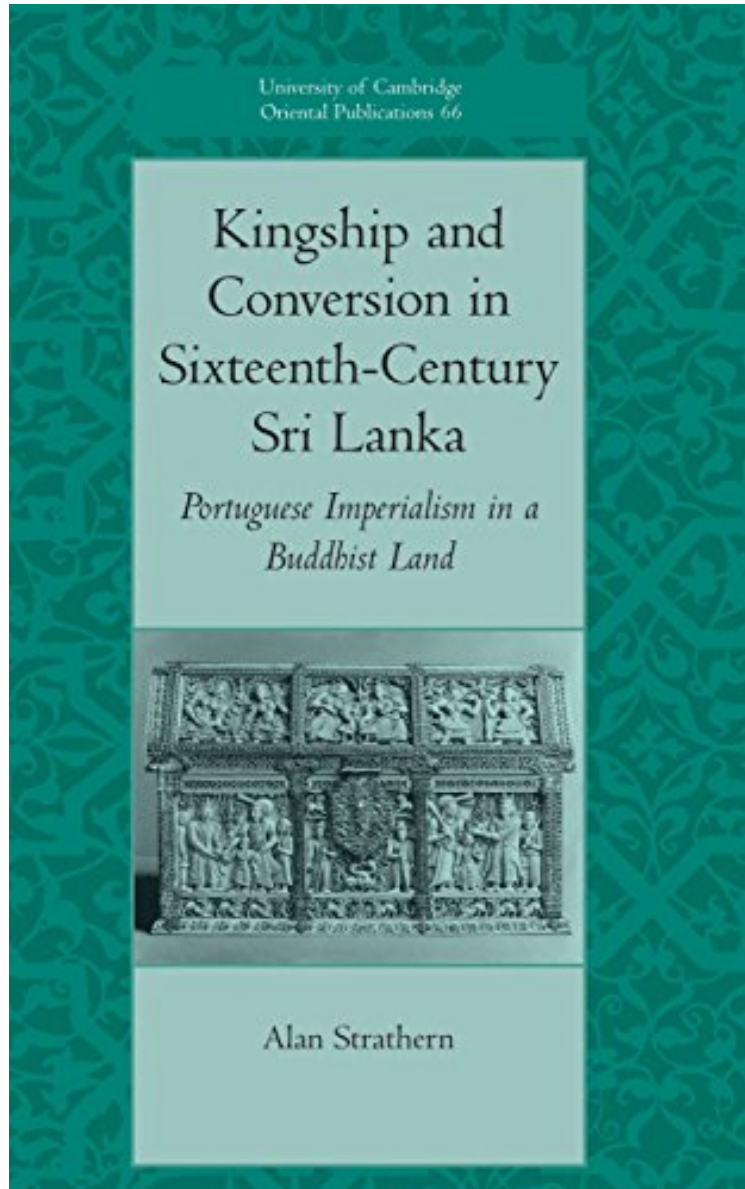


[Download ebook] Kingship and Conversion in Sixteenth-Century Sri Lanka: Portuguese Imperialism in a Buddhist Land (University of Cambridge Oriental Publications)

## **Kingship and Conversion in Sixteenth-Century Sri Lanka: Portuguese Imperialism in a Buddhist Land (University of Cambridge Oriental Publications)**

*Dr Alan Strathern*

*ebooks / Download PDF / \*ePub / DOC / audiobook*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#5372668 in Books Cambridge University Press 2008-02-04 Original language: English PDF # 1 8.98 x .67 x 5.981, 1.34 #File Name: 0521860091304 pages | File size: 74.Mb

**Dr Alan Strathern : Kingship and Conversion in Sixteenth-Century Sri Lanka: Portuguese Imperialism in a Buddhist Land (University of Cambridge Oriental Publications)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or

not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Kingship and Conversion in Sixteenth-Century Sri Lanka: Portuguese Imperialism in a Buddhist Land* (University of Cambridge Oriental Publications):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *Ceylon and Portugal in the Renaissance* By Annemarie Jordan A splendid book, superbly researched. A must read for all interested in cultural, political and artistic exchanges between Asia and Europe in the Renaissance. A scholarly study which will remain the definitive study of Ceylon and Portugal in the Renaissance for a long time to come. *The Development of Catharine of Austria's Collection in the Queen's Household: Its Character and Cost* *Black Africans in Renaissance Europe* *Encounters: The Meeting of Asia and Europe 1500 - 1800*

When the Portuguese arrived on the shores of Sri Lanka in 1506, they opened an era in which religious identity became central to struggles for power on the island. During the reign of King Bhuvanekabahu VII (1521-51), they became the first European empire to dominate Lankan politics. This book sets out to explain the behaviour of the Portuguese and the Sinhalese as their relationship evolved over the century. Topics covered include the nature of Portuguese imperialism and indigenous state power in the earlier decades, the impact of Catholic mission on this Buddhist society and how this was shaped by local principles of caste, land tenure and religious thought, and the issue of identity. It reveals how indigenist, dynastic, and religious loyalties shaped the increasingly violent conflicts of the later decades. The principal concern is the sacred legitimization of kingship: why was Christian monarchy never truly established in Sri Lanka?

'*Kingship and Conversion in Sixteenth-Century Sri Lanka* represents a powerful synthesis of primary sources, secondary literature on both early modern Portugal and Sri Lanka, and recent theoretical work on identity informed by incursions into the field of religious anthropology. ... The enduring impression after reading this convincingly argued book is that it constitutes not only a coherent study in itself, but also a sort of preliminary exercise for future work with a wider scope and aiming at a more ambitious agenda. *Kingship and Conversion* goes well beyond its stated limits, and challenges its readers to reflect not only on the history of the 'temporal' and 'spiritual' in Sri Lanka, but on how 'exclusivist understandings of religious practice and identity' became established in early modern Asia and, broadly speaking, in the early modern world as a whole.' *Journal of Early Modern History* About the Author Alan Strathern is a Research Fellow in History at Clare Hall, Cambridge.