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sri lanka the island of ceilao occupied a permanent and singular place in the political imagination of early modern portugal concurrently the portuguese left a strong imprint in the sri lankan collective memory of the period five centuries later a group of historians art historians anthropologists and linguists reflect on the multiple dimensions of this phenomenon by rethinking texts and maps ruined churches and ivory caskets oral tales and creole communities authored by 15 international scholars re exploring the links is divided in four parts political realities and cultural imagination religion con ict and interaction space and heritage construction representation language and ethnicity identity and memory while published on the occasion of the portuguese arrival in sri lanka five centuries ago this book is far from being a celebratory piece re exploring the links does not conform to nationalist models of historical interpretation and refuses both the rhetoric of discovery and the rhetoric of aggression the aim of the volume is not to celebrate encounters but to reinvent an academic debate independent of any political agenda and concerning a history that is portuguese and sri lankan alike introductory essaychandra r de silva portugal and sri lanka recent trends in historiographypolitical realities and cultural imagination s pathmanathan the portuguese in northeast sri lanka 1543 1658 an assessment of impressions recorded in tamil chronicles and poems rohini paranavitana sinhalese war poems and the portuguese karunasena dias paranavitana the portuguese tombos as a source of sixteenthand seventeenth century sri lankan history rui manuel loureiro the matter of ceylon in diogo do couto s decadas da asia jorge flores maria augusta lima cruz a tale of two cities a veteran soldier or the struggle for endangered nobilities the two jornadas de huva 1633 1635 religion conflict and interactionalan strathern the conversion of rulers in portuguese era sri lanka john clifford 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conference india sri lanka relations strengthening saarc organized by centre for indian ocean studies osmania university hydrabad india in november 2012 it deals with different aspects of india sri lanka economic social political ethnic and cultural relations dating back to pre colonial times to the 1990s with liberalization of indian economy in the post 1990 period consistent efforts have been made by india and sri lanka on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement which would built on the success of the free trade agreement fta having celebrated its 70th year of independence in 2018 sri lanka a strategically positioned island nation now finds itself with the potential to be a super connector in fast developing asia while carving out a place for itself in the international arena sri lanka has simultaneously had to look inwards to recover and rebuild its potential bruised by an era of colonial rule and nearly 30 years of a civil war with two youth insurrections this book examines these twin dimensions first how sri lanka is negotiating its international reach and the spheres of influence that extend from other asian and world powers and second how the country is engaging in nation building from days of racial riots to ones of peace building reconciliation more robust governance and the development of cyber security written from the perspective of a sri lankan academic and the head of the national security think tank this book offers insights into how the country has addressed its post conflict as well as geopolitical challenges navigated through domestic politics and ramped up peace building efforts to now reach a junction where it can put its foot firmly on the road to prosperity in a new asian world order in this comprehensive and authoritative study of terrorism in sri lanka k m de silva turns the spotlight on the liberation tigers of tamil eelam lte and its role in sri lanka s upheavals over the last few decades while tracing the emergence of this separatist group and the events that led to its recent collapse de silva also seeks to explore the complex relationship between the so called moderates in sri lankan tamil politics and the tamil terrorist groups what emerges is a layered portrait of the dynamics of sri lanka s political system extensively researched and loaded with perceptive insights sri lanka and the defeat of the lte is the most wide ranging analysis so far on the lte and its violent legacy well over a million people of sri lankan origin live outside south asia the encyclopedia of the sri lanka diaspora is the first comprehensive study of the lives culture beliefs and attitudes of immigrants and refugees from this island the volume is a joint publication between the institute of south asian studies nus and editions didier millet it focuses on the relationship between culture and economy in the sri lanka diaspora in the context of globalisation increased transnational culture flows and new communication technologies in addition to the geographic mapping of the sri lanka diaspora in the various continents thematic chapters include topics on long distance nationalism citizenship sinhala tamil and burgher disapora identities religion and the spread of buddhism as well as the sri lankan cultural impact on other nations discover the amazing story of sri lanka an island nation renowned for its vibrant culture rich heritage and breathtaking natural beauty in the history of sri lanka embark on a captivating journey through the ages exploring the ancient civilizations colonial encounters and the country s path towards modernity delve into the enchanting origins of sri lanka unearthing the myths legends and ancient settlements that shaped its early history experience the majesty of sigiriya the rock fortress of king kasyapa and marvel at the architectural wonders of anuradhapura the glorious capital of the sinhalese kingdom uncover the transformative influence of emperor ashoka and the arrival of buddhism 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that shaped the country s destiny explore the diverse facets of sri lanka s cultural heritage from the golden age of sinhalese literature to the revitalization of traditional arts and crafts immerse yourself in the country s culinary delights a fusion of flavors that tantalize the taste buds and reflect the cultural diversity of the island uncover the economic development and global integration that have propelled sri lanka into the modern era from trade and tourism to infrastructure development and technological innovation witness the country s journey towards prosperity and its growing role on the global stage whether you are a history enthusiast a traveler seeking to deepen your understanding of sri lanka this book is a must read it will transport you to a world of ancient wonders colonial encounters and modern aspirations leaving you with a profound appreciation for the beauty and complexities of sri lanka indulge in the pages of the history of sri lanka and embark on a journey that will captivate your imagination broaden your horizons and deepen your appreciation for this remarkable island nation

