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Colombo: Department Archaeology, 2018

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Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), 2018

xxxiv, 214p.

Includes Bibliography

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\$ 40.00 / PB

402gm.

This study focuses on the politics of foreign aid to Sri Lanka from developed capitalist countries of the West, Japan and multilateral agencies during the period 1977 to the end of the armed conflict between Sri Lankan security forces and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. This period is characterised by economic policies that emphasised openness to global capitalism, markets and the private sector, and an armed conflict resulting from the demand by the Tamil minority for a separate state.

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Battaramulla: Neptune Publications (Pvt.) Ltd., 2018
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158gm.

Sri Lanka is an island steeped in myth, mystery and mystique. It is full of strange tales that continue to baffle us – man-eating monsters and demons scared of iron, feral children and lost cities, weird prophecies, strange sicknesses, human sacrifice and freaks of nature with black magic and inexplicable crimes thrown in for good measure. These puzzles of the past still haunt us, taunting and terrifying us as it did those ages ago, testing our wits to as far as it could go.
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Literature

The Raid at Entebbe : A Collection of Exotic Short Stories / Chris Defonseka
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vii, 76p.
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This book on short stories titled, The Raid on Entebbe includes carefully crafted and written stories, both fiction and non-fiction which readers will find both a pleasure to read and educational.
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Politics

Freedom of Religion, the Role of the State, and Interreligious Relations in Myanmar / Nyi Nyi Kyaw
Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) & Equitas, 2018
vi, 66p.
9789555802277
\$ 18.00 / PB
138gm.

This study examines the state of religious freedom and interreligious relations in Myanmar. It looks at the role of the state as a major actor in influencing religious relations in that country and the impact of state policy and practice on different religious denominations.
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The Chronic and the Entrenched : Ethno-Religious Violence in Sri Lanka / Gehan Gunatilleke

Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) & Equitas, 2018

Vi, 110p.

Includes Bibliography

9789555802154

\$ 18.00/ PB

206gm.

The political transition of 2015 promised an end to ethno-religious violence in Sri Lanka. Three years later, this promise remains largely unfulfilled.

In this study, Gehan Gunatilleke, examines how ethno-religious violence has persisted, particularly in its chronic form, and looks at some of the factors that entrench and sustain such forms of violence. He concludes by arguing for a cultural transformation that will confront the root cause of this violence.

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Sociology

Dreams of Change : Land, Labour and Conflict in Sri Lanka / Sarath Amunugama
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2018

viii, 440p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789556653847

\$ 30.00 / PB

576gm.

This book is a study of social change in Sri Lanka during approximately the first five decades of the island's independence. It deals with changes in a number of key areas of social, economic and political life that were decisive for both the successes and the failures of the newly independent nation's search for modernity, prosperity, and happiness. In this collection of essays, Sarath Amunugama deals with one of the central themes in Sri Lanka's socio-political transformation during the colonial and post-colonial phases, the land question. Land has provided the material basis for modern Sri Lanka's development policies, electoral politics, inter-class political alliances, ethnic conflict and civil war, Left-wing insurgencies, inter-ethnic relations as well as political and religion-social ideologies.

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