

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.

3. Public Administration, Political Control and the System of Political Authority (1970 – 1977)

- 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.

- i. Economic liberalization and new development strategy of 1977.
- 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

Assignments	15%
Mid-Term Test	15%
Final Examination	60%
Class Attendance and Participation	10%

Recommended Reading

Hettige, S. T. and Markus Mayer (eds.), 2000, *Sri Lanka at Cross Roads: Dilemmas and Prospects after 50 Years of Independence*, New Delhi: Macmillan India Ltd.

Jayasuriya, Laksiri, 2000, *Welfare and Politics in Sri Lanka: Experience of a Third World Welfare State*, Perth: University of Western Australia.

Lakshman, W. D and Clement A. Tisdell (Eds.), 2000, *Development Since Independence: Socio-Economic Perspectives and Analyses*, New York: Nova Science Publishers Inc.

Warnapala, W. A. Wiswa and D. E. Woodsworth, 1987, *Welfare as Politics in Sri Lanka, Monograph Series No. 22*, Montreal: MacGill University, Center for Developing Area Studies.