fictionalized account of the history of sri lanka from the earliest times includes the spread and development of buddhism in sri lanka this study examines in depth the process of transformation of sri lanka s composite nationalism into divisive nationalism focuses on the factors and forces responsible for this transformation and analyses the contemporary crisis in sri lanka against this back ground papers presented at the first international tamil conference held at london on 30 april 1 may 1988 in may 2009 the sri lankan army overwhelmed the last stronghold of the liberation tigers of tamil eelam better known as the tamil tigers officially bringing an end to nearly three decades of civil war although the war has ended the place of minorities in sri lanka remains uncertain not least because the lengthy conflict drove entire populations from their homes the figures are jarring for example all of the roughly 80 000 muslims in northern sri lanka were expelled from the tamil tiger controlled north and nearly half of all sri lankan tamils were displaced during the course of the civil war sharika thiraganama s in my mother s house provides ethnographic insight into two important groups of internally displaced people northern sri lankan tamils and sri lankan muslims through detailed engagement with ordinary people struggling to find a home in the world thiraganama explores the dynamics within and between these two minority communities describing how these relations were reshaped by violence displacement and authoritarianism in doing so she illuminates an often overlooked intraminority relationship and new social forms created through protracted war in my mother s house revolves around three major themes ideas of home in the midst of profound displacement transformations of familial experience and the impact of the political violence carried out by both the tamil tigers and the sri lankan state on ordinary lives and public speech her rare focus on the effects and responses to ltte political regulation and violence demonstrates that envisioning a peaceful future for postconflict sri lanka requires taking stock of the new tamil and muslim identities forged by the civil war these identities cannot simply be cast away with the end of the war but must be negotiated anew a journalist s account of his extensive travels in sri lanka and portrayal of the sri lankans who carry on in the midst of conflict and strife between warring factions of sinhalese buddhists and tamils contributed articles focusing on the historical events of post independence sri lanka s j tambiah analyzes the causes of the violent conflict between the majority sinhalese buddhists and the minority tamils he demonstrates that the crisis is primarily a result of recent societal stresses educational expansions linguistic policy unemployment uneven income distribution population movements contemporary uses of the past as religious and national ideology and trends toward authoritarianism rather than age old racial and religious differences in this concise informative lucidly written book scrupulously documented and well indexed tambiah trains his dispassionate anthropologist s eye on the tangled roots of an urgent present day problem in the passionate hope that enlightenment understanding and a generous spirit of compromise may yet be able to prevail merle rubin christian science monitor an incredibly rich and balanced analysis of the crisis it is exemplary in highlighting the general complexities of ethnic crises in long lived societies carrying a burden of historical memories amita shastri journal of asian studies tambiah makes an eloquent case for pluralist democracy in a country abundantly endowed with excuses to abandon such an approach to politics donald l horowitz new republic an excellent and thought provoking book for anyone who cares about sri lanka paul sieghart los angeles times book review samanth subramanian has written about politics culture and history for the new york times and the new yorker now subramanian takes on a complex topic that touched millions of lives in this divided island in the summer of 2009 the leader of the dreaded tamil tiger guerrillas was killed bringing to an end the civil war in sri lanka for nearly thirty years the war s fingers had reached everywhere leaving few places and fewer people untouched what happens to the texture of life in a country that endures such bitter conflict what happens to the country s soul subramanian gives us an extraordinary account of the sri lankan war and the lives it changed taking us to the ghosts of summers past he tells the story of sri lanka today through travels and conversations he examines how people reconcile themselves to violence how the powerful become cruel and how victory can be put to the task of reshaping memory and burying histories sri lanka and malaysia have similar land areas and resource endowments both countries were once colonies and in both a large plantation and mining export sector coexists with a peasant rice economy the expansion of the plantation and mining sector in past centuries attracted large numbers of immigrant indian and chinese workers and created plural societies composed of different ethnic groups with different cultures and traditions despite this common background these two countries have had very different experiences with economic development since their independence malaysia achieved unusually high growth rates but had trouble with equity and employment and did not establish an indigenous growth process sri lanka did well on equity by trying to maintain its culture and buddhist heritage but its policies created problems with productivity and balance of payments and finally led to a virtual collapse of the economy by early 1970 the author and his associates point to the constraints within which government policies in both countries were made and they seek to evaluate the origins and legitimacy of

