

**Institutions Under Stress and
People in Distress:
Institution-Building and
Drought in a
New Settlement Scheme
in Sri Lanka**

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