



Liberal Peace in Question

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Examines the internationally facilitated peace process between the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in order to provide critical insights on contemporary attempts at crafting liberal peace in intrastate conflicts.

'A valuable edited volume on a paradigm for peace making which will both inform and enrich academic and policy level debate on the subject, and the particular challenge Sri Lanka now faces of moving from a post-war to a post-conflict situation.' —*Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA), Sri Lanka*

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Liberal Peace In Question: Politics of State and Market Reform in Sri Lanka uses Sri Lanka's failed attempt at negotiating peace with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to examine the politics of state and market reforms towards liberal peace. Sri Lanka is seen as a critical case that demonstrates key characteristics and shortcomings of liberal peace, vividly demonstrated by internationally facilitated elite negotiations and donor-funded neoliberal development.

Readership: Researchers and students in studies of peace, development, human rights and politics as well as practitioners within peace diplomacy and development cooperation.

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