

Sri Lanka at the Crossroads

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Sri Lanka has a geo-strategic location in the Indian Ocean. Traditionally famous for its serenity, nowadays it is characterised by its socio-economic development and a competitive democracy. During the post-colonial period, the island-nation has, by and large, successfully attained the objectives of a higher rate of literacy, economic growth, improved health and educational services, and a higher level of political participation.

Sri Lanka has been going through major changes and upheavals during the last several decades, including an ongoing ethnic war since 1972 (now under ceasefire), two armed revolts in the south and major changes in demography, social differentiation, and the economy. Furthermore, Sri Lanka is

subjected to gross changes in the socio-economic environment because of intensified globalization. All this has its repercussions in the socio-economic, political and cultural spheres. The Ninth ICSLS conference will explore this broad juncture in Sri Lankan society.

The ICSLS is a biannual meeting of scholars preoccupied with research on Sri Lankan history, society, ethnicity, demography, economy, education, polity, literature, foreign policy, international relations, diaspora, gender and other related issues. It provides an academic forum where scholars on Sri Lanka Studies, exchange their research findings and ideas in order to advance scholarly exchange and have more innovative research in future.

The conference aims to provide a forum for taking stock, rethinking, and making plans in the light of past experience. Scholars on Sri Lanka Studies from around the world are invited to contribute papers on their research in their respective fields, on a wide range of topics and from a wide variety of disciplinary perspectives, with direct or indirect bearing on changes in Sri Lanka. Like in previous conferences, we aim for 'an exercise in conceptualization and theorization of Sri Lankan reality'. <

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The deadline for submitting abstracts is 15 June 2003.

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