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At
the Seminar Room,
Department of
Sociology,
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Colombo

“Protests to People's Councils: Planning for a Democratic Future.”

The 100 days of Aragalaya - Porattam - Struggle - made a rallying call for a dynamic accounting of people's sovereignty. It raised fundamental questions about political representation and the need for reform in our political systems. In the ensuing debates, the idea of People's Councils has gained some traction, with various organizations, collectives and individuals proposing such a mechanism for furthering democratic action in the country, supplementing the already existing institutions. Conversely, reservations have been forwarded too, questioning the viability and even desirability of such a mechanism. Join us in our discussion on how one may conceive the idea of People's Councils, its institutional provenance, and the role it may or may not play in furthering a democratic agenda.



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