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## Power and politics in the shadow of Sri Lanka's armed conflict

Sida Studies **No. 25**

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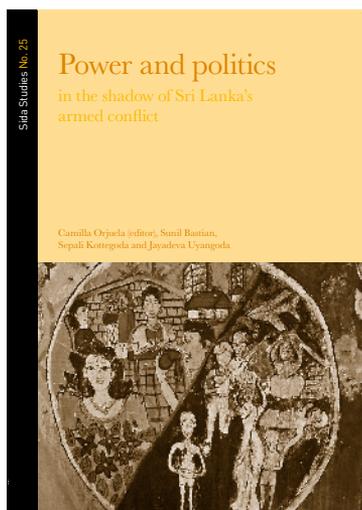
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This multi-dimensional power analysis is essential to understand Sri Lanka's efforts towards post-war reconstruction, and the ways in which outside interventions into conflict resolution and development become part of and transform various power struggles. Although the context in which power is maintained and resisted is in some ways radically new in post-war Sri Lanka, we also see that



much of the uneven power relations, as well as the attempts to challenge them, remain and will continue to shape politics and life in Sri Lanka in the future.

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## Body Politics and Women Citizens African Experiences

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and Paula Mählck.

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This volume presents empirical case studies of women's experiences of working for their livelihoods and of how they craft their everyday lives as wives, mothers and citizens. They do so in the shadow of the global market and of neo-traditional and religious movements which resist change in the direction of gender equality. Phenomena such as polygamy and female genital mutilation are maintained or revived within modern African society. The perspective of body politics reveals a growing concern about the constraints on women claiming their rights, and points to the need to identify new methods to support women's full and active citizenship.

## Natural Resource Tenure – a crucial aspect of poverty reduction and human rights

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Sida Studies **No. 23**

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Karin Gerhardt, Nighisty Ghezae, Per  
Knutsson, Pernilla Malmer, Eva Stephansson  
and Susanne von Walter.

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This study is broad in scope: it covers agricultural land as well as urban. It covers water, wetlands, coastal areas, forests, rangelands, protected areas, genetic resources and petroleum and minerals. It shows how strongly development priorities such as pro-poor growth and the fulfilment of human rights apply to natural resource tenure. Environmental sustainability and climate change, gender equality, peace, security and democratic governance are all closely related issues.

Experiences and cases from different parts of the world illustrate key messages; supported by a selection of photos.

The overview and the recommendations may provide guidance for the development and implementation of policies and programmes that are urgently needed.

## Understanding the Local Power Structure in Rural Bangladesh

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Sida Studies **No. 22**

Authors: David Lewis and Abul Hossain

Pages: 120 incl. index

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This study of the rural power structure presents new qualitative data to analyse the changing formal and informal institutions which govern people's lives in one area of rural Bangladesh. The research explores the ways in which disadvantaged individuals and groups seek to increase their influence and further their economic and social goals. It documents the barriers and challenges that people living in poverty face, and explores the current limits to these local change processes.

## Power and Policy Slippage in Tanzania – Discussing National Ownership of Development

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Sida Studies **No. 21**

Authors: Göran Hydén and Max Mmuya

Pages: 184 incl. index

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This study of mainland Tanzania proposes how analysis and monitoring of power could be conducted in more systematic ways. It offers a set of proposals for local actors and development partners that would help bring a more equal character to their relationships. There are ways in which civil society and state institutions could enter into a competitive and constructive relationship under the auspices of national ownership of the development process. The conclusion discusses how power analyses can be used by development partners and partner institutions alike.

## Energy sector reform: strategies for growth, equity and sustainability

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Sida Studies **No. 20**

Author: Per Ljung

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Today some 1.6 billion people lack access to electricity and around 2.4 billion use traditional biomass such as wood or dung for cooking. How should energy production and distribution in low income and lower-middle income countries be guided, owned and regulated in order to achieve development objectives on economic growth, environment, climate, equity and human rights? Per Ljung describes different models and structures. He highlights pitfalls as well as successful models and experiences from many parts of the world.

## The Least Developed Countries and World Trade

– Second Edition

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Sida Studies **No. 19**

Author: Stefan de Vylder

Pages: 251 incl. index

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Fifty different countries all over the world have been designated as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) by the United Nations. This study examines the role that trade can play in the development of these countries. The importance of the various agreements concluded within the WTO is discussed. What is the bottom line as far as trade agreements with the European Union are concerned? How do other bilateral or regional agreements function? How do trade barriers operate? What is necessary for a country to be able to operate successful trade activities?

