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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



### From our President

Deadlines are coming!

Members please note the CSA Call for Papers for our 2022 Conference!



Meagan Sylvester

### Call for Panels, Round Tables, Workshops

#### 46th Annual Conference, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)

***"Reframing Caribbean Influences on Global Spaces: Critically Engaging Perspectives on Human Geography and Risks, Political Economy and Technology."***

**Kingston, Jamaica: 30 May - 3 June, 2022**

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The CSA cordially invites you to submit proposals for fully constituted Panels, Round Tables, or Workshops for the Annual Conference slated for May 30-June 3, 2022.

In view of the dynamic nature of the environment, brought on by the global health pandemic, details on the modality of the conference will be communicated to delegates at a later date.

CSA has adopted a two-pronged approach to the conference call. This first call is for PANEL, ROUND TABLE or WORKSHOP tracks only, to which abstracts will be solicited in a second round.

Prospective Panel, Round Table, or Workshop chairs and co-chairs, should develop a topic on an aspect of the main conference theme that can accommodate a variety of papers.

This call is open to CSA constituent groups, associates as well as all other colleagues with a brilliant idea for bringing together people for knowledge-sharing experiences and to establish networks. Consideration should be given to delivery formats that are in synchrony with the digital age.

**For more information visit:**  
<https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/annual-conference-2022/>



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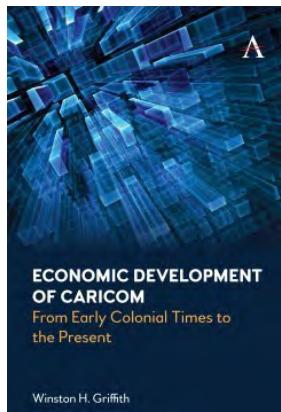
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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Eris Schoburgh

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! DEADLINES ARE A-COMING!!!

Fellow Members  
Greetings and salutations.

As the title of my insert indicates, important deadlines are approaching and therefore I feel it is prudent to use this opportunity to remind us to take the necessary steps and act accordingly. First is CSA Conference 2022: **Reframing Caribbean Influences on Global Spaces: Critically Engaging Perspectives on Human Geography and Risks, Political Economy and Technology.**

The call for **PANEL, ROUND TABLE or WORKSHOP** is published to meet a deadline of **NOVEMBER 15, 2021**. Note carefully that the first call is for **PANEL, ROUND TABLE or WORKSHOP tracks only**, to which abstracts will be solicited in a second round. Prospective Panel, Round Table, or Workshop chairs and co-chairs, should develop a topic on an aspect of the main conference theme that can accommodate a variety of papers. The conference theme and description, timelines for submission and all relevant information are posted on our webpage and have been sent to the emails of members.

It is anticipated that committees and working groups affiliated with CSA will submit proposals in a timely manner.

In keeping with our 2021/22 workplan, the **Film, Performing and Visual Arts (FPVA) Committee** has given us our second exciting output for this period. It is the virtual screening of Phillip Pike's film **Our Dance of the Revolution** on Thursday, October 28, 2021, 3:00-5:00 pm, which results from a strategic alliance forged between The Institute of Caribbean Studies here at The University of the West Indies Mona Campus and CSA, through the efforts of co-chairs Drs. Lisa N. Tomlinson and Thalia Díaz Vieta, and members – Drs. Dunja Fehimovic; Yanique Melanie Hume; Mary Leonard; Pablo Lozano; Rachel Moseley-Wood; Rae-Ann Smith.

I must say how much I appreciate the efforts of the FPVA Committee in answering the call to make current circumstances work to our advantage. And I am sure the Executive Council joins me in

applauding your commitment to the cause of Building brand awareness: Engaging new interests. The flyer will be posted on all our platforms but you may wish to record the Zoom credentials: Meeting ID: 847 5080 1741 Passcode: 531684.

I am counting on your support of this initiative.

Finally, The Young Scholars Dialogue will start soon. A schedule of speakers is being developed and will be circulated among the membership.

Well, that's it for now. Stay safe, won't you?

Much blessings.

Eris Schoburgh  
President CSA 2021-2022

## Español

**¡ESCUCHA! ¡ESCUCHA! ¡¡SE ACERCAN PLAZOS !!!**  
Compañeros  
Saludos y saludos.

Como indica el título de mi inserto, se acercan fechas límite importantes y, por lo tanto, creo que es. Es prudente aprovechar esta oportunidad para recordarnos que debemos tomar las medidas necesarias y actuar en consecuencia. Primero es la CSA Conference 2022: **Reencuadre las influencias del Caribe en los espacios globales: críticamente Perspectivas atractivas sobre geografía humana y riesgos, economía política y tecnología.**

Se publica la convocatoria de **PANEL, MESA REDONDA o TALLER** para cumplir con un plazo de **15 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2021**. Tenga en cuenta que la primera convocatoria es para **PANEL, MESA REDONDA o Solo pistas de TALLER**, a las que se solicitarán resúmenes en una segunda ronda. Futuro Los presidentes y copresidentes del Panel, Mesa Redonda o Taller deben desarrollar un tema sobre un aspecto de el tema principal de la conferencia que puede acomodar una variedad de artículos. El tema de la conferencia y La descripción, los plazos para el envío y toda la información relevante se publican en nuestra página web y se han enviado a los correos electrónicos de los miembros.

Se anticipa que los comités y grupos de trabajo afiliados a CSA presentarán propuestas en de manera oportuna.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

De acuerdo con nuestro plan de trabajo 2021/22, **Cine, Artes Escénicas y Visuales (FPVA)** El comité nos ha dado nuestro segundo resultado emocionante para este período. Es la proyección virtual de La película de Phillip Pike **Our Dance of the Revolution** el jueves 28 de octubre de 2021, de 3:00 a 5:00 p. M., que es el resultado de una alianza estratégica forjada entre el Instituto de Estudios del Caribe aquí en El Campus Mona de la Universidad de las Indias Occidentales y CSA, gracias a los esfuerzos de los copresidentes, los Dres. Lisa N. Tomlinson y Thalia Díaz Vieta, y miembros - Dres. Dunja Fehimovic; Yanique Melanie Hume; Mary Leonard; Pablo Lozano; Rachel Moseley-Wood; Rae-Ann Smith.

