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Anthropology

Meaning of the Sigiriya Paintings : Based on Recent Archaeological Evidence / Benille Priyanka
Colombo : Godage International Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, c2005
30 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
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Essays in Archaeology : In honour of Professor H.T.Basnayake / Edited by Prishanta Gunawardhana ; Robin Conningham
Colombo : Godage International Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2005
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A catalogue of The Sangam Age Pandya and Chola Coins in the national Museum, Colombo, Sri Lanka / R. Krishnamurthy ; Senarath Wickramasinghe
Colombo : Department of the National Museums, c2005
39 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
955-578-017-x
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Directory of Museums in Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka : Department of National Museums, 2005
vii, 28 p. ; 22 cm.
955-578-018-8
$ 10.00

Art

The World of Stanley Kirinde / Sinha Raj Tammita
Colombo : Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd, c2005
360 p. : ill. ; 36 cm
955-1131-26-6
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[Stanley Kirinde’s Painting adorn the walls of president’s house, the Foreign Ministry, the military academy and several government and private institutions, His work has been exhibited in Bangladesh, Japan, Brazil, the United Kingdom and the United Stated of America and is displayed in several foreign museums. Many of his painting are in private collection all around the world, one of them is in the possession of the President of India, one of the few foreigners ever to be asked to paint an Indian head of state. Today Stanley Kirinde is perhaps the nearest thing that Sri Lanka has to a national painter, his art presents us with an image of this country in all its varied forms, as it one was and as it is today.]

Cinema Studies

Cinesith No.2-2002 : The International film Journal from Sri Lanka / Edited by Robert Crusz
CINESITH – Is a bi-annual film Journal.
Sri Lanka : Asian Film Center, [Affiliated to NETPAC], 2002
60 p. : ill.; 27cm.
ISSN : 1391-698x
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Agent Sri 007 Jamis Banda
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Economics

Colombo : Hector Kobbeakaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, 2005
ix, 52 p. ; 29 cm.
955-612-065-3
Research Study No.113
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Poverty and Youth Issues in Sri Lanka / Claudia Ibarguen
Colombo : A Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) Publication, 2004
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Colombo : A Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) Publication, 2004
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Briefing Paper Series No. 6-2004
$ 5.00

Urban Poverty in Sri Lanka / Neranjana Gunetilleke and Azra Abdul Cader
Colombo : A Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) Publication, 2004
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955-1040-15-3
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Overview of Poverty in Sri Lanka
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955-1040-08-2
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Livelihoods and Poverty in Sri Lanka / Nimal Sanderatne
Colombo : A Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) Publication, 2004
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Colombo : A Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) Publication, 2004
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Gender Dimensions of Poverty in Sri Lanka / Sepali Kottegoda
Colombo: A Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) Publication, 2004
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Poverty Reduction Strategy in Sri Lanka / Azra Jafferjee and Dinushka Senanayake
Colombo: A Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) Publication, 2004
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Colombo: Centre for Poverty Analysis, 2005
50 p. ; 29 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
955-1040-22-8
ISSN : 1391-9946
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1. Caste-Sri Lanka
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3. Poverty Alleviation
$ 8.00

[This study attempts to understand if there is a caste dimension to poverty in Sinhalese society. The importance of caste appears to be reducing and, among both higher and lower castes, a large percentage of people are no longer occupied in caste-based employment. There is also evidence to suggest that open discrimination against the lower castes has almost disappeared. However, popular view that caste no longer matters in Sinhalese society may not be accurate when considering the condition of the lower caste poor. In our sample, most of the lower caste respondents were also of a lower socio-economic status and they continue to experience difficulties in accessing employment opportunities, with a substantial number still engaged in low-status jobs. They feel that their caste is partly to blame for their inability to move out of poverty and speak of discrimination in accessing employment as well as the education system. Caste may matter more or less depending on ones’ caste position in the hierarchy and whether one lives in rural areas or urban areas, but the findings of this study indicate that if one is poor, being from a lower caste is an added obstacle to overcome poverty.]

Input Output Tables for Sri Lanka–2000 / D. Amarasinghe, Jayatilleke S. Bandara
Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies, c2005
iv, 69 p. ; 28 cm.
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9. Concluding remarks.]

