Rights-based questions:

Technology transfer in transitional societies

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THREE QUESTIONS

- Why we should ask rights based questions in technology transfer?
- Why transitional societies, not post conflict societies?
- Can the gap between rights and needs bridged?

TRANSITIONAL SOCIETIES

Post-war or post-conflict



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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Need to consider the social aspects



TECNOLOGY TRANSFER & RIGHTS BASED QUESTIONS

- Technology transfer is a key ingredient in the transitional societies.
- It has been part of the development discourse.
- Technology transfer is multifaceted & several narratives are in play.

POST WAR PERSPECTIVE

- Development Drive (Liberal Peace)
- Private Investment (Investing in Peace)





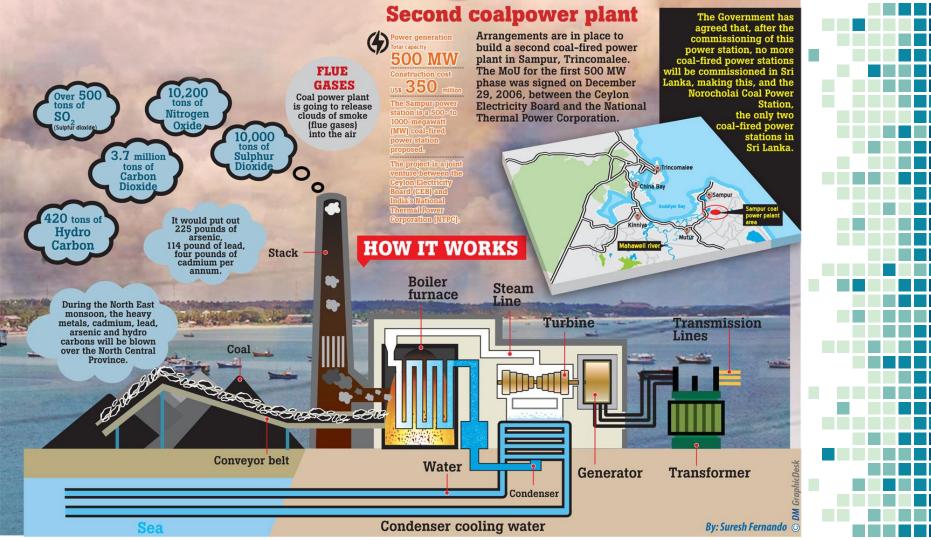
3 Cases from Sri Lanka

- Sampur Coal Power Plant Eastern Sri Lanka
- 65,000 Prefabricated Housing Northern Sri Lanka
- Proposed solar & wind farms Northern Sri Lanka

Sampur Coal Power Plant



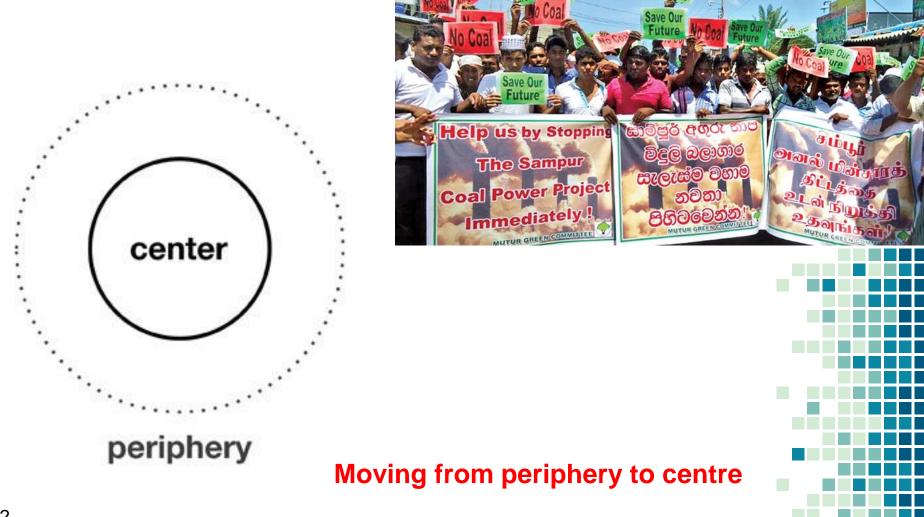






Weapons of the Weak?

(James Scott, 1985)



65,000 Housing Project







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ArcelorMittal Headquarters in Luxembourg City

by Rajan Philips

Let us call a cage, a cage, and not a steely home in a palmyrah grove! The controversial US\$ 1 billion contract with ArcelorMittal to build 65,000 steel houses in the north smacks of all the vices of corrupt global capitalism and none of the virtues of a free market economy. ArcelorMittal is the world's largest steel producer, the outcome of the 2006 takeover of Arcelor (itself a conglomerate of Spanish, French and

Luxembourg companies) by India's Mittal Steel, and subsequent gobbling up of steel companies in different parts of the world. Why would the world's largest steel company be interested in building houses in Jaffna? One billion US dollars are not a small amount even for ArcelorMittal with annual revenue in excess of 100 billion dollars. But it is a huge amount for a Sri Lankan contract and an astounding amount for the people of Jaffna to pay for 65,000 houses. And what they will be getting is nothing like the simple 'stone houses' that they were used to – with modest gardens, open verandahs, through ventilation and raised foundations to keep the monsoon floodwaters away.

- ArcelorMittal Intensified scrap reuse
- 90% of what was previously categorised as waste is now being sold or reused internally.
- -3.7 million tons of by-products commercialized.
- -Revenue from by-product sales: USD 45.8 million.



