

CEPA OPEN FORUMS : 1999 – 2009

2009 (First Quarter)

- OF 37 – 02/2009** **Improving Policy and Practice: Lessons learnt from resettlement experiences**
Discussion on **resettlement policies and practices with insights**
By Mr. B.A Jayananda, Deputy Director, Land Use and Policy Planning Division, Ministry of Land and Land Development and
Ms. Farzana Haniffa, Senior Lecturer of Department of Sociology, University of Colombo.
Chaired by Priyanthi Fernando, Executive Director, CEPA.

2008

- OF 36 – 11/2008** **Growth, Distribution and Poverty Alleviation.**
Reflections on the book
Presented by Dr. Nimal Sanderatne, Dr. Harsha Athurupane, and Dr. Dileni Gunewardena
Chaired by Priyanthi Fernando, Executive Director, CEPA.
- OF 35 – 10/2008** **Growing our Food or our Fuel? - Food Security in the Context of Land Availability.**
Presented by Dr. Wasanthi Wickremasinghe, Senior Researcher, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute and
Growing Our Own Energy.
Presented by Mr. Parakrama Jayasinghe, President of the Bio Energy Association of Sri Lanka.
Chaired by Karin Fernando, Coordinator, Poverty Impact Monitoring (PIM) Programme.
- OF 34 – 05/2008** **Surprises in Poverty Indicators. New Poverty Statistics/Indicators based on Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2006/2007**
Presented by Mrs. D.B.P. Suranjana Vidyarante, Director General of the Department of Census and Statistics.
Commented by Neranjana Gunetilleke, Senior Professional of the Poverty Impact Monitoring (PIM) Programme
Chaired by Mohammed Munas, Professional, Poverty and Conflict (PAC) Programme.
- OF 33 – 01/2008** **The Updated Consumer Price Index (CPI): The Need and Implications.**
Presented by Mr. D.C.A Gunwardhana, Department of Census and Statistics. Discussants Dr. Harsha De Silva, LIRNE Asia and Deshal De Mel, Institute of Policy Studies
Chaired by Nilakshi De Silva, Senior Professional, Poverty Impact Monitoring (PIM) Programme.

2007

- OF 32 - 10/2007** **Changing Research Support in South Asia and China. Does the Chinese rural Investment Study Suggest Anything About Research Support Directions?**
Presented by Dr. Stephen J. McGurk
Chaired by Sunil Bastian, Chairman, CEPA..
- OF 31 – 06/2007** **Between Theory and Rhetoric: The Workers' Reality**
Presented by Nilakshi De Silva and Susrutha Goonesekera
Chaired by Fiona Remnant, Senior Professional, Poverty and Knowledge Management Programme.
- OF 30 – 03/2007** **Gender Wage Gaps in Sri Lanka: Glass Ceilings or Sticky Floors?**
Presented by Dr. Dileni Gunewardena, Senior Lecturer, University of Peradeniya
Facilitated by Azra Abdul Cader, Coordinator, Poverty and Knowledge Management Programme.

2006

- OF 29 – 12/2006** **Returns to Capitals in Micro-Enterprises: Evidence from a Field Experiment**
Presented by Dr. Suresh De Mel, University of Peradeniya and Prof. Christopher Woodruff, University of California, San Diego.
Facilitated by Neranjana Gunetilleke, Coordinator, Poverty and Impact Monitoring Programme.
- OF 28 – 09/2006** **Dealing with Demons – An Exploratory Study on Post- Conflict Justice**
Presented by Prashan Thalayasingam, Coordinator Poverty and Conflict Programme, Centre for Poverty Analysis. Commented by Dr. Darini Rajasingham-Senanayake. Facilitated by Kannan Arunasalam, Senior Professional, Centre for Poverty Analysis.
- OF 27 – 07/2006** **Living Conditions in the North and East – How Different?**
Findings from the Consumer Finances and the Socio-Economic Survey 03/04
Presented by Dr. Anila Dias Bandaranaike, Director, Department of Statistics, Central Bank of Sri Lanka and Commented by Dr. Rohan Samarajiva
- OF 26 – 03/2006** **Pro-Profit? Pro-Poor? The Role of CSR in Development**
Presented by Mr. Chandra Jayaratne, Director, Eagle Insurance Company Ltd. Facilitated by Azra Jafferjee.

2005

- OF 25 - 08/2005** **Income Distribution after Economic Liberalisation: Sri Lanka, 1980-2002**
Presented by Ms. Ramani Gunatilaka, Consultant and PhD Candidate at the University of Monash, Australia. Commented by Mr. Deva Rodrigo, Member of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC), chaired by Dr. Patricia Alailima, Consultant Coordinator (CEPA).
- OF 24 – 06/2005** **Disconnected Discourses and Emerging Alliances: Poverty Monitoring in Sri Lanka**
Presented by Mr. Christoph Feyen, Senior Advisor to the Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA). Commented by Mr. Lalith Weeratunga, Secretary to the Prime Minister.
- OF 23 – 03/2005** **Sri Lankan Youth Poised for the Future: Insights and Findings from Three Years of the CEPA Poverty and Youth Programme**
Presented by Ms. Claudia Iburgüen, Senior Professional, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA), Ms. Sanjana Kuruppu and Ms. Vigitha Renganathan, Junior Professionals, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA). Commented and facilitated by Dr. Markus Mayer, IMCAP, University of Colombo.
- OF 22 – 02/2005** **Institutional Developments within a State in Transition: Challenges**
Presented by Mr. Sunil Bastian, International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo. Commented on by Dr. Shelton Wanasinghe, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo.