Debo decir cuánto aprecio los esfuerzos del Comité FPVA para responder al llamado a hacer que las circunstancias actuales funcionen a nuestro favor. Y estoy seguro de que el Consejo Ejecutivo se suma aplaudiendo su compromiso con la causa de Construir conciencia de marca: Involucrar a nuevos intereses. El folleto se publicará en todas nuestras plataformas, pero es posible que desee grabar el Zoom. credenciales: ID de la reunión: 847 5080 1741 Código de acceso: 531684.

Cuento con su apoyo a esta iniciativa.

Finalmente, el Diálogo de Jóvenes Académicos comenzará pronto. Se está desarrollando un horario de ponentes y se distribuirá entre los miembros.

Bueno eso es todo por ahora. Mantente a salvo, ¿no? Muchas bendiciones.

Eris Schoburgh  
Presidente CSA 2021-2022

### Français

**ÉCOUTEZ-VOUS ! ÉCOUTEZ-VOUS ! LES DATES LIMITES ARRIVENT !!!**

Membres associés  
Salutations et salutations.

Comme l'indique le titre de mon encart, des échéances importantes approchent et je pense donc qu'il est prudent de saisir cette occasion pour nous rappeler de prendre les mesures nécessaires et d'agir en conséquence. La première est la Conférence CSA 2022 : **Recadrer les influences des Caraïbes sur les espaces mondiaux : de manière critique Perspectives engageantes sur la géographie humaine et les risques, l'économie politique et la technologie.**

L'appel à **PANEL, TABLE RONDE ou ATELIER** est publié pour respecter un délai de **15 NOVEMBRE 2021**. Notez bien que le premier appel est pour **PANEL, TABLE RONDE ou WORKSHOP pistes uniquement**, dont les résumés seront sollicités lors d'un second tour. Éventuel Les présidents et coprésidents du panel, de la table ronde ou de l'atelier devraient développer un sujet sur un aspect de le thème principal de la conférence qui peut accueillir une variété d'articles. Le thème de la conférence et description, les délais de soumission et toutes les informations pertinentes sont affichés sur notre page Web et ont été envoyés aux e-mails des membres.

Il est prévu que les comités et les groupes de travail affiliés à la CSA soumettront des propositions en une manière opportune.

Conformément à notre plan de travail 2021/22, le **Film, Performing and Visual Arts (FPVA)** Le comité nous a donné notre deuxième sortie passionnante pour cette période. C'est la projection virtuelle de Le film **Our Dance of the Revolution** de Phillip Pike le **jeudi 28 octobre 2021**, 15h-17h, qui résulte d'une alliance stratégique forgée entre l'Institut d'études caribéennes ici à L'Université des Antilles Mona Campus et CSA, grâce aux efforts des coprésidents Drs . Lisa N. Tomlinson et Thalia Díaz Vieta, et membres – Drs. Dunja Fehimovic; Yanique Mélanie Hume; Marie Léonard ; Pablo Lozano ; Rachel Moseley-Wood; Rae-Ann Smith.

Je dois dire combien j'apprécie les efforts du Comité FPVA pour répondre à l'appel à faire en sorte que les circonstances actuelles fonctionnent à notre avantage. Et je suis sûr que le Conseil exécutif se joint moi en applaudissant votre engagement envers la cause du renforcement de la notoriété de la marque : engager de nouveaux intérêts. Le flyer sera affiché sur toutes nos plateformes mais vous pouvez souhaiter enregistrer le Zoom identifiants : ID de réunion : 847 5080 1741 Code d'accès : 531684.

Je compte sur votre soutien à cette initiative.

Enfin, The Young Scholars Dialogue commencera bientôt. Un calendrier des conférenciers est en cours d'élaboration et sera diffusé parmi les membres.

Bon, c'est tout pour le moment. Restez en sécurité, n'est-ce pas? Beaucoup de bénédictions.

Eris Schoburgh  
Présidente CSA 2021-2022

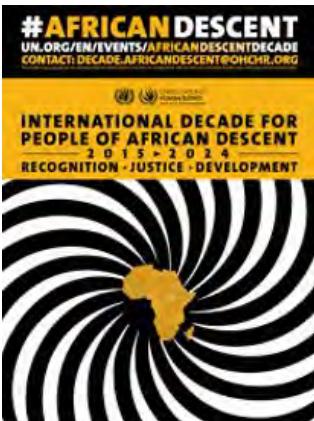
# MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE VICE PRESIDENT



Chenzira Davis Kahina

"Why in the past have we been so unconcerned about expressing our ancestral anxiety in a direct manner? The urgency of this cultural problem escapes only those who are determined to put their hands over their eyes so as not to be disturbed from an artificial peace: and at any cost, even the price of stu-

pidity and death." From *The Great Camouflage* by Suzanne Cesaire-1942



The Caribbean- inclusive of Central and South America- remain at the center of environmental, cultural, political, economic, spiritual and social civilization affairs linked to "recognition, justice and development" in alignment with the programmatic and ideological theme of the United Nations' *International Decade for People of African Descent* (2015-2024) <https://www.un.org/en/observances/decade-people-african-descent/>

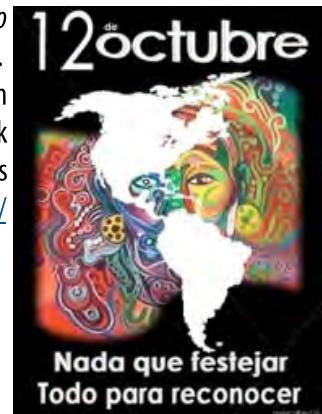
[programme-activities](https://www.un.org/en/observances/decade-people-african-descent/programme-activities). Caribbean scholars, educators, artists, students, administrators, leaders, visionaries and more, it remains thought-provoking that the United Nations' General Assembly designated August 31<sup>st</sup> as the *International Day for People of African Descent* effective in 2021. "Through this Observance the United Nations aims to promote the extraordinary contributions of the African diaspora around the world and to eliminate all forms of discrimination against people of African descent." <https://www.un.org/en/observances/african-descent-day> The roots of this observance are grounded in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century leadership and organizational work of the *Universal Negro Improvement Association- African Communities League* (UNIA-ACL) led by the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey- a native son and national hero of Jamaica- that globally designated August 31<sup>st</sup> officially as *African Independence Day*.

