DS1.

ETHNIC CONFLICT: AN ANALYSIS

BIRTY GAJAMERAGEDARA

Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

As a global issue, ethnic conflict is only of passing significance. In Sri Lanka it is of recent origin. It emerged in the 1920^s to become a formidable issue thereafter largely due to political and socio-economic factors. The central theme of our analysis is designed to show that a negotiated settlement, that is to say, a peaceful solution, to this conflict is possible. The political solution of the ethnic conflict is the precondition of Sri Lankan socio-economic and political progress in the new millennium. There has to be a necessary conceptual framework to grapple with the problems.