Regulatory Impact Assessment : A Tool for Better Regulatory Governance in Sri Lanka?
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Sri Lanka’s National Accounts 1950-2002 / Terrence Savundranayagam
Colombo : Institute of Policy Studies, c2005
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955-8708-42-1
Research Studies: Macroeconomic Policy Series No. 15 – May 2005
1. National accounts
2. Economics
$ 30.00

Colombo : CMC and IMCAP, [Primuss project of the Colombo Municipal Council and Improving Capacities for Poverty and Social Policy Research, Program of the University of Colombo], c2004
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Includes Bibliography.
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Understanding the Dimensions and Dynamics of Poverty in Underserved Settlements in Colombo / Neranjana Gunetilleke (et. al.)
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Colombo: Centre for Poverty Analysis, c2005
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955-1040-20-1
ISSN: 1391-9946
Working Paper Series No. 6 – 2005
1. Youth Organisations – Sri Lanka
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Impact of Trade Liberalization on Poverty and Household Welfare in Sri Lanka / Sanath Jayanetti, Ganga Tilakaratna
Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies, c2005
31 p.; 28 cm.
955-8708-33-X
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1. Poverty reduction
2. Economic aspects-poverty
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Those Days and Nowadays: Employment, Poverty Reduction and Empowerment in Sri Lankan Export Manufacturing Industries / Julika Erfurt
Colombo: Centre for Poverty Analysis, c2005
60 p.; 29 cm.
Working Elephant or Perahera Elephant? : An Ex-Post Impact Evaluation of the Regional Rural Development Project, Kandy / Sunil Bastian [et.al]
Colombo : Centre for Poverty Analysis, c2005
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1. Poverty
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Environment

The South and Central Asian man and the Biosphere meeting of experts on Environmental conservation, management and Research Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka 15-18 October 2002 : The First issue of the south and central asian mab network SACAM / Edited by Asoka De Silva et.al.
Colombo : The National Science Foundation, 2003
416 p. : ill. ; 25cm.
ISSN : 1391-4588
Journal of the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka Vol : 31 Nos. 1&2 March and June 2003 [Special Issue]
$ 30.00

xiv, 206 p. : ill. ; 27 cm.
955-1108-00-0
Proceedings of the Symposium for Human-Elephant Relationships and Conflicts $ 49.50

Biological Diversity and Conservation Strategy : Kurulu-Kele Area of the Kagalle Sanctuary / Edited by B.M.K Perera
Sri Lanka : Sri Lanka Environment Exploration Society, c2002
x, 75 p. ; 30cm.
955-8036-01-3
Conservation Series-01
Enhancing Sustainable Livelihood – A Case Study from Wanathavilluwa, Sri Lanka / L.P.D. Dayananda
Colombo : The World Conservation Union (IUCN), c2004
iv, 36 p.: ill.; 30cm.
955-8177-33-4
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History

Toronto : Harper Collins Publishers Ltd., 2005
326pp with Index
0-00-200718-5 (bound)
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2. Sri Lanka – Description and Travel
$ 29.95

In Woolf in Ceylon, Christopher Ondatjee, who was born and brought up in the island, follows in the footsteps of Woolf. Drawing on his personal experience of Ceylon and empire, he compares the way of life during imperial days with that of the post-colonial era. We learn as much about the country and its people and their transformation of the country during the past century as we do about the man who used his colonial career to become one of the leading English men of letters of the twentieth Century

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce : 1839-2004 : A Historical Review / S.S. Jayawickrama
Colombo : Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, 2005
ix, 199p.;
955-604-032-3
$ 90.00

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, set up in 1839, is Sri Lanka’s senior chamber of commerce and Is also one of the longest-established in the world.
This review narrates how the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce contributed to such growth in Sri Lanka. It is the first comprehensive account of the Chamber’s long and eventful history.

Enabling Traditions: Four Sinhala Cultural Intellectuals / Wimal Dissanayake
Sri Lanka: Visidunu Prakashakayo (Pvt.) Ltd., c2005
159 p.; 22cm.
Includes Index.
955-9170-77-5
$15.00

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Four Kandyan Families: From the Maha Disawani of Matale, Dumbara and Uva [A Genealogical study within the Historical Background and the Geographical Spread of the Kandyan Kingdom (1600-1815) / Sunil J. Madugalle
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, c2005
275 p.; ill.; 30cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
955-1266-00-5
$45.00

[It is only within the ‘historic nation’ that one could find a past. The Kandyan people were the residuary legatees of that past, with its peasant, cleric, clergy, aristocrat and dynasty. It one expects to see a Kandyan Kingdom without these elements then that would be non-existent. However much disputed or resisted, it is within this traditional order that lay some of the liveliest and interesting recorded descents that had lasted for generations. This does not mean that those who did not have the privilege of being a citizen of the last free and sovereign kingdom in Lanka cannot trace a lineage of repute or of many generations. Far from it later others become the existing order, and their rights may will be defended. But one must be constantly reminded that the most ardent of defenders of the most conservative elements in a society. It is as much as those who fight for the ‘Right to Work’ are the very same ones who ask for the ‘Right to Work Less.’ But my Attempt here is neither to recreate a conservative national Consciousness nor to repudiate allegiance to an existing nation, if it does exist in any form, but simply lay down the descent of some historic families, evidence to which has to be found mostly within that Historic Nation.]