October has multiple observances in the Caribbean impacting global affairs with some memorializing revolutionary independence, remembering invasive military actions, commemorating historic explorations/

discoveries, or surviving new world order protocols for the "greatest good" of humanity. October 1<sup>st</sup> is Contract Day/Fiyahbun Day in remembrance of the 1878 St. Croix labor



uprisings led by Queens Mary Thomas, Axeline Solomon, Mathilde McBean, Susanna Abramson, and Felicita James alongside Kings- most of whom were executed by the Danish military-with oppressive repercussions to laborers, landowners, and colonial governing forces of the Danish West Indies. October 12<sup>th</sup> is designated and respectively recognized as *Indigenous People's Day, Dia de la Raza* and *Dia de la Resistencia Indígena [Indigenous Resistance Day]*. <http://www.mppef.gob.ve/dia-de-la-resistencia-indigena-que-viva-la-espiritualidad-profunda-de-nuestros-pueblos-ancestrales/> This is based on the 1492 "discovery" and landing by Cristoforo Colombo/Cristóbal Colón (Columbus) and others with funding from the Spanish monarchy on an isle in the Bahamas (Guanahani) populated by native Lucayans- which remains a controversial research theme for Caribbean scholars, educators, students and beyond. *Nada de que festejar... Todo para reconocer. Nothing to celebrate... Everything to recognize.* Since 1987, in the UK October is designated as Black History Month with select observances in the Caribbean. <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/news/proud-to-be-black-history-month-uk-launches-theme-for-black-history-month-2021/>



Congratulations are respectfully extended to Barbados for Parliament's Acceptance of Republic & Declaration of New President The Honorable Dame Sandra Mason.

<https://www.caribbeannationalweekly.com/caribbean-breaking-news-featured/barbados-parliament-gives-greenlight-to-republican-status/>  
<https://youtu.be/LSpM7HHhfYw>

The Caribbean remains industrious and energetically dynamic with great transformations in the future. CSA invites you to proactively contribute and continue to embrace the journey of keeping the Caribbean at the centre of innovative research, education, visual/performing/fine arts, cultural heritage/ecotourism, environmental rebalancing, technology, reparatory justice/human rights, sustainable social development,

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd

wellness and complementary health care, sports, economic prosperity, regional and international affairs, cooperative industries, and beyond. Share Caribbean Studies' gems, narratives, announcements, inspirations, and treasures arising in your professional and community circles, research, teaching, mentorship, fellowship, and other creative experiences. #CaribbeanIsTheCentre

Remain inspired!

### References & Updates

UN Permanent Forum for People of African Descent & IDPAD:

<https://newafricanmagazine.com/27027/>

[https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/african\\_descent\\_booklet\\_web\\_english.pdf](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/african_descent_booklet_web_english.pdf)

<https://www.caribbeannationalweekly.com/caribbean-breaking-news-featured/barbados-parliament-gives-greenlight-to-republican-status/>

Haiti- Security Council Arria Formula Meeting <https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1m/k1mrnhepli>

Maroon Gathering & Academic Workshop in Jungle Bay, Dominica - November 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hybrid physical and virtual participation for Maroons, Garifuna and First Peoples from Caribbean nations to share stories of survival and resistance.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yk4esu62>

October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) - #WearPurple4DVAM

<https://wcsty.org/domestic-violence/> #10Million "In one year, nearly 20 people per minute are abused by an intimate partner. That's almost 10 million women, men and children." "If you see something- say and do something." Each one teaches one... Each one heals one.

Chenzira Davis Kahina  
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# TRAINING

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For information on this certificate training opportunity, including on the course tuition fee and Facilitator, please [click here](#).



ONLINE TRAINING MODULE  
**CARIBBEAN SMALL STATES  
AND THE DIPLOMACIES OF  
CLIMATE CHANGE**  
Negotiations in Practice

**7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**  
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## CARIBBEAN SCHOLARSHIP

