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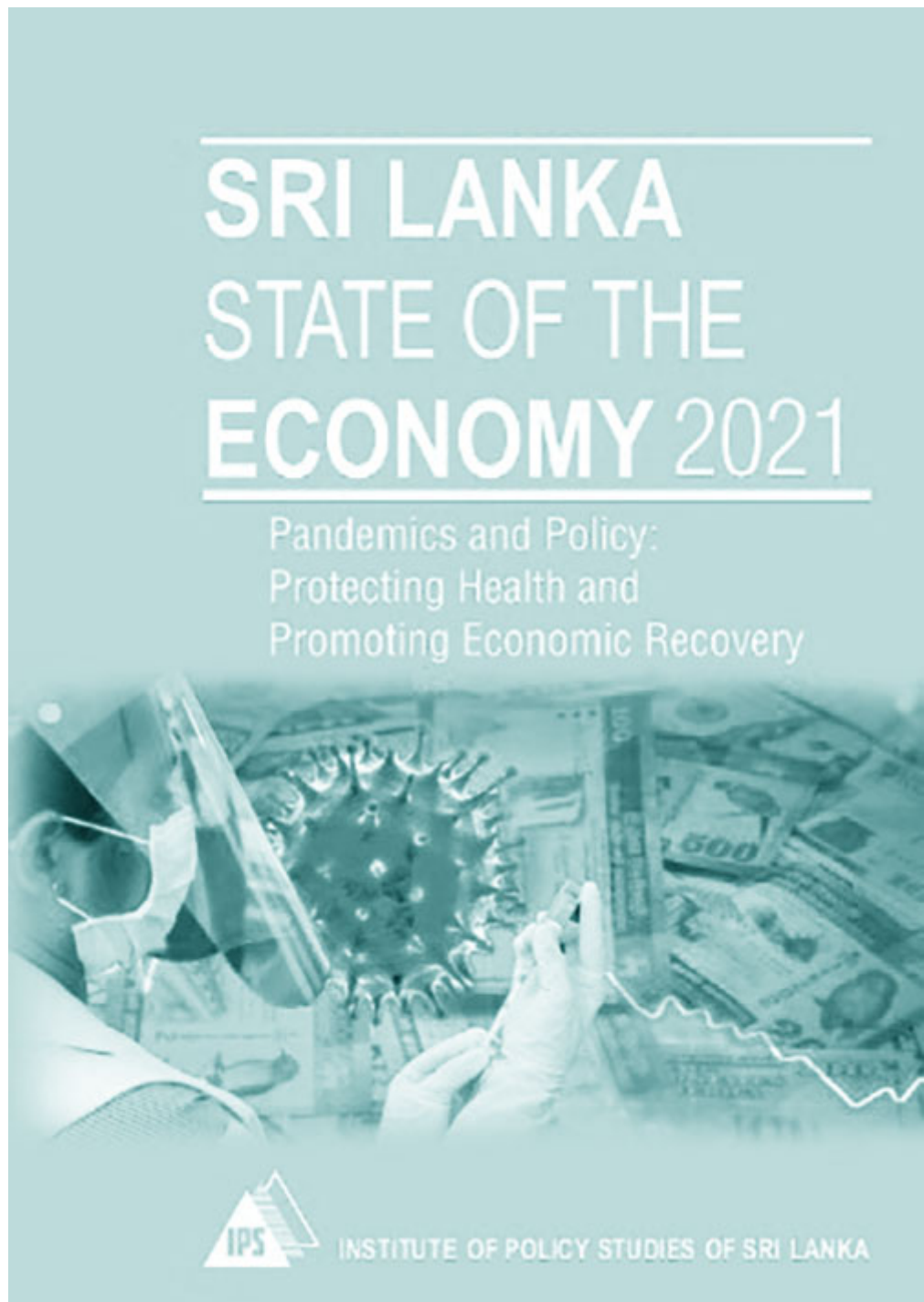


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# Sri Lanka: State of the Economy 2021 Report Launch Webinar Series

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The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) will host a public webinar series in conjunction with the release of IPS' annual flagship report 'Sri Lanka: State of the 2021' on October 11, 13 and 14 from 3-4 pm. This year's report focused on the the 'Pandemics and Policy: Protecting Health and Promoti1ng Economic Recovery', ex some of the critical socio-economic issues and policy choices facing Sri Lanka tod transitions to a 'new normal', IPS annou ced last week.

The first webinar on October 11 will focus on 'COVID-19 and the Sri Lankan Econo Choices and Trade-offs'. It will feature presentations by Dr. Dushni Weerakoon an Wijesinghe from the IPS with expert insights from Dr. Missaka Warusawitharana,

Economist, Johns Hopkins University, USA. It will be moderated by Mr. Tharindu U from IPS.

‘Pandemics and Disruptions: Safeguarding Lives and Livelihoods of Sri Lankans’ is discussion on October 13. The IPS presentations will be led by Dr. Nisha Arunatila Bilesha Weeraratne, with expert insights from Dr. Kolitha Wickramage, Global Health and Epidemiology Coordinator, International Organization for Migration and Ms. Gunawardena, Director, TRCSL and former Commissioner of Labour. Ms. Ashani A from IPS will moderate the discussion.

The third webinar on October 14 is on ‘Equity in Recovery: Addressing Sri Lanka’s Protection and Food Security Needs’. Presentations by Dr. Ganga Tilakaratna and Thibbotuwawa of the IPS will be followed by expert insights from Prof. Udith Jayas Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Prof. Dileni Gunewardena, Professor of Economics University of Peradeniya. Ms. Lakshila Wanigasinghe from IPS will moderate.

“The webinars will have a question-and-answer session to enable registered participants pose their questions to the panellists. The discussions can also be watched live on Facebook Page and IPS’ YouTube Page from 2:55 pm onwards, and followed on Twitter @TalkEconomicsSL using #SOE2021.

“We welcome all those interested in learning more about ‘Pandemics and Policy: Impact on Health and Promoting Economic Recovery’ to join us. For more details, including registration links, visit: <https://www.ips.lk/sri-lanka-state-of-the-economy-2021-launch-webinar-series/> or email: [communications@ips.lk](mailto:communications@ips.lk), the IPS release said.

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