Preface

A limited perspective dominates the discourse on the economic cum political crisis facing Sri Lanka and the world. In this book, I have attempted to broaden and deepen our understanding of the contemporary situation by bringing together extensive information and alternative thinking which are generally absent in the mainstream analysis. The book’s discussion of the origin, processes and evolution of globalization is more relevant now than ever, in order to comprehend the necessity to turn towards bio-regional, ecological and equitable ways of living in both Sri Lanka and the world at large.


The book conveys insights and experience I have derived from teaching courses in a wide range of fields – Sociology, Asian Studies, Women’s Studies, Environmental Studies, Global Development, International Relations, Public Policy, Buddhism and Philosophy – at Brandeis, Mount Holyoke, Georgetown, Colorado College, CIIS (California Institute for Integral Studies) and other educational institutions during the course of my career. The book is also informed by my field work and experience with educational and activist organizations, such as *Critical Asian Studies* and the Interfaith Moral Action on Climate.

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