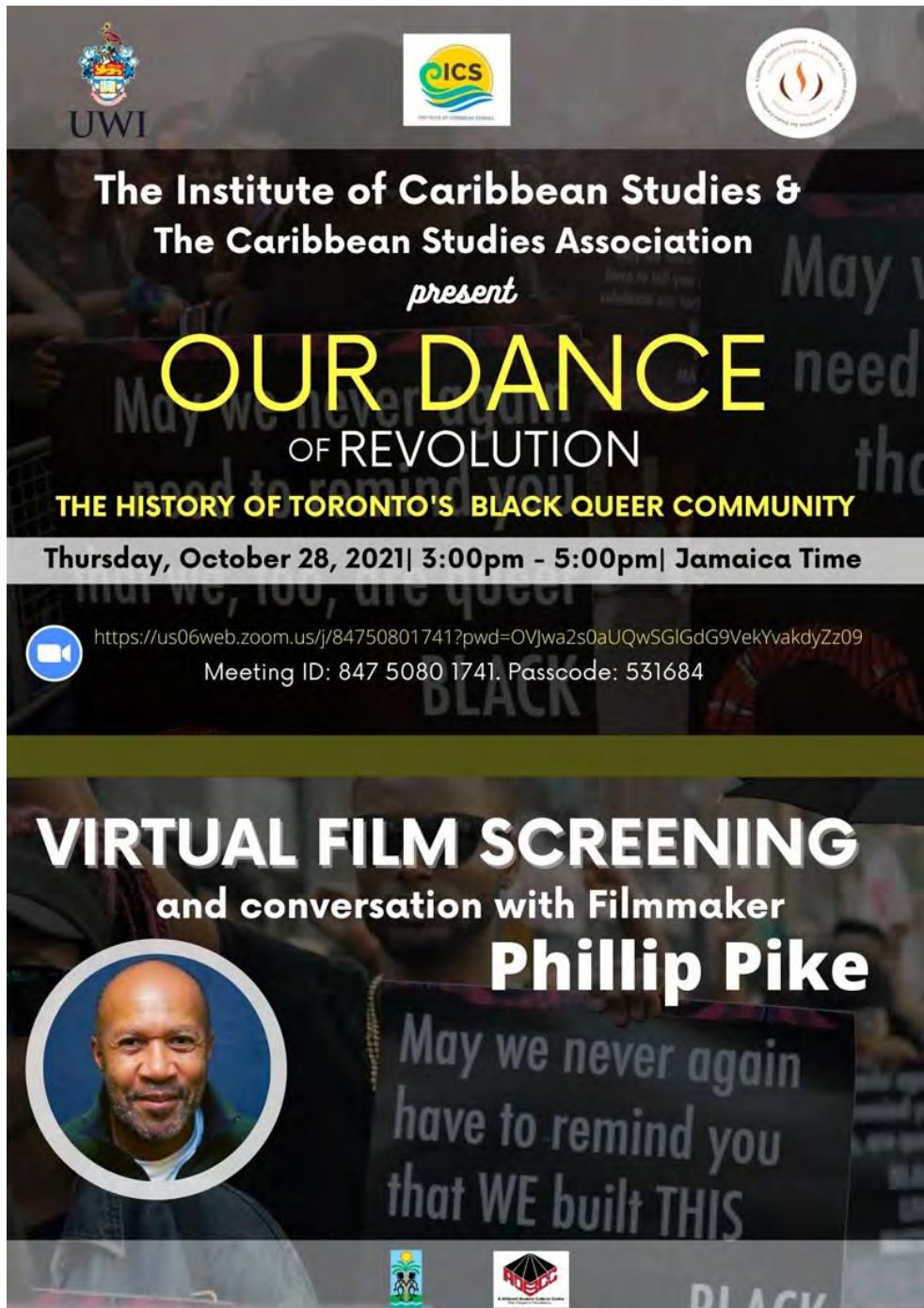
The Institute of Caribbean Studies and The Film and Visual Arts Committee (Caribbean Studies Association) present the Virtual Film Screening and Conversation with Phillip Pike on Thursday, October 28, 2021 @ 3:00 pm (Jamaica Time).

Join us on zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84750801741?pwd=OVJwa2s0aUQwSGIGdG9VekYvakdyZz09>

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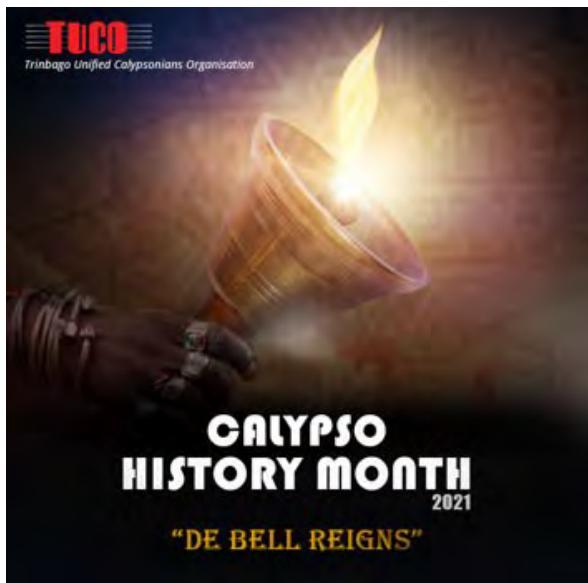
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Watch the live broadcast on [The Institute of Caribbean Studies' Facebook page](#).