The author interlinks the internal and external factors which affect LDCs' opportunities of participating in trade and growth in a global scenario and examines trade as a part of the wider development complex.

## The impact of HIV/AIDS on livelihoods, poverty and the economy of Malawi

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Sida Studies **No. 18**

Authors: Lisa Arrehag, Stefan de Vylder, Dick Durevall and Mirja Sjöblom

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This study is an important step towards understanding the complex threats to society that HIV/AIDS poses, focusing on Malawi as a representative case. It addresses both the short and long term impact of HIV/AIDS by bringing together and analysing

findings from qualitative and quantitative studies on the spread and impact of the epidemic. The authors' analysis provides a stronger foundation for conclusions of the consequences of HIV/AIDS and of appropriate policies to combat the deadly disease.

### Illusions and Disillusions with Pro-Poor Growth – Poverty Reduction Strategies in Bolivia, Honduras and Nicaragua

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Sida Studies **No. 17**  
Authors: Rob Vos and Maritza Cabezas  
Pages: 120  
Published: 2006  
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The authors argue that definitions of “pro-poor growth” strategies are vague and that there is a lack of consistency between economic policies and poverty reduction. They also argue that vis-à-vis the new agendas of second generation strategies, civil society has lost space. Other major issues relate to insufficient action as to e.g. the need for land reform, to gender issues and to the threat of debt insolvency – problems that are exacerbated by e.g. lack of stability in aid flows and excessive policy conditionality.

### Of Global Concern – Rural Livelihood Dynamics and Natural Resource Governance

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Sida Studies **No. 16**  
Editors: Kjell Havnevik, Tekeste Negash and Atakilte Beyene  
Pages: 263  
Published: 2006  
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Researchers from the South and North, based at e.g. the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, address some of the major challenges to the rural smallholders. They discuss case

studies from Africa, Latinamerica, India and Sweden. The report illustrates the urgent need for development strategies to better capture the socioeconomic, institutional and cultural complexities of rural people's aspirations.

### The Employment Nexus Between Growth and Poverty – An Asian Perspective

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Sida Studies **No. 15**  
Author: S.R. Osmani  
Pages: 113  
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Economic growth is necessary for sustained reduction of poverty. But how fast poverty will fall in response to growth depends crucially on how far the growth process succeeds in creating productive employment opportunities – wage employment as well as self-employment – for the poor and how equipped the poor are to seize those opportunities. This examination of findings from Armenia, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Indonesia and Bangladesh testifies to the importance of employment as the critical nexus between growth and poverty.

### Wealth of the Poor – Eliminating Poverty through Market and Private Sector Development

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Sida Studies **No. 14**  
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Claes Lindahl shows how development co-operation can influence international, national and local systems and institutions to provide incentives that unleash the creativity and enterprise of the poor – and that benefit the poor.

Lindahl discusses key factors behind successful pro-poor market and private sector development which include equitable distribution, gender equality, human rights, and environmental considerations. He also shows various ways of assessing the potential of different countries to achieve development of this type, and methods for assessing their present performance.

### Transforming Conflicts and Building Peace – Experience and Ideas of Swedish CSO:s

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Sida Studies **No. 13**

Author: Anna Åkerlund

Pages: 195

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ISBN 91-586-8316-X

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A study of Swedish CSOs' programmes in areas of crisis and conflict all over the world, was made between 1999 and 2001. The project leader, Anna Åkerlund, now gives prominence to ideas, facts and experience gained in the study. An analytical model is used to categorise projects and to determine the needs for new projects. She discusses international trends and risk factors and indicates ways in which civil society and actors in the field of development cooperation can work actively and more deliberately for peace.

### Sounds of Change – Social and Political Features of Music in Africa

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Sida Studies **No. 12**

Editor: Stig-Magnus Thorsén

Pages: 220, CD with music attached

Published: 2004

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A report on music to listen to – in several senses. The attached CD illustrates the

thought-provoking discussions of the contributors on the role and potential of music, both as a force in itself and as part of the development agenda.

