

ECONOMY-WIDE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON TOURISM: A CASE STUDY OF SRI LANKA

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This research aims to understand the total impacts (including direct, indirect, and induced impacts) of the COVID-19 pandemic on tourism using an economy-wide modeling technique – Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) modelling. The analysis is based on data from Sri Lanka, an emerging economy with heavy reliance on international tourism. Simulation experiments are carried out to see if domestic tourism promotion can help in compensating the foregone impacts due to international tourism, to understand the gendered labour market implications of pandemic shocks via tourism and the consequent impacts on poverty and inequality.

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