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PREFACE

Citizenship is both a theory and a policy. Since the epoch of city-states, theorists from various eras, nations, and disciplines have studied the elements and dimensions of citizenship. Also, national policymakers have struggled to determine the most appropriate citizenship definitions and parameters for their people. As a policy, citizenship is what keeps individuals legally attached to states and offers them rights and privileges. In return, those individuals are expected to fulfill their duties as citizens towards the state and remain loyal.

This book provides an introduction to citizenship, highlighting its relevance to the field of International Relations (IR) in interrogating the IR concepts such as the nation-state, individual, international system, and territoriality. However, the book is not limited to IR and contains a multidisciplinary literature review on the matter. Through this book, I intend to generate some interest among undergraduates who study IR, Political Science, and History to further study and research the different dimensions of citizenship. The content would be specially beneficial for IR students to gain a deeper understanding of relations between individuals and states and the factors that affect those relations. On a broader scale, I hope this brief book will be an intervention that triggers a conversation around central questions of citizenship, like who a citizen is, as well as the rights and duties of such a citizen, in a Sri

Lankan context, a conversation that is missing in the country at both academic and empirical levels.

First chapter of this book provides an introduction to the relevance of citizenship in International Relations (IR), followed by the historical overview of citizenship, ranging from the era of city-states up to contemporary times. Second chapter offers brief introductions to different categories of citizenship. Starting from the two key perspectives of citizenship, communitarianism and liberalism, I describe the major features of the dominant categories of citizenship discourse, such as national citizenship, dual citizenship, and transnational citizenship. In third chapter, I specifically pay attention to the (ir)relevance of traditional emphasis of citizenship on territoriality.

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