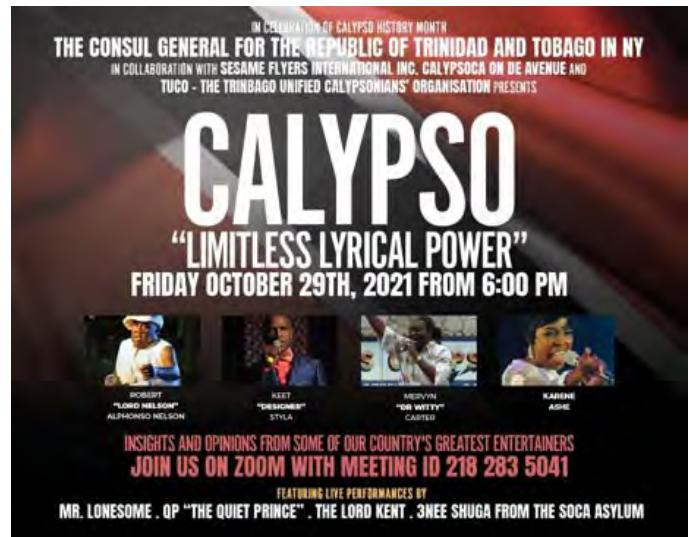


## GAME CHANGER INITIATIVE

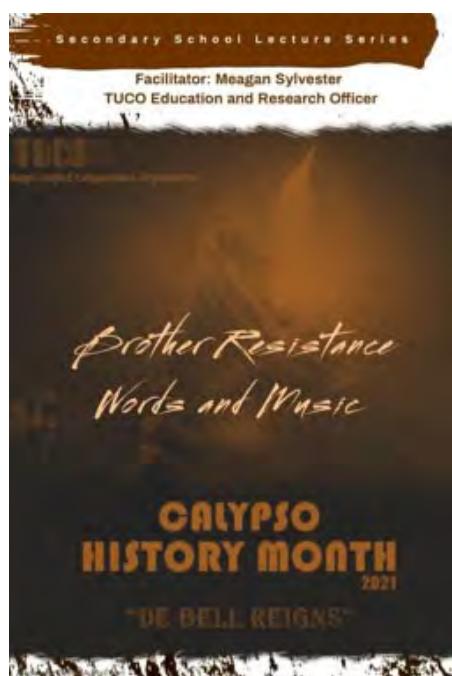
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highlight this historic alliance was entitled "Calypso: Liimitless Lyrical Power" which featured Calypso stars Mervyn "Dr. Witty" Carter, Keet "Designer" Styla, Grand Papa "Robert "Lord Nelson" and representing with feminine energy, Karene Asche.



A critical part of the calendar of events for Calypso History Month is the Secondary School Lecture Series. These sessions facilitate the insertion of cultural consciousness into the young people in the twin island economy of Trinidad and Tobago. Youth across schools in both islands are exposed via several modalities (inclusive of a listening party) to content about Calypso and several other indigenous music genres.



Every year, the month long celebrations culminate in various ways. This year as a special treat once such diasporic partnership involved the collaboration of The Consulate General for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in New York, The Sesame Flyers of New York and the Trinbago Unified Calypsonians' Organisation for Trinidad and Tobago. The event to

## NEW BOOK

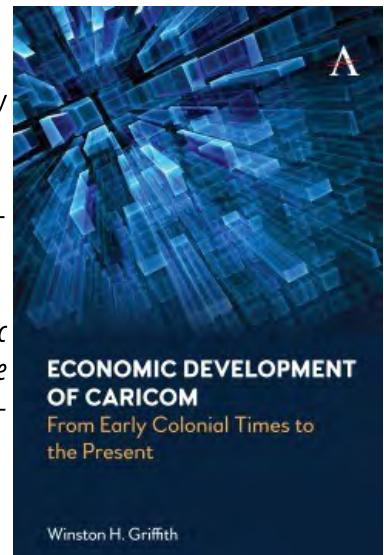
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*"This is an erudite book, well-written and well-researched. It is a clear and concise presentation of economic development in the Caribbean and why these economies have not been able to fully develop successfully for the benefit of their own populations. Griffith shows that an Institutional approach can be highly fruitful for understanding and potentially transforming these nations."*

—Dr. Hans Despain, Nichols College, US



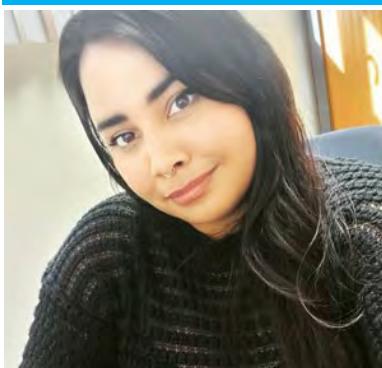
#### About the Author:

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Further information about Winston H. Griffith and his work, including *Economic Development of Caricom: From Early Colonial Times to the Present*, is available [here](#).

We believe *Economic Development of Caricom: From Early Colonial Times to the Present*, which has already attracted significant praise, may be of interest to Caribbean Studies Association. We would be grateful if you could circulate this message to the members of your association.

# MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Mandy Laclé

## **Papiamento** **Medicamento psiquiatrico**

Medicamento pa trata ansiedad y depresion ta algun di esnan mas comun uza pa trata enfermedad mental. Mi a dicidi di scirbi di e tema aki paso mi ta haya salud mental importante. Nos por papia di tur cos y tur nos

metanan pero sin e 'mente' bo no tin nada. Nos por tin tur e metanan pa con nos kier mehora nos comunidad, pero con nos por haci esaki si nos no ta cuminsa na nos mes? Pues aki mi ta duna un poco di mi experiencia, cu e speransa cu esaki por inspira un otro. Den e delaster 3 añanan mi a beneficio hopi di e sorto di remedinan aki.

Prome cu mi a inicia e forma aki di tratamiento, mi a logra di alcansa hopi di metanan academico. Como estudiante mi a traha sumamente duro sin importa e desafionan mi dilanti (o e estado di mi salud mental). Mi a pusha mi mes pa surpasa tur expectativa riba e tereno aki. Ta momento cu mi a gradua cu mi a ripara cu tur e años cu mi a inverti den adkeri e mihor puntuacion den klas, mi a neglisha tur otro cos. Mi a neglisha tur amistad y tur forma di salud fisico y mental. Momento cu mi a cuminsa cu medicamento, mi a ripara cu tur e años cu mi a kere cu mi ta djies un persona timido, en realidad mi ta basta extrovertida.

Tur e tempo cu mi a kere cu mi ta un persona cu djies gusta pasa tempo na cas, mi tawata bon ekiboca. Mi stima pasa un anochi cu amistad comiendo y bebiendo biña barata. Mi gusta canta y baila (fyi: niun di dos ta cos cu mi ta haci bon si). Mi punto ta cu mi a ripara cu tur e tempo aki mi tawata tin mi personalidad tapa bou di yen capa di ansiedad y stress. Ta como sifueras mi unico meta den bida tawata pa studia. Mi tawata manera un dje cabay ney di careda, mi wowonan tawata tapa di un forma pa mi solamente mira e un meta ey mi dilanti. Pa ta ambioso ta algo positivo, pero no ora e ta consumi tur aspecto di bo bida.

