

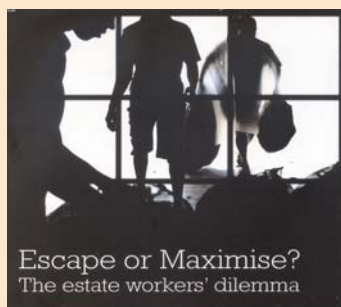
The Estate Workers' Dilemma:

Tensions and Changes in the Tea and Rubber Plantations in Sri Lanka

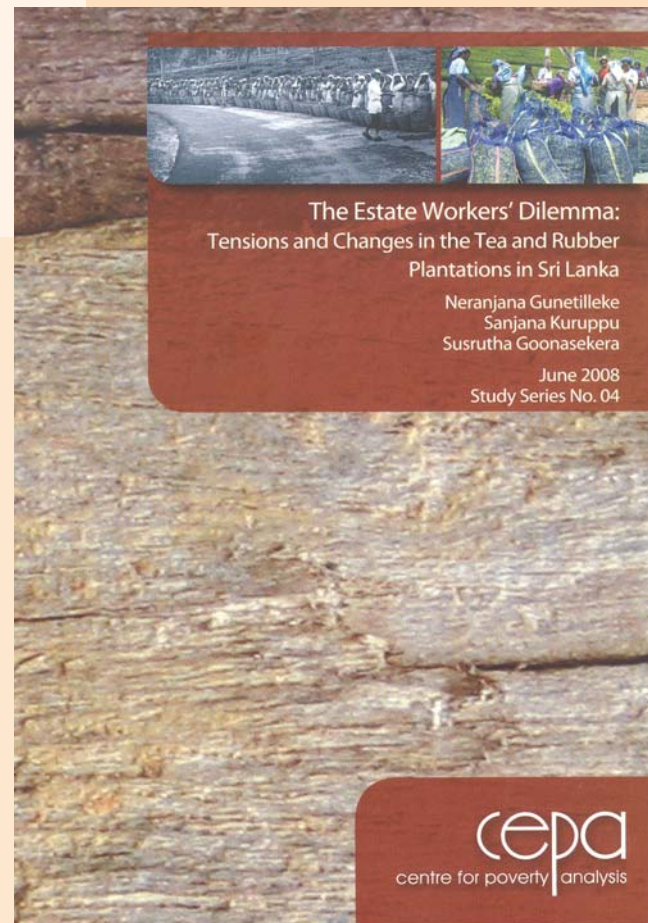
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Poverty among Sri Lanka's plantation sector workers has been a problem that has been difficult to address, mainly because of the unique nature of the sector. "The Estate Workers' Dilemma: Tensions and Changes in the Tea and Rubber Plantations in Sri Lanka" is a comprehensive study that uses qualitative methods to understand the nature and drivers of poverty in the estates. It has important insights for the industry, for policy makers, and for civil society organisations working with estate workers.

The book includes an Executive Summary in English, Sinhala and Tamil, and can be purchased together with the DVD *To Escape or Maximise: the estate workers' dilemma*, a documentary based on the study findings that aims to stimulate discussion among the various actors seeking solutions for the sector.



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