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The proposed research will focus on the analysis of China-Sri Lanka (Sino-Lanka) relations during present context. Establishment of 'Good Governance' after January 2015 Sri Lankan Presidential election created the foreign policy turned over in Sri Lanka. During the presidential campaign, the joint opposition candidate, the former Health Minister under Rajapaksa cabinet, heavily criticized Chinese presence in several Sri Lankan development projects, specifically the 'Colombo Port City' project. Implementing the joint opposition campaign promise to halt and review the 'Port City' project damaged the bilateral relations between two nations and the Chinese government objection over further Chinese investment has threatened the Sri Lankan development progress. On the other hand, Indian interest over 'Port City' created the 'interest' conflict in IOR between two Asian rivals. President Sirisena faced a political dilemma between India and China during his first year since China continuously pressured to start 'Port City' and other development projects they intended.

The main objectives of this paper are to evaluate the Sri Lanka-China relations focusing on the present context while focusing on Chinese Defence and Strategic interest in Asian power balance. Through that, an understanding on Chinese Soft Power utilization in the Asian region and influence on policy making is also examined. The main research problem is centred on why Chinese strategic and defence interests has had varied influence on Sino-Lanka relations in the present context, and the central research problem will help to underpin the direction of the research.

As primary data collection, selected public records such as treaties/agreements, Hansard reports, autobiographies, selected decision makers will be used to examine the research context. Likewise, secondary sources such as journal/ newspaper/ magazine articles, academic books, biographies, monographs and web sources will be utilized to articulate existing literature in the field of study.

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