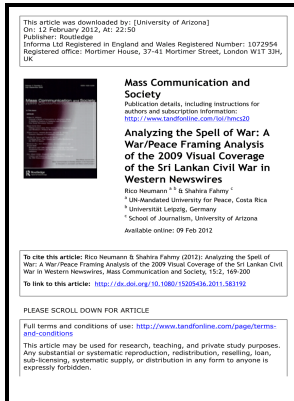


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The humanitarian tragedy has further alienated large groups of people, nationalist propaganda has gridlocked the government against political compromise, and the ever unruly electorate is expected to remind the government of the deplorable state of the economy soon.

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The chapter also analyses the composition of civil society groups in modern Sri Lanka, motivations and identity politics, as well as the ability to draw mass support based on nationalistic, divisive, or peace messages. This book is a highly recommended reading for researchers, students and academics involved in the study of Politics, International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, and Sociology, as well as donor agencies, consultants, NGOs and peace activists.

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The existence of civil society per se cannot be equated with the existence of peacebuilding actors. The multiple case studies featured in this volume illustrate the growth of civil society involvement in national, regional, and international peacebuilding policy.

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That is the pivotal dilemma of the two books reviewed here. She has specialised in Sri Lanka studies since the mid-1990s. It highlights the role played by intermediate variables that affect the pathways of protest groups: such as changes in the international system; the visions and strategies of resistance movements and their degree of success; the economic relationship between the dominant and dominated side; and the legitimacy of the ideology in power apartheid or Zionism.

Camilla Orjuela

The introduction and first chapter of the book sets the stage for a closer look at identity politics, civil society and peace in Sri Lanka by defining some aspects of, or the misconceptions related to, these groupings and provides a brief background of the conflict and efforts to bring peace to the country. It also sets out the approach and methodology adopted in gathering and analysing material for the book.

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The chapter examines the idea of creating group identities that are not premised on the maintenance of an enemy other, not tied to ethnicity or a nation state but by alternative identities based on cosmopolitanism and multiculturalism.

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