



Monthly Seminar Series: October 2019

Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts,
University of Colombo

**“Post-war Tamil politics in Sri Lanka: Sovereignty,
nationalism and the problem of peace”**

Dr. Bart Klem

Thursday 24th October 2019, 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Seminar Room, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo

All are welcome!



Dr. Bart Klem is a senior DECRA research fellow with the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne. His research is focused on war-time and post-war Sri Lanka. He is interested in political order and sovereignty in contested environments, and is in the process of writing a book on post-war Tamil politics in Sri Lanka. He also has an emerging interest in

Indonesia. Dr. Klem received his PhD in Political Geography at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, with a dissertation on everyday life and post-war transition in Eastern Sri Lanka. Some of his subsequent publications include a special issue on ‘public authority and contestation’ in South Asia (Modern Asian Studies 2018, with Bert Suykens), a new conceptualization of the LTTE sovereign experiment (Comparative Studies in Society and History 2017, with Sidharthan Maunaguru), a critique of the paradigm on ‘war to peace transition’ (Conflict, Security and Development, 2018) and an incisive empirical study of post-war settlement politics and colonization in Weli Oya and Sampur (Journal of Peasant Studies 2019, with Thiruni Kelegama).