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provocative the cage is a tightly written and clear eyed narrative about one of the most disturbing human dramas of recent years a riveting cautionary tale about the consequences of unchecked political power in a country at war a must read jon lee anderson new yorker staff writer and author of the fall of baghdad in the closing days of the thirty year sri lankan civil war tens of thousands of civilians were killed according to united nations estimates as government forces hemmed in the last remaining tamil tiger rebels on a tiny sand spit dubbed the cage gordon weiss a journalist and un spokesperson in sri lanka during the final years of the war pulls back the curtain of government misinformation to tell the full story for the first time tracing the role of foreign influence as it converged with a history of radical buddhism and ethnic conflict the cage is a harrowing portrait of an island paradise torn apart by war and the root causes and catastrophic consequences of a revolutionary uprising caught in the crossfire of international power jockeying gordon weiss has lived in new york and worked in numerous conflict and natural disaster zones including the congo uganda darfur bosnia afghanistan syria and haiti employed by the united nations for over two decades he continues to consult on war extremism peace building and human rights this book is an extensive study of the sri lankan peace process it throws light on the political situation in sri lanka and the tension generated between the government and the ltte by a prolonged deadlock in the peace process despite the fact that there is no forward movement towards a resumption of talks the peace process has continued and the two adversaries have stuck to the cease fire and have honoured it till now all this is because of the perseverance of the international community with norway as the facilitator and japan as the largest donor the book also deals extensively with the intimate relationship between the issues involving the dead locked peace dialogue and sri lankan politics sri lanka an island in the indian ocean has lagoons along 1 338 km of its coastline they experience low energy oceanic waves and semidiurnal microtidal currents the sri lankan coastal lagoons are not numerous but they are diverse in size shape configuration ecohydrology and ecosystem values and services the heterogeneous nature in general and specific complexities to a certain extent exhibited by coastal lagoons in sri lanka are fundamentally determined by coastal and adjoining hinterland geomorphology tidal fluxes and fluvial inputs monsoonal driven climate and weather morphoedaphic attributes and cohesive interactions with human interventions most coastal lagoons in sri lanka are an outcome of mid holocene marine transgression and subsequent barrier formation and spit development enclosing the water body between the land and the sea this process has varied from one coastal stretch to another due to wave derived littoral drift sediment transport by tidal fluxes fluvial inputs and wave action or in other words sea level history shore face dynamics and tidal range as the three major factors that control the origin and maintenance of the sandy barrier the most important features for the formation and evolution of coastal lagoons with their landward water mass in certain stretches of sri lanka s coastline formation of the barrier spit was very active due to shore face dynamics that resulted in chains of shore parallel elongated lagoons they are among the most productive in terms of ecosystem yield and show some similarities to large tropical lagoons with respect to sea entrance zonation biodiversity and ecosystem services however some of them become seasonally hypersaline due to lack of freshwater input and high evaporation functions and processes of some of these water bodies are fairly known there are a fair number of small back barrier lagoons of different shapes and sizes whose origin goes back to sea level history they are located on low energy coasts with prominent beach ridges and restricted hinterland geomorphology mixing processes of these landward indentations are hindered by elevated sand dunes and their salinity increases due to poor freshwater input and high evaporation leading to seasonally hypersaline conditions these sedimented lagoons primarily confined to the southeastern coast of the island are biologically the least productive with limited ecosystem values and services another group of moderately elongated semicircular slightly large lagoons in the same coast formed exclusively by submergence due to mid holocene