Tin hopi persona cu ta den necesidad pa medicamento psiquiatrico, pero cu tin miedo cu esaki lo den un forma o otro kita nan 'briyo', pero hopi vez esaki por sirbi pa reinforsa e briyo ey. Medicamento no ta algo pa hende 'loco' o 'debil', e ta un herment cu cierto di nos mester. No tur cos lo ta perfecto y remedi no ta cura tur cos, pero si e por haci bo bida un poco mas facil y placentero. Despues di tuma un break cortico di masters, mi lo cuminsa atrobe cu hopi mas ener-

gia. Berdad cu mi por a pusha mi mes pa logra tur cos den algun luna di tempo, pero mi no ta e persona ey mas. Mi no ta e persona cu lo sacrificia tur cos pa ricibi un documento cu no ta bisa nada di mi balor como persona.

## **English** **Psychiatric medicine**

Medication to treat anxiety and depression are some of the most common medication prescribed. I've decided to discuss this topic because I believe mental health to be vital. We can talk about all these big goals we have in our lives, but without tending to the mind we have nothing. We can talk about how we want to contribute and improve our community, but how can we do that if we don't start with ourselves? Therefore, here I've decided to relay some of what I've experienced in hopes that it may inspire someone else. In the past 3 years I benefitted from these sorts of medications.

Prior to starting this form of treatment I was able to achieve many of my academic goals. As a student I worked diligently no matter the challenges I was facing (or the state of my mental health). I pushed and pushed myself to surpass all expectations placed on me. I wanted to be the best, and do my best. It wasn't until I graduated that I really noticed that I have neglected everything in my life. I've neglected all my friendships and all of my health. Once I started medication, I actually learned more about myself. I discovered that I was not that timid woman I thought I was. I am actually rather extroverted.

All this times I believed that I was simply a homebody, but I was rather mistaken. It brings me great joy to spend nights eating and drinking cheap wine with friends. I also love to sing and dance (fyi: neither of which I do very well). My point is that for years my true personality has been hidden away under layers and layers of anxiety and stress. It was as if my only goal in life during my early 20's was to study. I was like a race horse with blinders on, I focused on the only goal I had in front of me. It is something positive to be ambitious, but not at the cost of every other aspect of your being.

There are many people in need of such medication, but that are hesitant because they believe it would dim their 'sparkle', however, many times medications actually serve to enhance that shine of yours. Medication is not for the 'crazy' or 'weak'. It is simply a tool that some of us require. Not everything will be perfect or cured, but it can contribute to a lot more ease and pleasure in your life. After

## MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd

taking a break from my master's program, I will start again with a more energetic and positive mindset. It is true that I could have simply pushed myself to finish, but I am not that person anymore. I'm not willing to sacrifice everything for a document that in reality says nothing about my value as a person.

# MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Jorge Lefevre Tavárez

## Español

### **El Plan de Ajuste de Deuda de Puerto Rico: el camino asegurado a una segunda quiebra**

Puerto Rico se encuentra en una crisis económica y estructural desde el 2006. El crecimiento económico anual ha sido negativo en todos los años, con las excepciones del 2012 y el 2019, años en que la llegada de fondos de Estados Unidos mitigó el decrecimiento. La crisis económica, unida a las políticas de austeridad y a la corrupción que acompaña al neoliberalismo, aumentó la deuda de Puerto Rico hasta sobrepasar los \$72,000 millones, cifra mayor al Producto Nacional Bruto de entonces.

La crisis económica impulsó la crisis de la deuda. En el 2015, el gobierno de Puerto Rico tuvo que declarar el impago de la deuda. Fue entonces que la crisis de la deuda agudizó la crisis política de la relación colonial con Estados Unidos. El gobierno de Puerto Rico intentó crear un marco jurídico para poder declararse en quiebra y empezar un proceso de reestructuración de deuda. El Tribunal Supremo de Estados Unidos declaró en el 2016 ilegal ese marco jurídico. Posteriormente, para lidiar con la crisis de la deuda en Puerto Rico, el Congreso de los Estados Unidos aprobó la Ley PROMESA en el 2016.

La Ley PROMESA creó un marco jurídico para la reestructuración de la deuda de Puerto Rico. Sin embargo, también creó una Junta de Control Fiscal, un cuerpo no-electo que controlaría el presupuesto de Puerto Rico y sería quien representa a Puerto Rico en el Tribunal de Quiebra. Desde temprano en este proceso, se entendió que la Junta, que contaba entre sus miembros a personas vinculadas al sector financiero e incluso a funcionarios públicos que participaron de la emisión de deuda, vendría a favorecer a los intereses de los bonistas y los fondos buitres por encima de los intereses del pueblo de Puerto Rico. La Junta representaba una imposición colonial que favorecería al capital financiero a través de medidas neoliberales de privatización y austeridad. Eso, en efecto, es lo que ha ocurrido.

Después de 5 años, la Junta de Control Fiscal propone un Plan de Ajuste de Deuda considerado negligente por casi la totalidad de los especialistas en materia económica y en política pública. Miles de millones de deuda ilegal se estarían pagando ante la negativa de la

Junta de auditar la deuda y cancelar la emitida de manera anticonstitucional. En lugar de recortar cerca de 80% de la deuda, como recomendaron previo al Huracán María economistas de la talla de Joseph Stiglitz y Martín Guzmán, el recorte es de alrededor un 23%. Puerto Rico tendría que comprometer \$1,150 millones anuales de su presupuesto para el pago de deuda, lo que afectaría todos los servicios que actualmente ofrece el gobierno. Lo peor de todo es que los pronósticos económicos, incluidos los de la propia Junta, aseguran que el Plan de Ajuste de Deuda no es sostenible y que una segunda quiebra podría ocurrir en los próximos años.

Es posible que, a la hora de publicarse esta columna en el boletín de la Asociación de Estudios del Caribe, se haya aprobado ya el Plan de Ajuste. Mientras la Junta impone este plan, los partidos tradicionales parecen allanarse a sus dictámenes. Sin embargo, distintos sectores del país, entre ellos los pensionados y la comunidad universitaria, se han convocado para protestar y continuar las manifestaciones que se iniciaron hace meses. La consigna principal que suena es: la gente antes que la deuda. Es posible, todavía, detener el continuo derrumbe de la sociedad puertorriqueña.