Renewable Energy Project



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IMPORTANT LINKS







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Construction of a 240 MW Wind Power and 800 MW Solar Power Hybrid Energy Park at Pooneryn

- In accordance with the Government Policy to move towards for renewable energy for generating electricity, several such energy projects have been implemented during the past. In the same manner, a considerable amount of energy is to be further added to the National Energy Network from the renewable energy sources. According to studies made by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, Pooneryn situated in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka has been identified as a suitable area for generating electricity through Wind Power as well as Solar Power. Accordingly, the proposal made by the Hon. Minister of Power and Renewable Energy to construct the 240 MW Wind Power and 800 MW Solar Power Hybrid Energy Park in the Pooneryn area under three phases, was approved by the Cabinet.

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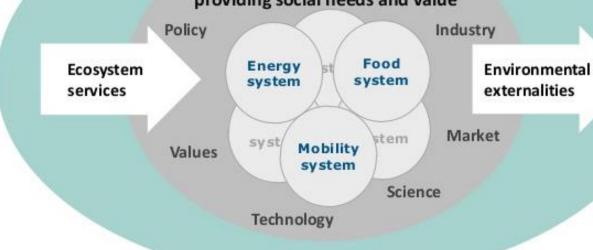


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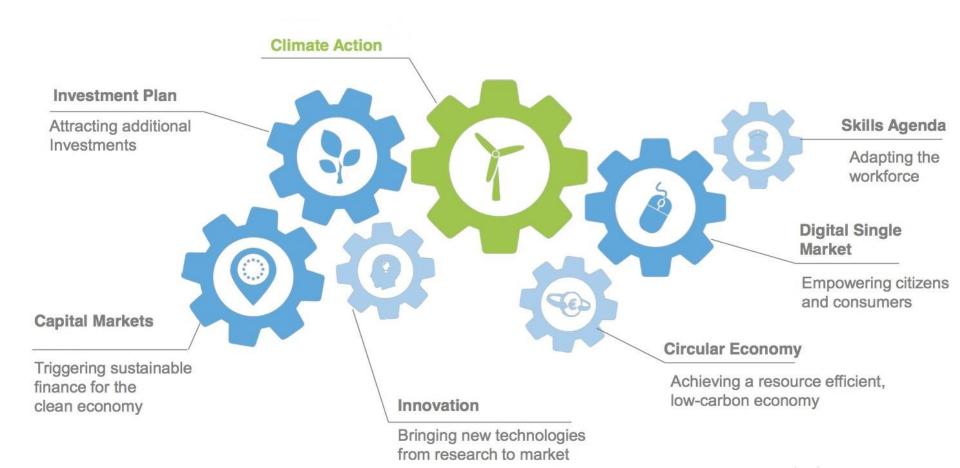
LIVING WITHIN ECOLOGICAL LIMITS

ECOSYSTEMS

SOCIO-TECHNICAL SYSTEMS providing social needs and value



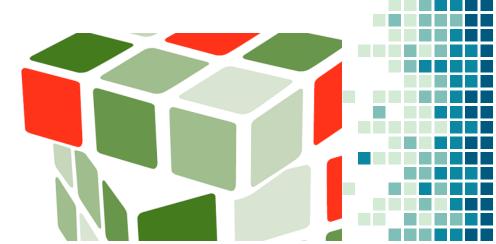
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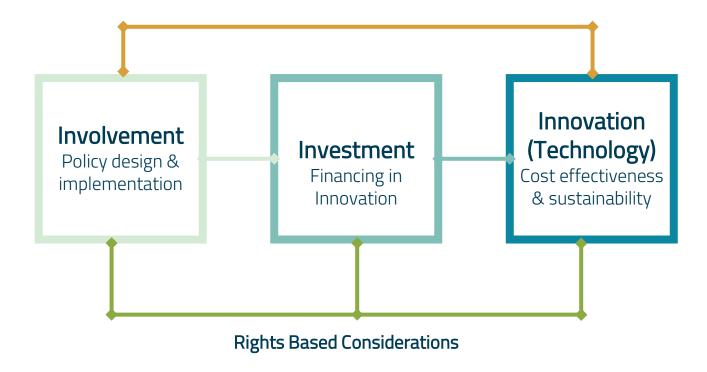


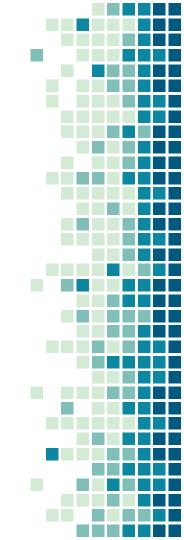
How to make the transitions just?





A FRAMEWORK





Availability of capable staff at the right locations — to be able to meet changing requirements in the future

Right Site

Right Shape

Right composition of workforce — from enabling vs. operational, staff vs. management, distribution across grades

Right Skills

Clarity regarding needed and pivitol capabilities to meet future goals and actual gaps



All of this needs to be done at the right cost for the business

Right Size

Required number of staff for the jobs that are needed to achieve the strategic goals efficiently and effectively



ECOLOGICAL HEGEMONY OR ECOLOGICAL DEMOCRACY

The most important question is, Who is dominant & for what purpose & who is subordinate & what do they gain or lose?

Ecological Hegemony

What is the role of human rights in this transition?

Ecological Democracy

Key Considerations

- Equity in an unequal world
- 20th century institutions and governance for a 21st century challenge
- Special case of transitional societies
- A new, smarter road to the future transitions
- The opportunities of taking the road less travelled