sea level rises do not receive sufficient freshwater input leading to seasonally hypersaline conditions they are also biologically unproductive but some are ecologically important since they provide habitats conducive to migratory birds in contrast some lagoons on the southern coast receive sufficient freshwater via streams draining the wet zone maintain more estuarine salinities exhibit rich biodiversity and serve as functional resource units lagoons formed by mid holocene submergence and recession of water level with simultaneous chain barrier formation on the high energy southwest coast which includes cliffs small bays and headlands show peculiar configurations and link channel characteristics some of these irregular water bodies have clusters of small isles and luxuriant mangrove swamps with high biodiversity but not very rich in catadromous finfish and shellfish species due to the restricted nature of the entrance channel and nondistinct salinity gradients the barrier built seasonally hypersaline lagoon complex in the jaffna peninsula the largest lagoon system in the country with multiple perennial entrances show extremely narrow salinity ranges towards the upper limit of salinity the main lagoon is elongated and the shore parallel to eastward and southward extensions is connected by narrow channels the other lagoon in the jaffna peninsula is elongated shore parallel and ribbon shaped and receives tidal water throughout the year but freshwater is received only from precipitation and surface runoff even though the lagoons in the peninsula are extremely rich in ecosystem heterogeneity their hydrology and hydrodynamics have been severely disturbed by infrastructural development for transportation and by attempts to create a freshwater river for jaffna there are a few virgin lagoons of moderate size also on the northern coast south of the jaffna peninsula on both the east and west sides they look very typical tropical lagoons rich in biodiversity and biological production but their structure functions and values are virtually unknown in scientific or socioeconomic terms the lagoons located on the east coast are not numerous but relatively large in extent they are also an outcome not only of mid holocene sea level rises but of submerged multi delta valleys or abandoned paleo estuaries when inundated the multi delta 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action of local winds configuration of a lagoon formed by inundation of an abandoned river valley is irregular with a long entrance channel extended landward these lagoons are highly productive with a variety of associated ecosystems large open water areas and wide perennial sea entrances when the lagoon is too much elongated zonation is prominent due to fewer entrance effects lagoons form a particular type of natural capital which generates use values fish shrimp fuelwood salt fodder ecotourism anchorage recreation etc and nonuse values habitat preservation biodiversity ecosystem linkages etc contributing positively towards improving the human well being of many values of lagoons in sri lanka only the extractive values are generally utilized at present by way of fish and shrimp catches salt production and use of mangrove for various purposes besides coastal lagoons generate a range of nonextractive use values and nonuse values which could add towards the total economic value misuse has taken place at several instances when use adversely affects the status of the resources or the health of the ecosystem due to vulnerability and poverty population pressure urbanization development activities and multi stakeholder issues the status of lagoon resources shows that the resources in the majority of sri lankan lagoons still remain satisfactory somewhat good or very good nevertheless concerns for management of lagoons in sri lanka exist only where use values extractive values such as fish and shrimp exist there is no evidence of resources management in lagoons for inspirational scholarly values or tacit knowledge of the same management for use values exhibits several stages from zero management to comanagement via community management and state intervention most of sri lanka s lagoons have the potential for generating high extractive and nonextractive use values which could improve the human well being while maintaining resources sustainability unfortunately these potentials have not been understood or seen yet by the relevant authorities although a few instances of exploring this potential were noticed onderzoek naar arbeidsmigratie van veelal arme vrouwen uit sri lanka naar de golfstaten waar zij in de huishoudelijke arbeid terechtkomen

