

ETHNIC SEGREGATION IN THE CITY OF COLOMBO.

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Abstract: Ethnic Segregation is a common feature all over the world, especially in urban areas. This study attempts to examine the spatial and temporal patterns of the segregation of ethnic groups in the city of Colombo, Sri Lanka. This study was based on the data collected by the department of Census and Statistics for the Municipal Wards from 1963 to 1981. The formula introduced by Duncan and Duncan has been used for the numerical interpretation. In order to present the distribution and future trends of the patterns of segregation, maps were drawn using the facilities available in Geographical Information System (GIS). Finally, this study has drawn attention to the relationships between ethnic segregation and some other variables such as population density, and under-serviced settlements.