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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 Economy 2021" on 11, 13, and 14 October from 3-4 p.m. This year's report, focused on the theme "Pandemics and Policy: Protecting Health and Promoting Economic Recovery", examines

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some of the critical socio-economic issues and policy choices facing Sri Lanka today as it transitions to a “new normal”.

The first webinar on 11 October will focus on “Covid-19 and the Sri Lankan Economy: Policy Choices and Trade-offs”. It will feature presentations by Dr. Dushni Weerakoon and Dr. Asanka Wijesinghe from the IPS with expert insights from Johns Hopkins University USA Financial Economist Dr. Missaka Warusawitharana. It will be moderated by Tharindu Udayanga from IPS.

“Pandemics and Disruptions: Safeguarding Lives and Livelihoods of Sri Lankans” is the topic of discussion on 13 October. The IPS presentations will be led by Dr. Nisha Arunatilake and Dr. Bilesha Weeraratne, with expert insights from International Organisation for Migration Global Health Research and Epidemiology Co-ordinator Dr. Kolitha Wickramage and TRCSL Director and former Labour Commissioner Madhavie Gunawardena. Ashani Abayasekara from IPS will moderate the discussion.

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

The webinars will have a question-and-answer session to enable registered participants to pose their questions to the panellists.

The discussions can also be watched live on IPS’s Facebook page and YouTube channel from 2:55 p.m. onwards, and followed on Twitter @TalkEconomicsSL using #SOE2021. For more details, including event registration links, visit: <https://www.ips.lk/sri-lanka-state-of-the-economy-2021-report-launch-webinar-series/> or email: communications@ips.lk

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