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the admin is currently evaluating u s policy toward sri lanka in the wake of the military defeat of the liberation tigers of tamil eelam one of the world's deadliest terrorist groups six months since the end of the war the sri lankan gov t is dealing with a humanitarian crisis in the north where hundreds of thousands are still displaced and homes and infrastructure are destroyed the senate foreign relations comm asked two staff members fatema sumar and nilmini rubin to evaluate u s policy towards sri lanka they conducted a week long fact finding mission nov 2 7 2009 to see how the country was transitioning after the war their report provides significant insight and a number of important recommendations to advance u s policy in sri lanka

### **Reaping The Whirlwind 2000-10-14**

the island of ceilao occupied a permanent and singular place in the political imagination of early modern portugal concurrently the portuguese left a strong imprint in the sri lankan collective memory of the period five centuries later a group of historians art historians anthropologists and linguists reflect on the multiple dimensions of this phenomenon by rethinking texts and maps ruined churches and ivory caskets oral tales and creole communities authored by 15 international scholars re exploring the links is divided in four parts political realities and cultural imagination religion con ict and interaction space and heritage construction representation language and ethnicity identity and memory while published on the occasion of the portuguese arrival in sri lanka five centuries ago this book is far from being a celebratory piece re exploring the links does not conform to nationalist models of historical interpretation and refuses both the rhetoric of discovery and the rhetoric of aggression the aim of the volume is not to celebrate encounters but to reinvent an academic debate independent of any political agenda and concerning a history that is portuguese and sri lankan alike introductory essay chandra r de silva portugal and sri lanka recent trends in historiography political realities and cultural imagination's pathmanathan the portuguese in northeast sri lanka 1543 1658 an assessment of impressions recorded in tamil chronicles and poems rohini paranavitana sinhalese war poems and the portuguese karunasena dias paranavitana the portuguese tombo as a source of sixteenth and seventeenth century sri lankan history rui manuel loureiro the matter of ceylon in diogo do couto's decadas da asia jorge flores maria augusta lima cruz a tale of two cities a veteran soldier or the struggle for endangered nobilities the two jornadas de huva 1633 1635 religion conflict and interaction alan strathern the conversion of rulers in portuguese era sri lanka john clifford holt buddhist rebuttals the changing of the gods and royal re legitimization in sixteenth and seventeenth century sri lanka ines g zupanov goan brahmans in the land of promise missionaries spies and gentiles in seventeenth and eighteenth century sri lanka jurrien van goor state and religion under the dutch in ceylon c 1640 1796 space and heritage construction representation zoltan biederma perceptions and representations of the sri lankan space in sixteenth century portuguese texts and maps holder carita portuguese influenced religious architecture in ceylon creation types and continuity nuno vassallo e silva an art for export sinhalese ivory and crystal in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries language and ethnicity identity and memory kenneth david jackson singelle nona jinggli nona a traveling portuguese burgher musedennis b mcgilvray the portuguese burghers of eastern sri lanka in the wake of civil war and tsunami

### **Sri Lanka: Recharting U. S. Strategy After the War 2010-10**

this edited book is an outcome of the proceedings of the international conference india sri lanka relations strengthening saarc organized by centre for indian ocean studies osmania university hyderabad india in november 2012 it deals with different aspects of india sri lanka economic social political ethnic and cultural relations dating back to pre colonial times to the 1990s

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~~with liberalization of indian economy in the post 1990 period consistent efforts have been made~~  
by india and sri lanka on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement which would built on the success of the free trade agreement fta

## **Re-exploring the Links 2007**

having celebrated its 70th year of independence in 2018 sri lanka a strategically positioned island nation now finds itself with the potential to be a super connector in fast developing asia while carving out a place for itself in the international arena sri lanka has simultaneously had to look inwards to recover and rebuild its potential bruised by an era of colonial rule and nearly 30 years of a civil war with two youth insurrections this book examines these twin dimensions first how sri lanka is negotiating its international reach and the spheres of influence that extend from other asian and world powers and second how the country is engaging in nation building from days of racial riots to ones of peace building reconciliation more robust governance and the development of cyber security written from the perspective of a sri lankan academic and the head of the national security think tank this book offers insights into how the country has addressed its post conflict as well as geopolitical challenges navigated through domestic politics and ramped up peace building efforts to now reach a junction where it can put its foot firmly on the road to prosperity in a new asian world order

## **India-Sri Lanka Relations Strengthening SAARC 2013-09-20**

in this comprehensive and authoritative study of terrorism in sri lanka k m de silva turns the spotlight on the liberation tigers of tamil eelam ltte and its role in sri lanka s upheavals over the last few decades while tracing the emergence of this separatist group and the events that led to its recent collapse de silva also seeks to explore the complex relationship between the so called moderates in sri lankan tamil politics and the tamil terrorist groups what emerges is a layered portrait of the dynamics of sri lanka s political system extensively researched and loaded with perceptive insights sri lanka and the defeat of the ltte is the most wide ranging analysis so far on the ltte and its violent legacy

## ***Sri Lanka At Crossroads: Geopolitical Challenges And National Interests 2019-01-04***

well over a million people of sri lankan origin live outside south asia the encyclopedia of the sri lanka diaspora is the first comprehensive study of the lives culture beliefs and attitudes of immigrants and refugees from this island the volume is a joint publication between the institute of south asian studies nus and editions didier millet it focuses on the relationship between culture and economy in the sri lanka diaspora in the context of globalisation increased transnational culture flows and new communication technologies in addition to the geographic mapping of the sri lanka diaspora in the various continents thematic chapters include topics on long distance nationalism citizenship sinhala tamil and burgher disapora identities religion and the spread of buddhism as well as the sri lankan cultural impact on other nations