[Para un texto más extenso sobre el Plan de Ajuste de Deuda, ver: <https://rumboalterno.net/2021/10/la-red-anticapitalista-ante-el-plan-de-ajuste-a-la-deuda/>]

## English

### **Puerto Rico's Debt Restructuring Agreement: The Road to a Second Bankruptcy**

Puerto Rico has experienced an economic and structural crisis since 2006. Annual growth has had negative numbers since then, with the exceptions of 2012 and 2019, years in which federal funds mitigated economic decline. The economic crisis, tied with austerity measures and the corruption associated with neoliberalism, lead to an increase of the island's total debt. The national debt surpassed \$72 billion, a number higher than the Gross National Product during these years.

The economic crisis propelled the debt crisis. In 2015, the Puerto Rican government had to declare the non-payment of the debt. This, on the other hand, led to the exacerbation of the colonial crisis with the United States. The Puerto Rican government created a legal framework with the hopes of declaring bankruptcy and initiating the restructuring of the debt. The Supreme Court of the United States declared this framework illegal in 2016. Afterwards, the Congress of the United States approved PROMESA Act as a way of dealing with the debt crisis.

## MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd

PROMESA created a legal framework for debt restructuring in Puerto Rico. However, it also created the Fiscal Oversight Board, an un-elected body which would control the finances of Puerto Rico and represent the government in Bankruptcy Court. From early on, it was known that the Board, which includes several members from the financial sector and people who participated in the issue of bonds in Puerto Rico, would heavily favor hedge funds and not the interests of the Puerto Rican people. The Board represented a colonial imposition which would favor financial capital and impose austerity and neoliberal measures. That has exactly been the case.

After 5 years, the Fiscal Oversight Board proposed a Debt Restructuring Plan considered negligent by most economists and specialists on public policy. Billions of illegal debt will be payed because of the Board's refusal to audit the debt and cancel unconstitutional debt issuing. While economists like Joseph Stiglitz and Martín Guzmán, before Hurricane María, called for the cancellation of around 80% of the total debt, this Plan cancels 23%. Puerto Rico would have to pay \$1.150 billion dollars annually for its debt, while public services would be negatively affected. The worst of all is that all economic prognostics, including the Board's, indicate that his Plan is not sustainable and will lead to a second bankruptcy in the coming years.

It is possible that, at the time this column is published in the *CSA Newsletter*, the Debt Restructuring Plan would be approved. While the Board imposes this plan, the patronal political parties accept their mandates. However, different sectors of society have called for massive demonstrations, to continue the protests which initiated months ago. The main slogan is: "la gente antes que la deuda" (roughly, "people over debt", similar to "people over profit"). It is possible, still, to stop the collapse of Puerto Rican society.

[For a longer text regarding the Debt Restructuring Agreement, see:  
<https://rumboalterno.net/2021/10/la-red-anticapitalista-ante-el-plan-de-ajuste-a-la-deuda/>]

# MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT REP.



Regan Reid

Imagine the first attempt you made at doing something new and different and the feeling you had when you finally succeeded. Perhaps it was swimming or learning to play a game of Chess. Your brain remembers the raw thrill of that success, and the feeling imbues you to seek it out again and again. For most of us, we experienced that feeling when we attended the virtual launch of the

2021-2022 CSA Young Scholars Mentoring Programme & Dialogue 2.0. Like dopamine, the opportunity for mentorship sparked a rewarding sensation in you. And, through a spirited lecture, the event's main speaker, Professor Jermaine Rowe, triggered an impetus to seek out that rewarding sensation repeatedly.

The value we attach to mentorship helps determine our future success and can be the origin of locating, fulfilling, and channeling our purpose into the critical spheres of life. Thus, an acknowledgement of the tools we need to achieve enables a deep appreciation for the design of the CSA Young Scholars Mentoring Programme primarily because it offers a supportive infrastructure for students (mentees) to grow personally, intellectually, and professionally.

In our pursuit of success, I am sure, we have envisioned an ideal: the "why" that drives our ambitions and how we acquire them. Indeed, feeling like you have achieved is beneficial and desirable. So, while we focus on becoming the prodigious cadre of young leaders, I implore you to reflect and meditate on the assured advice from our brilliant and spirited Guest Speaker, Professor Rowe. Hold them dear to you and watch yourself transform into your best YOU!

1. Be intentional in all the things you do.
2. Identify your "Why," i.e., the reason behind your actions.
3. Embrace the idea that when something is missing from the world, it is time for YOU to become that thing and fill that gap.
4. Be in your PURPOSE and not in your EGO.
5. Give yourself space to be human in your journey, to slow down.
6. Determine the cost of your dream and how much it is worth to you.
7. Know that the feeling of success is each day, you keep going without an audience.

8. You cannot blame the water for not knowing how to swim
9. Create the space to hear your thoughts.
10. Never compare your journey to others.
11. Take a chance (on yourself).
12. Understand that you do not need to do it all by yourself.

Graduate students, you are finally out of the blocks! Keep looking forward. It is only upwards from here!

## Español

Imagínese el primer intento que hizo de hacer algo nuevo y diferente y la sensación que tuvo cuando finalmente lo logró. Quizás fue nadar o aprender a jugar una partida de Ajedrez. Tu cerebro recuerda la cruda emoción de ese éxito y el sentimiento te imbuye a buscarlo una y otra vez. Para la mayoría de nosotros, experimentamos ese sentimiento cuando asistimos al lanzamiento virtual del Programa de Mentoría y Diálogo 2.0 para Jóvenes Académicos de CSA 2021-2022. Al igual que la dopamina, la oportunidad de ser mentor provocó una sensación gratificante en ti. Y, a través de una animada conferencia, el orador principal del evento, el profesor Jermaine Rowe, desencadenó un ímpetu para buscar esa sensación gratificante repetidamente.