2004

- OF 21 – 12/2004** **Development after development? On the Economics of Social Peace and Reconstruction in Sri Lanka**
Presented by Dr. Darini Rajasigham-Senanayake, Anthropologist/Associate, Centre for Poverty Analysis
Commented on by Prof. Nira Wickramasinghe, Department of History and International Relations, University of Colombo.
- OF 20 – 07/2004** **Malnutrition as a Measure of Poverty: Are Sri Lankans Malnourished or is the Indicator Flawed?**
Presented by Dr. R. M. K. Ratnayake, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Dr. Renuka Jayatissa, Consultant Nutritionist, Medical Research Institute (MRI).
- OF 19 – 01/2004** **Achieving Millennium Development Goals in Sri Lanka: Trends, Key Issues, Challenges and a Reflection on Institutional Arrangements**
Presented by Mr. V. Sivagnanasothy, Deputy Director, Monitoring and Progress Review Division, Ministry of Policy Development and Implementation (MPDI) and Mr. Christoph Feyen, Senior Advisor, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA).

2003

- OF 18 – 10/2003** **Improving Sri Lanka's Poverty Measurement Methodology**
Presented by Dr Dileni Gunewardena, Senior Lecturer at the University of Peradeniya. Commented on by Dr Indra Tudawe – Programme Officer at UNICEF, Colombo.
- OF 17- 07/2003** **Poverty, Food Security and Conflict: A review of the focussed impact assessment of IFSP Trincomalee**
Presented by Christine Schenk & S. Srimanobhavan, IFSP Trincomalee. Commented on by Dr Yuvi Thangarajah – Eastern University.
- OF 16- 01/2003** **Yathra Theatre Workshop**
Presented by Dr. Asoka De Zoysa, Co-ordinator, IntraAct Theatre Group. Commented on by Dr. Sepali Kottegoda – Co-ordinator of the Women and Media Collective.

2002

- OF 15 – 09/2002** **The 2001 population census count of Sri Lanka and its deviation from projected values: some resultant implications for poverty analysis and targeting of poverty programmes**
Presented by Prof. Indralal de Silva, Head of Dept. of Demography, University of Colombo. Commented on by Dr. Dileni Gunawardane, Senior Lecturer, University of Peradeniya.
- OF 14 – 03/2002** **Greed and Grievance in the Sri Lanka Conflict: Implications for Poverty and Marginalisation**
Presented by Mr. Steve Hollingworth, Country Director– CARE International– Sri Lanka. Commented and facilitated by Dr. Muttukrishna Sarvananthan, International Centre for Ethnic Studies.

2001

- OF 13 – 12/2001** **Monitoring and Measuring Poverty: Balancing International and National Information Needs**
Presented by Mr. A. G. W. Nanayakkara, Director General, Department of Census and Statistics and Dr. Hans Gsaenger, Consultant, German Development Institute.
- OF 12 – 06/2001** **Micro Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurial Cultures in Sri Lanka: Implications for Poverty Reduction**
Presented by Dr. Nireka Weeratunge, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA). Commented by Ms. Shehara de Silva, Board of Investment (BOI).
- OF 11 – 03/2001** **Poverty Alleviation Theories and Approaches: Have we got it right, finally?**
Presented by Dr. M. Adil Khan, Senior Advisor, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

2000

- OF 10 – 11/2000** **The Change Agents' Programme: Reducing Rural Poverty by Catalysing Economic Change**
Presented by Ms. Ramani Gunatilaka, Freelance Consultant
Commented by Mr. Jehan Perera, National Peace Council, Colombo.
- OF 9 – 09/2000** **Why Poverty Persists**
Presented by Dr. Nimal Sanderatne, University of Peradeniya
Commented by Dr. Asoka Kasturiarachchi, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- OF 8 – 05/00** **Poverty, Local Planning and Youth Empowerment in Southern Sri Lanka**
Presented by Dr. Markus Mayer, South Asia Institute, Colombo
Commented by Mr. Sunil Bastian, International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES).
- OF 7 – 03/ 2000** **The use of stunting and wasting as indicators for food insecurity and Poverty Presented by Dr. Ines Reinhard, Integrated Food Security Programme (IFSP) and Mr. K.B.S. Wijeratne, Sewalanka Foundation. Commented by Mr. Seneka Abeyratne, AgEnt.**

1999

- OF 6 – 12/1999** **Recent changes in the BMZ/GTZ Evaluation System and Approaches to Poverty Impact Monitoring**
Presented by Dr. Volker Steigerwald, Team Internal Evaluation, Strategic Corporate Development Unit, German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ).
- OF 5 – 11/1999** **No Future in Farming? The Potential Impact of Commercialisation of Non-Plantation Agriculture on Rural Poverty in Sri Lanka**
Presented by Prof. Tudor Silva, University of Peradeniya
Commented by Mr. Sunil Bastian, International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES).
- OF 4 – 10/1999** **Politics of Target Oriented Poverty Alleviation Programmes: The Sri Lankan Case**
Presented by Mr. Sunil Bastian, International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES). Commented and facilitated by Ms. Ramani Gunatilaka, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS).
- OF 3 – 07/99** **Women and Poverty in Sri Lanka: Trends and Characteristics**
Presented by Dr. Sepali Kottegoda, Women's Media Collective
Commented and facilitated by Ms. Kumudhini Rosa, Vocational Training for Women and Youth (VTW).

OF 2 – 03/1999

Poverty in Sri Lanka: Measurement and Alleviation Exercises

Presented by Prof. W.D. Lakshman, Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo. Commented and facilitated by Mr. Sunil Bastian, International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES).

OF 1 – 01/1999

Improving Poverty Related Research Capacities in Sri Lanka

A brainstorming of Sri Lankan academicians and donor representatives

Facilitated by Mr. Christoph Feyen, Poverty Impact Monitoring Unit (PIMU).