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Ancient Coins of Sri Lankan Tamil Rulers / Paramu Pushparatnam
Jaffna: Bavani Patippakam, c2002.
xi, 192 p.; 21cm.
Includes Bibliography.
$12.00
Colonialism in Sri Lanka: The Political Economy of the Kandyan Highlands, 1833-1886 / Asoka Bandarage
Pannipitiya: Stamford lake (Pvt) Ltd., c2005
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1. Sri Lanka—Politics and Government
2. Colonialism.
$ 18.00

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The central issue in this study is the impact of British plantation economy and colonial political authority on the Kandyan highlands of Ceylon during the 19th Century. It includes a broad based debate on the development and underdevelopment of the third world in relation to the transformation that took place in Sri Lanka.

Glimpses of the Public Services of Ceylon: During a Period of Transition 1927-1962 / A.E.H. Sanderatne
Colombo: Kandy Books, c2005
xii, 117 p.; 21cm.
Includes Index.
955-1076-03-6
1. Public Service
2. Civil Service
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Being a Tamil and Sri Lankan / Karthigesu Sivathamby
Colombo: Aivakam, [Dist. Vijitha Yapa Bookshop], c2005
xxiv, 325 p.; 23cm.
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3. Writers, Artistes and Intellectuals
4. Education
5. Media
6. Tamil Theatre, Tamil Music and Tamil Cinema
7. Political Culture.

Ceylon : History in Stone / R. Raven-Hart
Pannipitiya : Stamford Lake (Pvt.) Ltd., c2005
vi, 343 p.; 22cm.
Includes Bibliography and Index.
955-1131-38-x
1. Sri Lanka-History
2. Sri Lanka-travel guide
$ 12.00

[In this book we see the complete and the versatile man, the lover of men, animals and birds, the student of archaeology, religion and myth, hiker, angler and canoeist-he canoed through all the Dutch canals of Ceylon-and above all, a friend of (Ceylon) Sri Lanka and her people.]

Trincomalie Bronzes-An Inquiry into Origins and their Impact on Ceylon History / W. Balendra
Sri Lanka : Aid of Orphanages and Charities, 2003
39 p.; 22cm.
$ 5.00

World Oldest Historical Sacred Bodhi Tree : At Anuradhapura / K.M.I Swarnasinghe
Sri Lanka : Ghaga Publication, c2005
64 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
955-123402-2
$ 12.00

[This book analyses the historical as well as the religious and cultural background of the Sri Maha Bodhi Tree. It will be a guideline to see and identify the living testimonies to this culture, scattered around the Sri Maha Bodhi Grounds. Coming to Known the sacred Sri Maha Bodhi, a world heritage which should be seen and known by people belonging to whatever nationality or religion, will be the realism of humanity by the mankind.]

Jaffna under the Portuguese / Tikiri Abeyasinghe
Sri Lanka: A Stamford Lake, c2005
66 p. ; 21 cm.
Includes Bibliography
955-1131-70-1
$ 9.00
[Jaffna under the Portuguese is a study on Portuguese rule in the Kingdom of Jaffna. It was undertaken during a period of study level the writer spent in Portugal. The archival records in the historical Archives at Goa are the main source on which he has based his work in which Portuguese revenue & Economic policies and Jaffna have been discussed at length]

Letchimey: A Tale of Old Geylon / Sinnatamby
2nd Edition [1st Edition 1898]
Colombo: Sooriya Publishers, 2005
48 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
955-8892-78-5
$ 9.00

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Young Love in an Old Garden- The Massacre of Mannar – Plots in the palace
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Law

Colombo: Legal Aid Commission, c2005
vii, 420 p. ; 23 cm.
955-1272-00-5
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The Court of Reason / Shaihul Mufliheen
Colombo: All Ceylon Thareekathul Muftheen, 2004 [1st Publishing 1995]
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Justice and the Moomin
Advice of the Moomin to the World
Judgment of the court of reason

Linguistics

A Contrastive Grammar of Tamil and Sinhala – Noun Phrase / M.A. Nuhman
Sri Lanka : University of Peradeniya, c2003
xvii, 229 p. ; 22 cm.
Includes Bibliography
955-589-059-5
$ 15.00

[This book A Contrastive Grammar of Tamil and Sinhala Noun Phrase is the first and so far the only attempt to study the syntax of Tamil and Sinhala utilizing the principles of Contrastive linguistics and the Transformational model. This study systematically brings out the Striking syntactic similarities and difference between these language and gives some new insight into linguistic affinities. All those interested in Language and linguistics, specifically those who study Tamil and Sinhala Syntax will find this book very useful. This book will also be practically helpful to those who are engages in teaching Tamil and Sinhala as second languages and to those who are involved in translation between these two languages.]