El valor que le damos a la tutoría ayuda a determinar nuestro éxito futuro y puede ser el origen de ubicar, cumplir y canalizar nuestro propósito hacia las esferas críticas de la vida. Por lo tanto, el reconocimiento de las herramientas que necesitamos lograr permite una apreciación profunda del diseño del Programa de Mentores para Jóvenes Académicos de CSA principalmente porque ofrece una infraestructura de apoyo para que los estudiantes (aprendices) crezcan personal, intelectual y profesionalmente.

En nuestra búsqueda del éxito, estoy seguro, hemos vislumbrado un ideal: el "por qué" que impulsa nuestras ambiciones y cómo las adquirimos. De hecho, sentirse como si lo hubiera logrado es beneficioso y deseable. Entonces, mientras nos enfocamos en convertirnos en el cuadro prodigioso de líderes jóvenes, les imploro que reflexionen y mediten en el consejo seguro de nuestro brillante y energético orador invitado, el profesor Rowe. ¡Tenlos en cuenta y observa cómo te transformas en tu mejor TÚ!

1. Sea intencional en todas las cosas que haga.
2. Identifique su "Por qué", es decir, la razón detrás de sus acciones.
3. Abraza la idea de que cuando algo falta en el mundo, es hora de que TÚ te conviertas en esa cosa y llenes ese vacío.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT REP. cont'd

4. Sea en su PROPÓSITO y no en su EGO.
5. Dese espacio para ser humano en su viaje, para reducir la velocidad.
6. Determine el costo de su sueño y cuánto vale para usted.
7. Sepa que la sensación de éxito es cada día, sigue adelante sin una audiencia.
8. No puedes culpar al agua por no saber nadar.
9. Cree el espacio para escuchar sus pensamientos.
10. Nunca compare su viaje con otros.
11. Arriésgate (en ti mismo).
12. Comprenda que no es necesario que lo haga todo usted mismo.

Estudiantes de posgrado, ¡finalmente están fuera de los bloques! Sigue mirando hacia adelante. ¡Es solo hacia arriba desde aquí!

### Français

Imaginez la première tentative que vous avez faite pour faire quelque chose de nouveau et de différent et le sentiment que vous avez eu lorsque vous avez finalement réussi. C'était peut-être nager ou apprendre à jouer aux échecs. Votre cerveau se souvient du frisson brut de ce succès, et le sentiment vous imprègne de le rechercher encore et encore. Pour la plupart d'entre nous, nous avons ressenti ce sentiment lorsque nous avons assisté au lancement virtuel du Programme de mentorat des jeunes chercheurs de l'ASC 2021-2022 et Dialogue 2.0. Comme la dopamine, l'opportunité de mentorat a suscité en vous une sensation enrichissante. Et, grâce à une conférence animée, le conférencier principal de l'événement, le professeur Jermaine Rowe, a déclenché une impulsion pour rechercher cette sensation enrichissante à plusieurs reprises.

La valeur que nous attachons au mentorat aide à déterminer notre succès futur et peut être à l'origine de la localisation, de la réalisation et de la canalisation de notre objectif dans les sphères critiques de la vie. Ainsi, une reconnaissance des outils dont nous avons besoin pour atteindre permet une appréciation profonde de la conception du programme de mentorat des jeunes boursiers de l'ASC, principalement parce qu'il offre une infrastructure de soutien aux étudiants (mentorés) pour grandir personnellement, intellectuellement et professionnellement.

Dans notre quête du succès, j'en suis sûr, nous avons imaginé un idéal : le « pourquoi » qui anime nos ambitions et comment nous les acquérons. En effet, se sentir accompli est bénéfique et souhaitable. Ainsi, alors que nous nous concentrons sur le fait de devenir le cadre prodigieux de jeunes leaders, je vous implore de réfléchir et

de méditer sur les conseils assurés de notre brillant et fougueux conférencier, le professeur Rowe. Tenez-les chères et regardez-vous vous transformer en votre meilleur VOUS!

1. Soyez intentionnel dans tout ce que vous faites.
2. Identifiez votre « Pourquoi », c'est-à-dire la raison de vos actions.
3. Embrassez l'idée que lorsque quelque chose manque au monde, il est temps pour VOUS de devenir cette chose et de combler cette lacune.
4. Soyez dans votre BUT et non dans votre EGO.
5. Donnez-vous de l'espace pour être humain dans votre voyage, pour ralentir.
6. Déterminez le coût de votre rêve et combien il vaut pour vous.
7. Sachez que le sentiment de réussite est chaque jour, vous continuez sans public.
8. Vous ne pouvez pas reprocher à l'eau de ne pas savoir nager.
9. Créez l'espace pour entendre vos pensées.
10. Ne comparez jamais votre parcours aux autres.
11. Tentez votre chance (sur vous-même).
12. Comprenez que vous n'avez pas besoin de tout faire vous-même.

Étudiants diplômés, vous êtes enfin sortis des blocs ! Continuez à regarder vers l'avant. C'est seulement vers le haut à partir d'ici !

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## Español

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**Kingston, Jamaica: 30 de mayo - 3 de junio de 2022**

**Plazo de presentación extendido: 15 de noviembre de 2021**

La AEC cordialmente lxs invita a enviar propuestas totalmente constituidas de Paneles, Mesas Redondas o Talleres para su Conferencia Anual a celebrarse del 30 Mayo al 3 de Junio del 2022.

## CSA MEMBER HIGHLIGHT cont'd

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Lxs presidentxs y copresidentxs de los potenciales Paneles, Mesas Redondas o Talleres deben desarrollar un tema sobre un aspecto o arista del tema principal de la conferencia que pueda acomodar una variedad de ponencias.

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## Français

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