 16 February 2010
- **Lecture:** “The Sinhala Book of Five Hundred and Fifty Jataka Stories and some comments on translation” by Prof. Ranjini Obeyesekere. 25 February 2011
- **Lecture:** “The Representation of ‘Ethnic Other/s’ in Modern Sinhala Literature” by Dr. Liyanage Amarakeerthi, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Sinhala, University of Peradeniya. 28 March 2011
- **Lecture:** “Counselling in Sri Lanka: Challenges and Opportunities” by Dr. Danesh Karunananayake, Senior Lecturer Department of Philosophy and Psychology, University of Peradeniya. 10 May 2011
- **Lecture:** “The Securing of Development: Combating Poverty and Violence in the Era of Fragile States” by Timothy Fuller Hutchinson, M.A., International Development and Social Change, Clark University. 6 June 2011
- **Lecture:** “Christianity and National Reconciliation: Have "We" Done Enough?” by Rev. Fr. Araliya Jayasundara OSB. He is a Roman Catholic priest and a government teacher of English and Mathematics in the Eastern Province. He holds an MSc from the University of Peradeniya in Human Resource and Organisational Management and reads for an MPhil (Research) in Moral Philosophy. 28 July 2011
- **Lecture:** “Ethics of War Texts in Theravada Buddhism” by Ven. Dr. Mahinda Deegalle. Rev. Dr. Deegalle is Senior Lecturer at School of Humanities and Cultural Industries at Bath Spa University, UK. He has recently founded Research Centre for Buddhist Studies in Kandy. 18 August 2011
- **Book Launch:** *The Fear of Gambling* by Vihanga Perera. 18 November 2011
- **Lecture:** “Anuradhapura Vessagiri Archaeological Study: New Insights and Skills Development of the Next Generation of Heritage Managers” by Prof. Sudharshan Seneviratne, PhD, FSLCA, Professor of Archaeology, University of Peradeniya. 23 February 2012
- **Lecture/Discussion:** “Women’s Representation in Local Government Politics” by Prof. Kamala Liyanage, senior lecturer University of Peradeniya, is a specialist on Sri Lanka’s politics and has researched and published widely on Women and Politics, Human Rights and related issues. She has served as a Consultant to a large number of national and international agencies on human rights and gender. 12 March 2012
- **Lecture:** “Why More Men Commit Suicide Than Women?” by Dr. Nishadi Somaratne. 12 March 2012

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- **Lecture:** “Shooting Revolutions: Using Photography for Social and Political Change” by Sanjana Hatthottuwa. Sanjana is a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives. 21 March 2012
- **Lecture:** “Photojournalism in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka: The use of imagery in documenting recovery and rehabilitation in the North and East” by Devaka Seneviratne. He has worked as a photographer since 2004 and before that as a television producer and writer. 21 March 2012
- **Lecture:** “The History after the War” (in Sinhala) by Dr Nirmal Ranjith Devasiri, Head, Dept of History, University of Colombo. (A collaboration between ICES Colombo and Kandy). 18 May 2012
- **Workshop:** “Healing the Wounds: Building Sri Lanka after the War” coordinated and conducted by Dhammadika Herath and Kalinga Tudor Silva (A collaboration between FES and USIP). 19 July 2012
- **Lecture:** “Sri Lankan Communities with Lusitanian Linguistic Links” by Dr. Shihan de Silva Jayasuriya, Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London. 24 July 2012
- **Lecture:** “US Foreign Policy towards South Asia” by Prof. Sumit Ganguly. Sumit Ganguly is a professor of Political Science and holds the Rabindranath Tagore Chair in Indian Cultures and Civilisations at the Indiana University, Bloomington. (A collaboration between the American Corner and ICES Kandy). 27 July 2012
- **Lecture:** “Humanitarian Work Obscured by the Fires of the Propaganda War: IDP Camps of 2009-12” by Prof. Michael Roberts, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Adelaide, Australia. 12 November 2012
- **Lecture:** “Independence of the Judiciary: Law and Politics” by Mr. Lal Wijenayake, Attorney-at-Law. 17 December 2012

FILM SCREENING

- The Day after Peace by Jeremy Gilley, 21 September 2009
- Rang De Basanti by Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra, 16 October 2009
- Good Bye Lenin! by Wolfgang Becker, 28 October 2009
- Run Lola Run by Tom Tykwer, 11 November 2009
- No Man's Land by Danis Tanovic, 13 January 2010
- Boys Don't Cry by Kimberly Peirce, 11 February 2010
- Incendies by Denis Villeneuve, 14 December 2011
- Whistleblower by Larysa Kondracki, 15 December 2011
- Invictus by Clint Eastwood, December 16 2011
- A Separation by Asghar Farhadi, 14 March 2012
- The Help by Tate Taylor, 15 March 2012
- Hotel Rwanda by Terry George, 12 December 2012
- Lemon Tree by Eran Riklis, 13 December 2012
- Tsotsi by Gavin Hood, 14 December 2012

WEBSITE

ICES Colombo and Kandy offices had their own websites since it became the norm for organisations to make their presence in the World Wide Web. Over time it became apparent that ICES will be able to make a better and a stronger impression if the activities of both offices were brought in to one website. As a result in 2009 these two websites were merged to represent the whole of ICES in one website.

The current content of the website include a 'Publication' section that lists all ICES publications, and a section on 'Research' that highlights all the research projects, past and on-going, undertaken by ICES. The two journals of the two offices have also been given prominence and in near future some of the journal articles will be available for download. There is also a video gallery—the most recently added feature—that has video clips on short interviews and monologues on issues.

LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

The ICES Kandy, Library is a specialized depository of material on conflict, disaster management, ethnicity, governance, gender issues and Sri Lankan material in the Social Sciences. The library holdings include material not available elsewhere in Sri Lanka. In addition, the library has a unique collection of published and unpublished documents on current political, social and economic changes in Sri Lanka, and offers a wide range of excellent academic and research journals.

ICES Kandy library organised a workshop on Journal Storage (JSTOR) in December 2008. JSTOR is actively preserving over one thousand academic journals in both digital and print formats, and continues to greatly expand access to scholarly works and other material needed for research and teaching globally. There were participants from libraries, NGOs and Government Institutions at the workshop.

ICES APARTMENT

ICES Kandy office has a luxury apartment for rent especially for visiting scholars, and also for families and expatriates. The calm ambiance with a magnificent view of the 'Hanthana' mountain, provides a perfect atmosphere ideal for researchers and writers who are looking for a quiet getaway.

The apartment is fully furnished with two bedrooms—air conditioned, attached bathroom for each with hot water, a sitting room, dining space and a pantry. It is also equipped with all essential amenities like, cable/satellite TV, refrigerator, microwave oven, washing machine etc., and free wireless and wired internet (ADSL). Security is operative during non-working hours. Parking is also available within the premises.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ETHNIC STUDIES

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Centre for Ethnic Studies which comprise the balance sheet as at 31st March 2009, the statement of financial activities, the statement of changes in accumulated fund and the cash flow statement for the year then ended and, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Scope of Audit and Basis of Opinion

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. We therefore believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examination the Centre has maintained proper accounting records for the year ended 31st March 2009, and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Centre's state of affairs as at 31st March 2009 and of its surplus for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards and Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not – for – Profit Organisations.

Report on other Legal Requirements

In our opinion, these financial statements also comply with the requirements of Section 151(2) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007

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