PSC 4171 - Public Policy and Administration in Sri Lanka

Course Objectives

The course is designed to enable students to gain knowledge of recent developments in the area of public policy-making with special reference to issues, problems, changes and needs in the areas of public management, policy making and governance in contemporary Sri Lanka.

Expected Outcomes

At the end of the course, student will be aware of:

i. The nature of post – independence administrative processes in Sri Lanka, and
ii. Economic & Political changes and their impact on public policy making processes and the state control over policy making & administration.

Course Content

1. Context & overview
   i. Global context: Globalization, market reform & public administration.
   ii. Domestic context: Changing character & role of the state in development;
   iii. Ethnic conflict, devolution & power sharing.

2. De-centralization, Public Policy and Public Administration
   i. Decentralization of administration under unitary state.
   ii. Nationalization.
   iii. Public sector.
   iv. Development planning and public administration.

   i. The 1972 Constitution and its impact on Public Administration.
   ii. Political control of administration and ‘development administration.’
   iii. Public administration under mixed economy.

4. Radical Political Movements and Public Policy
   i. The JVP, the youth unrest and public policy.
   ii. Militant minority resistance and public policy.
5. Economic Liberalization and Changes in Public Policy and Public Administration.

ii. Privatization and changes in Public Policy.
iii. Structural Adjustment programmes and their impact on the State and Public Policy and Administration.

Scheme of Assessment

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Recommended Reading