### Lifelong Learning in the South: Critical Issues and Opportunities for Adult Education

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Sida Studies **No. 11**

Author: Rosa María Torres

Pages: 166

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A critical review of current international initiatives, policy recommendations and trends in youth and adult education and learning worldwide. A reorientation could have dramatic and positive effects for social and human development. The report includes an interactive process with different respondents throughout the world and a mosaic of inspiring education and learning experiences.

### The Culture of Power in Contemporary Ethiopian Political Life

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Sida Studies **No. 10**

Authors: Sarah Vaughan and Kjetil Tronvoll

Pages: 177

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An analysis of different power structures in Ethiopian society – between men and women, between the state and civil society, at village and district level, and between various ethnic groups.

## Migranter på den internationella arbetsmarknaden: Globaliseringens förbisedda hjältar

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Sida Studies **No. 9**

Författare: Bhargavi Ramamurthy

Sidor: 120

Publicerad: 2003

Artikel nr: SIDA3346sv

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This is the Swedish version of Sida Studies No. 8:

## International Labour Migrants: Unsung heroes of globalisation

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Sida Studies **No. 8**

Author: Bhargavi Ramamurthy

Pages: 115

Published: 2003

Art. no.: SIDA2899en

ISBN 91-586-8644-4

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Capital, information and goods are well-known components in globalisation, but labour force migration often takes place out of public view and regulation is poor. Bhargavi Ramamurthy describes global trends and the patterns of people who migrate in order to work and looks in particular at the ways in which the source countries are affected. A continent-wise review on remittance flows is included.

## One step further: Responses to HIV/AIDS

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Sida Studies **No. 7**

Authors: M. Heywood, V. Bond, H. Ullum, T. Barfod, W. Silomba, G. Foster, A. Whiteside, M. O'Grady, M. Fuglesang, P. Dover, M. Hammar skjöld, B. Egerö, J. Collins and B. Rau

Pages: 236

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People working in different capacities with HIV and AIDS describe their experience. Care services and reactions in Zambian villages, opinions of Danish doctors, the role of the mass media in Tanzania, private enterprises and human rights in South Africa, trends in the spread of the infection, development planning... A variety of experience is mixed with points of view on the need of programmes, changes in attitudes and research. A co-production with the UN's Research Institute for Social Development, UNRISD.

## Programme Support and Public Finance Management

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Sida Studies **No. 6**

Authors: Ulrika Brobäck and Stefan Sjölander

Pages: 162

Published: 2002

Art. no.: SIDA987en

ISBN 91-586-8784-X

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How should central government finances be managed in order to achieve a real reduction in poverty? The report is everyone's concern since it takes up ways in which government funds should be administered, but is particularly important for those who want to understand programme support, which is channelled directly to recipient countries' central budgets.

## The Least Developed Countries and World Trade

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Sida Studies **No. 5**

Authors: Stefan de Vylder, Gunnel Axelsson Nycander and Marianne Laanatz

Pages: 208

Published: 2001

Art. no.: SIDA986en

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## On Democracy's Sustainability

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Sida Studies **No. 4**

Author: Lars Rudebeck

Pages: 125

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The author looks at political developments in Guinea Bissau from the perspectives of villagers and politicians – as well as from a Western perspective. A “political thriller”, written with a deep understanding and a strong feeling for this country in West Africa.

## Discussing Women's Empowerment – Theory and Practice

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Sida Studies **No. 3**

Authors: N. Kabeer, P. McFadden, S. Arnfred, E. Domiguez and S. Saadallah

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The authors discuss e.g. whether the values behind all the words on women's empowerment serve their purpose; whether colonial stereotypes of African women are still being strengthened today; whether the rhetoric on gender mainstreaming has lost all its force.

## Beneficiary, Consumer, Citizen: Perspectives on Participation for Poverty Reduction

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Sida Studies **No. 2**

Author: Andrea Cornwall

Pages: 91

Published: 2000

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Mention is often made of the importance of “participation”, “partnership” and “empowerment” in the development process. Andrea Cornwall looks critically at the ways in which the concepts are used in the donor community and, at the same time, argues how they can be given a real meaning.

## Moldova's Transition to Destitution

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Sida Studies **No. 1**

Authors: Per Ronnås and Nina Orlova

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Published: 2000

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A country in crisis, close to the heart of Europe – but far too often forgotten. Per Ronnås and Nina Orlova describe the causes of Moldova's difficult situation at the Millennium: macro and micro economy, debt burden, trade, politics ...



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