

Seminar-invitation: Dialogue on post-war relief and development in Sri Lanka's North-East

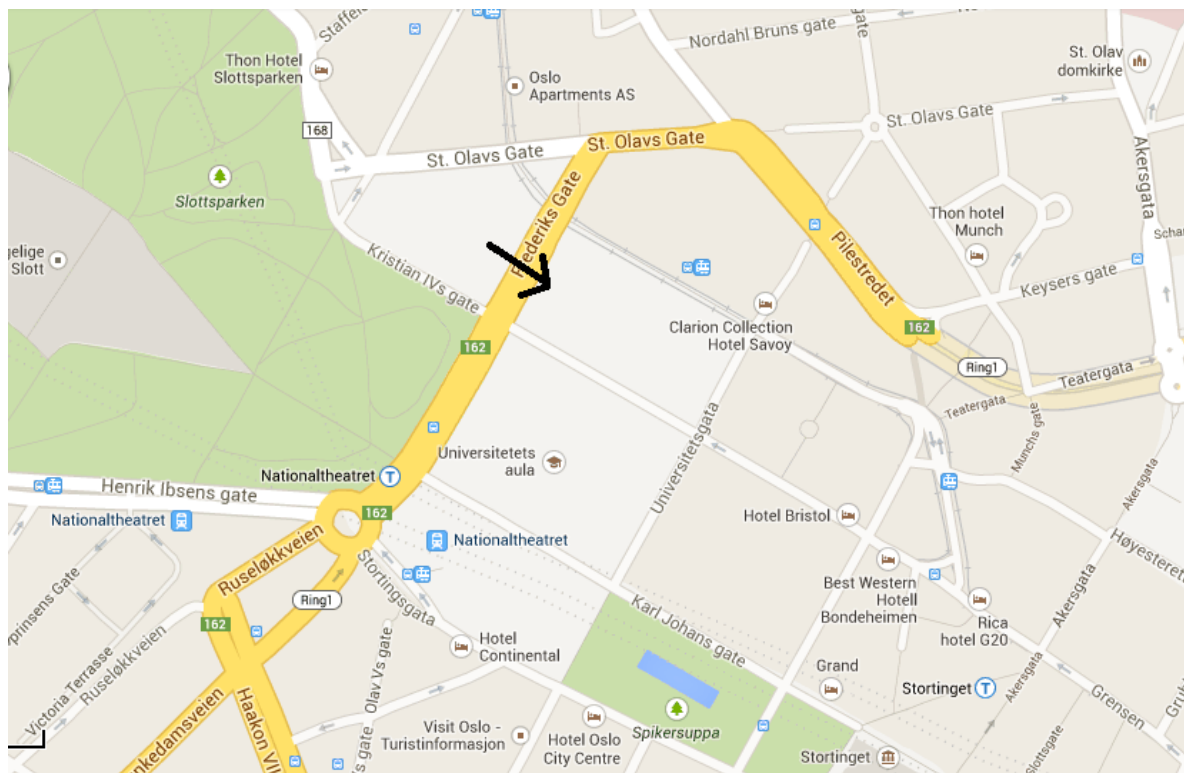
On August 26 the University of Oslo arranges the seminar *Dialogue on post-war relief and development in Sri Lanka's North-East*. The seminar will be held at the Museum of Cultural History (Kulturhistorisk museum), Fredriksgate 2, 3rd floor, starting 15.15. See map below for location. Entrance is through the main gate. Please note that the museum is closed to the public this day and that the doors will be opened only for entrance to the seminar.

ENTRANCE IS ONLY POSSIBLE IN THE PERIOD 15.00 – 15.20

The purpose of the seminar is to share knowledge, experiences and viewpoints on how to organize relief- and development-projects in Sri Lanka's North-East in the present situation, in particular projects initiated by the Tamil Diaspora. What are the limitations under current regulations, what possibilities do exist, what are the possibilities for co-operation between Tamil Diaspora organizations and Norwegian NGOs and the Norwegian government?

Please note that the intention is **NOT** to discuss the political situation in Sri Lanka in general or internal differences between Tamil political actors. These are important questions but must be discussed elsewhere.

For the purpose of a fruitful discussion participation in the seminar is by invitation and registration only. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST, 17.00.**



Program 26. August, 15.15 - 21.00, Museum of Cultural History:

Dialogue on post-war relief and development in Sri Lanka's North-East

SESSION 1: NORWAY IN SRI LANKA (15.30 - 17.00)

- Welcome

Professor Øivind Fuglerud, University of Oslo

Norway's development assistance to Sri Lanka; facts and challenges

Norway's Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Grete Løchen

Norwegian NGOs; assessments, strategies and possible partnerships

- Markus Aksland, Redd Barna
- Morten Lønstad, FORUT
- Alice Ennals, Utviklingsfondet

Questions-and-answers

Food break

SESSION 2: THE ROLE OF TAMIL DIASPORA ORGANIZATIONS (17.30 - 20.00)

Examples of ongoing projects and activities

- Dr Illangoo Balasingam, TECH Norway
- Jeyanthi Kailainathan, Tamilsk kvinneorganisasjon
- Yogarajah Balasingham, Norsk-tamilsk studieforum
- Satchi Mylvaganam, Tamilsk-norsk hjelp

Ground realities and possibilities for social action

- Dr. Malar, TECH Malaysia
- Sivaganam, Chairman Centre for Child Development, Jaffna
- Norwegian Council of Eelam Tamils (**speaker to be confirmed**)

Questions-and-answers

Tea break

SESSION 3: WHAT NOW? (20.15 - 21.00)

Obligations, opportunities and alternatives

Selvin Ireneuss Mariampillai, former director of the Sub-Committee for Immediate Humanitarian and Rehabilitation Needs

General debate

Closing statement

Professor Nadarajah Shanmugaratnam, Norwegian University of Life Sciences