## **Sri Lanka 1996**

discover the amazing story of sri lanka an island nation renowned for its vibrant culture rich heritage and breathtaking natural beauty in the history of sri lanka embark on a captivating journey through the ages exploring the ancient civilizations colonial encounters and the country s path towards modernity delve into the enchanting origins of sri lanka unearthing the myths legends and ancient settlements that shaped its early history experience the majesty of sigiriya the rock fortress of king kasyapa and marvel at the architectural wonders of anuradhapura the glorious capital of the sinhalese kingdom uncover the transformative influence of emperor ashoka and the arrival of buddhism which left an indelible mark on sri lankan society and culture witness the rise and fall of powerful kingdoms the encounters with european colonizers and the struggle for independence that shaped the country s destiny explore the diverse facets of sri lanka s cultural heritage from the golden age of sinhalese literature to the revitalization of traditional arts and crafts immerse yourself in the country s culinary delights a fusion of flavors that tantalize the taste buds and reflect the cultural diversity of the island uncover the economic development and global integration that have propelled sri lanka into the modern era from trade and tourism to infrastructure development and technological innovation witness the country s journey towards prosperity and its growing role on the global stage whether you are a history enthusiast a traveler seeking to deepen your understanding of sri lanka this book is a must read it will transport you to a world of ancient wonders colonial encounters and modern aspirations leaving you with a profound appreciation for the beauty and complexities of sri lanka indulge in the pages of the history of sri lanka and embark on a journey that will captivate your imagination broaden your horizons and deepen your appreciation for this remarkable island nation

## **Sri Lanka and the Defeat of the LTTE 2012-10-01**

fictionalized account of the history of sri lanka from the earliest times includes the spread and development of buddhism in sri lanka

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## **The Break-up of Sri Lanka 1988**

this study examines in depth the process of transformation of sri lanka s composite nationalism into divisive nationalism focuses on the factors and forces responsible for this transformation and analyses the contemporary crisis in sri lanka against this back ground

## **The Encyclopedia of the Sri Lankan Diaspora 2013**

papers presented at the first international tamil conference held at london on 30 april 1 may 1988

## **The History of Sri Lanka 2023-06-05**

in may 2009 the sri lankan army overwhelmed the last stronghold of the liberation tigers of tamil eelam better known as the tamil tigers officially bringing an end to nearly three decades of civil war although the war has ended the place of minorities in sri lanka remains uncertain not least because the lengthy conflict drove entire populations from their homes the figures are jarring for example all of the roughly 80 000 muslims in northern sri lanka were expelled from the tamil tiger controlled north and nearly half of all sri lankan tamils were displaced during the course of the civil war sharika thiraganama s in my mother s house provides ethnographic insight into two important groups of internally displaced people northern sri lankan tamils and sri lankan muslims through detailed engagement with ordinary people struggling to find a home in the world thiraganama explores the dynamics within and between these two minority communities describing how these relations were reshaped by violence displacement and authoritarianism in doing so she illuminates an often overlooked intraminority relationship and new social forms created through protracted war in my mother s house revolves around three major themes ideas of home in the midst of profound displacement transformations of familial experience and the impact of the political violence carried out by both the tamil tigers and the sri lankan state on ordinary lives and public speech her rare focus on the effects and responses to ltte political regulation and violence demonstrates that envisioning a peaceful future for postconflict sri lanka requires taking stock of the new tamil and muslim identities forged by the civil war these identities cannot simply be cast away with the end of the war but must be negotiated anew

## **Children Of The Lion 1997**

a journalist s account of his extensive travels in sri lanka and portrayal of the sri lankans who carry on in the midst of conflict and strife between warring factions of sinhalese buddhists and tamils

## **Nationalism in Sri Lanka 2000**

contributed articles

## **Sri Lanka, the Holocaust and After 1984**

focusing on the historical events of post independence sri lanka s j tambiah analyzes the causes of the violent conflict between the majority sinhalese buddhists and the minority tamils he demonstrates that the crisis is primarily a result of recent societal stresses educational expansions linguistic policy unemployment uneven income distribution population movements contemporary uses of the past as religious and national ideology and trends toward authoritarianism rather than age old racial and religious differences in this concise informative lucidly written book scrupulously documented and well indexed tambiah trains his dispassionate anthropologist s eye on the tangled roots of an urgent present day problem in the passionate hope that enlightenment understanding and a generous spirit of compromise may yet be able to prevail merle rubin christian science monitor an incredibly rich and balanced analysis of the crisis it is exemplary in highlighting the general complexities of ethnic crises in long lived societies carrying a burden of historical memories amita shastri journal of asian studies tambiah makes an eloquent case for pluralist democracy in a country abundantly endowed with excuses to abandon such an approach to politics donald l horowitz new republic an excellent and thought provoking book for anyone who cares about sri lanka paul sieghart los angeles times book review