The uses of n. n and 1, 1 in Sinhalese Orthography / Julius de Lanerolle
Colombo : The Times of Ceylon Company Limited, 1934
vii, 25 p. ; 21 cm.
$ 10.00

Literature

No Escape : Based upon a True Life Story / Thamali Jayasinghe
Colombo : Thamali Jayasinghe, c2005
124 p.; 21cm.
955-98930-0-9
Novel
$ 8.00

Galle As Quiet as Asleep / Norah Roberts
2nd Ed. [1st ed 1993]
xviii, 499 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.
955-8095-85-0
$ 16.00

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We hold Galle better than any other port in Ceylon
Keys of the Fort of Galle were handed over to the British
“knit Together in Love and Service”
“So great a love of Litigation as in the Sinhalese”
“Rajakama Nathnang Vedakama” (If not a king be a doctor)
“By love Serve Another”
“Calling to Mind the Uncertain Times....”
“And Balfour Found the Gule!”
“And These Trust to their hands everyone is wise in his work”
Sinhala Lakuna Identity of the Sinhalese
A Revival of Cultural Traditionally Buddhist
“Gol Patte Yanne Vadagath minissu Balanta” You go to Galle to see the good People

The Rascal and other Stories / T.M.S Nanayakkara
Sri Lanka : A Stamford Lake Publications, c2005
248 p. ; 21 cm.
955-1131-39-8
$ 12.00

The Postcolonial Identity of Sri Lankan English / Manique Gunasekera
Sri Lanka : Katha Publishers, c2005
viii, 300 p. : ill. ; 22 cm.
955-1115-00-7
$ 25.00

[Distant Warriors : Novel / Channa Wickremesekera
217 p.; 22cm.
955-8897-04-3
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Mary Martin Booksellers Sri Lanka – October 2005 15
Sanctuary! / Hema Ramakrishna  
Colombo : Vijitha Yapa Publications, c2005  
86 p.; 15cm.  
988-8095-87-7  
$ 12.00

[In Sanctuary she makes a foray into ancient mythology taking on herself the daunting task of retelling the Ramayana story through the six scenes of her play. Only this time it is a tragedy, Sita’s tragedy, and the core of its message is the old equation: “women = prakriti (nature). In Prakriti is framed the mirror image of women, to be remorselessly pillaged, raped, ransacked and ruined over and over again until is no future question of habitat or home, planet or womb.”]

The Maze / R.D.K. Jayawardena  
Nugegoda : Sarasavi Bookshop Pvt. Ltd, c2005  
viii, 167 p. ; 21 cm.  
955-99238-0-3  
$ 10.00

[A spirited young woman caught up in a traumatic marriage to an uncompromising husband meets by chance a youthful Marxist leader whose idealism attracts her to his politics leading to a strong emotional bond. When he faces a grave threat to his life and freedom due to his anti-imperialist action, she daringly risks her own life to protect him, exposing herself to an inescapable crisis. In pre-independent Ceylon of 1940 the impact of World War II, the agitation for national independence and the growing influence of the emerging Marxist intellectuals were gaining momentum ushering in rapid social changes and a dynamic political culture. That eventful era of Sri Lanka’s modern history provides the exciting backdrop for The Maze.]

Yasodaravata : The Story of Yasodara or Yasodara’s Lament / Translation from the Sinhala Ranjini Obeyesekere  
Colombo : Godage International Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, c2005  
60 p. ; 21 cm.  
955-20-8376-8  
$ 10.00

[Sujatha Mallika, a girl from a remote village in the south has been deeply traumatized by events in her own past. When she enters Jaypura University she faces and survives a sadistic rag carried out by a student union affiliated to a radical political party. Even as she suffers the rigours of the rag, she is deeply impressed by the rhetoric of a messianic leader of that party who promises to sweep any corrupt establishment and find a place in the sun for the rural poor: when the rag is over she joins the party and works hard to bring them to power. Although deeply committed to their just cause, Sujatha is repelled by the violence the party uses to suppress its opponents and punish ‘traitors’ she also becomes aware of a mysterious plan called the ‘Giniralla Project’]
aimed at seizing power in the country. Dismayed and fearful, she leaves the party when she graduates from Jaypura. As a journalist, Sujatha battles the demons of her own past events she works to unravel the Ginirella Conspiracy. What she finally uncovers is a plot so terrifying that is almost beyond belief.

Official Publications

Administration Report of the commissioner of Elections for the Year 2002 – Part I – Civil (Y)
v. ; 30 cm.
$ 30.00

Statistical Abstract 2004
Sri Lanka : Department of Census and Statistics Presidential Secretariat Sri Lanka, 2005
xxix, 456 p. ; 30 cm.
955-577-454-4
$ 45.00

Annual Survey of Construction Industries – 2003
Sri Lanka : Department of Census & Statistics, 2005
ix, 38 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.
955-577-516-8
$ 10.00

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