

Sri Lanka Economic Crisis and the Impact It Poses on Territorial Integrity (2021-2022)

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This study aims to analyse and identify the effect Sri Lanka's ongoing economic crisis has on the country's territorial integrity and to find out what can be done to protect the territorial integrity of Sri Lanka by overcoming those challenges. The study identifies Sri Lanka's debt-ridden economy, political instability, uncertainty about the country's future and the weakening national sentiment amongst Sri Lankans, and the emerging security threats to national security as primary threats to the country's territorial integrity. The research also proposes and suggests recommendations in response to the challenges posed by the economic crisis, expounding how Sri Lanka became entangled amidst major powers and their varying national interests and indicates how Sri Lanka can receive guidance from world organizations and highlights the importance of diminishing the influence external parties have on the country's governance. The research takes the form of qualitative research and the data utilized in the compilation of the research has been extracted via both primary sources; interviews, statements and secondary sources; websites, books, Journals, government records, and articles.

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