## **The Indo-Lankans, Their 200-year Saga 2003**

samanth subramanian has written about politics culture and history for the new york times and the new yorker now subramanian takes on a complex topic that touched millions of lives in this divided island in the summer of 2009 the leader of the dreaded tamil tiger guerrillas was killed bringing to an end the civil war in sri lanka for nearly thirty years the war s fingers had reached everywhere leaving few places and fewer people untouched what happens to the texture of life in a country that endures such bitter conflict what happens to the country s soul subramanian gives us an extraordinary account of the sri lankan war and the lives it changed taking us to the ghosts of summers past he tells the story of sri lanka today through travels and conversations he examines how people reconcile themselves to violence how the powerful become cruel and how victory can be put to the task of reshaping memory and burying histories

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## ~~The Tamil National Question and the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord 1989~~

sri lanka and malaysia have similar land areas and resource endowments both countries were once colonies and in both a large plantation and mining export sector coexists with a peasant rice economy the expansion of the plantation and mining sector in past centuries attracted large numbers of immigrant indian and chinese workers and created plural societies composed of different ethnic groups with different cultures and traditions despite this common background these two countries have had very different experiences with economic development since their independence malaysia achieved unusually high growth rates but had trouble with equity and employment and did not establish an indigenous growth process sri lanka did well on equity by trying to maintain its culture and buddhist heritage but its policies created problems with productivity and balance of payments and finally led to a virtual collapse of the economy by early 1970 the author and his associates point to the constraints within which government policies in both countries were made and they seek to evaluate the origins and legitimacy of these constraints their much needed comparative study is readable thorough and sometimes provocative

## **The Island Story 2017**

the cage is a tightly written and clear eyed narrative about one of the most disturbing human dramas of recent years a riveting cautionary tale about the consequences of unchecked political power in a country at war a must read jon lee anderson new yorker staff writer and author of the fall of baghdad in the closing days of the thirty year sri lankan civil war tens of thousands of civilians were killed according to united nations estimates as government forces hemmed in the last remaining tamil tiger rebels on a tiny sand spit dubbed the cage gordon weiss a journalist and un spokesperson in sri lanka during the final years of the war pulls back the curtain of government misinformation to tell the full story for the first time tracing the role of foreign influence as it converged with a history of radical buddhism and ethnic conflict the cage is a harrowing portrait of an island paradise torn apart by war and the root causes and catastrophic consequences of a revolutionary uprising caught in the crossfire of international power jockeying gordon weiss has lived in new york and worked in numerous conflict and natural disaster zones including the congo uganda darfur bosnia afghanistan syria and haiti employed by the united nations for over two decades he continues to consult on war extremism peace building and human rights

## **In My Mother's House 2011-08-16**

this book is an extensive study of the sri lankan peace process it throws light on the political situation in sri lanka and the tension generated between the government and the ltte by a prolonged deadlock in the peace process despite the fact that there is no forward movement towards a resumption of talks the peace process has continued and the two adversaries have stuck to the cease fire and have honoured it till now all this is because of the perseverance of the international community with norway as the facilitator and japan as the largest donor the book also deals extensively with the intimate relationship between the issues involving the dead locked peace dialogue and sri lankan politics

## **Only Man is Vile 1992**

sri lanka an island in the indian ocean has lagoons along 1 338 km of its coastline they experience low energy oceanic waves and semidiurnal microtidal currents the sri lankan coastal lagoons are not numerous but they are diverse in size shape configuration ecohydrology and ecosystem values and services the heterogeneous nature in general and specific complexities to a certain extent exhibited by coastal lagoons in sri lanka are fundamentally determined by coastal and adjoining hinterland geomorphology tidal fluxes and fluvial inputs monsoonal driven climate and weather morphoedaphic attributes and cohesive interactions with human interventions most coastal lagoons in sri lanka are an outcome of mid holocene marine transgression and subsequent barrier formation and spit development enclosing the water body between the land and the sea this process has varied from one coastal stretch to another due to wave derived littoral drift sediment transport by tidal fluxes fluvial inputs and wave action or in other words sea level history shore face dynamics and tidal range as the three major factors that control the origin and maintenance of the sandy barrier the most important features for the formation and evolution of coastal lagoons with their landward water mass in certain stretches of sri lanka s coastline formation of the barrier spit was very active due to shore face dynamics that resulted in chains of shore parallel elongated lagoons they are among the most productive in terms of ecosystem yield and show some similarities to large tropical lagoons with respect to sea entrance zonation biodiversity and ecosystem services however some of them become seasonally hypersaline due to lack of freshwater input and high evaporation functions and processes of some of these water bodies are fairly known there are a fair number of small back barrier lagoons of different shapes and sizes whose origin goes back to sea level history they are located on low energy coasts with prominent beach ridges and restricted hinterland geomorphology mixing processes of these landward indentations are hindered by elevated sand dunes and their salinity increases due to poor freshwater input and high evaporation leading to seasonally hypersaline conditions these sedimented lagoons primarily confined to the southeastern coast of the island are biologically the least productive with limited ecosystem values and services another group of moderately elongated semicircular slightly large lagoons in the same coast formed exclusively by submergence

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~~due to mid holocene sea level rises do not receive sufficient freshwater input leading to~~  
seasonally hypersaline conditions they are also biologically unproductive but some are ecologically important since they provide habitats conducive to migratory birds in contrast some lagoons on the southern coast receive sufficient freshwater via streams draining the wet zone maintain more estuarine salinities exhibit rich biodiversity and serve as functional resource units lagoons formed by mid holocene submergence and recession of water level with simultaneous chain barrier formation on the high energy southwest coast which includes cliffs small bays and headlands show peculiar configurations and link channel characteristics some of these irregular water bodies have clusters of small isles and luxuriant mangrove swamps with high biodiversity but not very rich in catadromous finfish and shellfish species due to the restricted nature of the entrance channel and nondistinct salinity gradients the barrier built seasonally hypersaline lagoon complex in the jaffna peninsula the largest lagoon system in the country with multiple perennial entrances show extremely narrow salinity ranges towards the upper limit of salinity the main lagoon is elongated and the shore parallel to eastward and southward extensions is connected by narrow channels the other lagoon in the jaffna peninsula is elongated shore parallel and ribbon shaped and receives tidal water throughout the year but freshwater is received only from precipitation and surface runoff even though the lagoons in the peninsula are extremely rich in ecosystem heterogeneity their hydrology and hydrodynamics have been severely disturbed by infrastructural development for transportation and by attempts to create a freshwater river for jaffna there are a few virgin lagoons of moderate size also on the northern coast south of the jaffna peninsula on both the east and west sides they look very typical tropical lagoons rich in biodiversity and biological production but their structure functions and values are virtually unknown in scientific or socioeconomic terms the lagoons located on the east coast are not numerous but relatively large in extent they are also an outcome not only of mid holocene sea level rises but of submerged multi delta valleys or abandoned paleo estuaries when inundated the multi delta valley configuration became elongated and is shore parallel with a smooth seaward shoreline both shorelines become irregular when coastal waves are weak and internal waves are created by the action of local winds configuration of a lagoon formed by inundation of an abandoned river valley is irregular with a long entrance channel extended landward these lagoons are highly productive with a variety of associated ecosystems large open water areas and wide perennial sea entrances when the lagoon is too much elongated zonation is prominent due to fewer entrance effects lagoons form a particular type of natural capital which generates use values fish shrimp fuelwood salt fodder ecotourism anchorage recreation etc and nonuse values habitat preservation biodiversity ecosystem linkages etc contributing positively towards improving the human well being of many values of lagoons in sri lanka only the extractive values are generally utilized at present by way of fish and shrimp catches salt production and use of mangrove for various purposes besides coastal lagoons generate a range of nonextractive use values and nonuse values which could add towards the total economic value misuse has taken place at several instances when use adversely affects the status of the resources or the health of the ecosystem due to vulnerability and poverty population pressure urbanization development activities and multi stakeholder issues the status of lagoon resources shows that the resources in the majority of sri lankan lagoons still remain satisfactory somewhat good or very good nevertheless concerns for management of lagoons in sri lanka exist only where use values extractive values such as fish and shrimp exist there is no evidence of resources management in lagoons for inspirational scholarly values or tacit knowledge of the same management for use values exhibits several stages from zero management to comanagement via community management and state intervention most of sri lanka s lagoons have the potential for generating high extractive and nonextractive use values which could improve the human well being while maintaining resources sustainability unfortunately these potentials have not been understood or seen yet by the relevant authorities although a few instances of exploring this potential were noticed

### ***Women and Politics in Sri Lanka 1999***

onderzoek naar arbeidsmigratie van veelal arme vrouwen uit sri lanka naar de golfstaten waar zij in de huishoudelijke arbeid terechtkomen

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