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## **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**



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*Meagan Sylvester*



### **Building Brand Awareness: Engaging New Interests**

The CSA President shares this month about taking the organisation's brand to new heights with the continuing discussions being held in cyberspace on Caribbean issues led by our Young Scholars.



### **CSA Members, Elders, Graduate Students and Supporters!**

As opined by the VP of CSA, in February we celebrate Black History Month which then leads us into March for Women's Month and for each occasion, the CSA has various events and happenings! In that regard, CSA Members, Elders and Supporters are invited and encouraged to review updates posted on the CSA website and in this CSA Newsletter with media announcements on forthcoming events, lectures, and related activities leading up to the CSA Conference 2022.

### **Caribbean Scholarship - Carnival, Calypso, Soca and Cultural expressions across the Diaspora!**

In this month of February when many countries in the Caribbean and across the diaspora celebrate Carnival, the CSA is highlighting three signature events which featured many aspects of the multiple celebrations.

1. February 14<sup>th</sup> – Queens College Africana Series at Queens College, New York hosted an event entitled *A Love Balm for the Ages – Music and Wellness in the African Diaspora*.
2. February 18<sup>th</sup> – The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus together with Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies held an event entitled - *Hosting and Managing The Carnival Experience in Trinidad and Tobago in 2022 and Beyond*. This activity was hosted by The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies.

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3. February 24th - SC Humanities, the Departments of Social Sciences and English and the IP Stanback Museum at South Carolina State University have teamed up to present *Words Across the Water – Carnival and Writing*

### New Book

February's New Book celebrant is Aretha Campbell. She has worked in the offshore financial services industry for the past 16 years and is a recent PhD graduate from the University of Salamanca, Spain in the area of Rule of Law and Global Governance. Her book is entitled *Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, and Tax Evasion: The Consequences of International Policy Initiatives on Financial Centres in the Caribbean Region*.



### CSA Member Highlight

Our Member in Highlight this month is our new French Language sub-editor Julien Merion. He hails from the French island of Guadeloupe and his areas of special academic focus are: Local power and civil society; Caribbean regional cooperation and integration; Political ideas and Political behaviours.

### New Feature – Dutch Caribbean Report

For the past few years we have been featuring stories with a Dutch and Papiamento twist within the language sub-editor segment. A change has come! From this month, look out for new and exciting stories from the Dutch Caribbean in the segment entitled – Dutch Caribbean Report. The articles and submissions will be wider, broader-based and far-reaching across the islands which represent the rich history of the Dutch Caribbean.



### Your Commentary

Alicia Nicholls shares with us this month in the "Your Commentary" segment the article entitled *Do Caribbean Countries' International Investment Agreements Help or Hurt their Climate Action?*

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Eris Schoburgh

## Building Brand Awareness: Engaging New Interests

Fellow Members  
Greetings!

As the local organizing committee (LOC) puts *pedal to the metal* in planning for CSA2022 which as you know is now virtual, the Executive Council continues to foster the personal and professional development of the next generation of members and leaders through our Young Scholars Mentoring Programme 2.0 – The Dialogue. Two such Dialogues were hosted since the start of the year with four speakers, whom we feel you should get to know more about.

We participated in an engaging discussion on Caribbean issues led by our Young Scholars one of whom is a fully fledged academic, as will be shown in the biographical statement below:



**Sa-Rawla Stoute** is a PhD student at Rowan University. She has completed a certificate of advanced graduate studies in Mental Health Counseling at LIU Post and a Master's in Counseling Education at St. John's University. Her scholarship centers around queer people of color in America and the Caribbean, specifically related to agentive practices and identity development. She uses interdisciplinary qualitative methods to prioritize queer Black women issues. Her dissertation explores queer women of color in higher education in the Caribbean and the negotiation of their multiple identities.

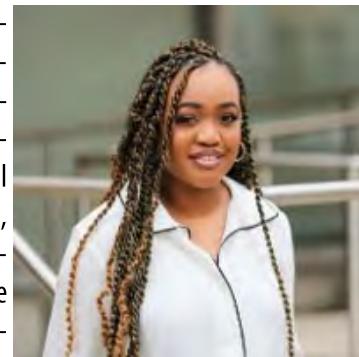
Sa-Rawla explored how LGBT negotiate their multiple identities as queer people of color in the Caribbean (and as Caribbean-American).

**Shauna Rigaud:** With parents from Barbados and Haiti, Shauna describes herself as Boston born, but Caribbean raised. She holds a BA in African American Studies from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and master's degrees in both Gender/Cultural Studies and Communication Management from Simmons University, in Boston, Massachusetts. She is a current PhD candidate in the Cultural Studies program at George Mason University, in Virginia. As a burgeoning scholar focused on the Caribbean, she hopes to highlight experiences and stories that give a more nuanced understand of the Caribbean, its history and postcolonial condition. Her research interests include a focus on the Caribbean Diaspora, Performance and Performativity, Black feminism and Caribbean feminism. Shauna is currently working on her dissertation, titled: "Harvesting Home: Economy, Identity and Gender in the Crop Over Festival."



Shauna's presentation was on: "*Spring Garden Ah Coming": Nation Building and Identity in Barbados' Crop Over Festival*

**Tka Pinnock** is a PhD student in the Department of Politics at York University. Her research interests lie at the intersection of feminist political economy, political ecology, globalization and critical development studies where she explores the everyday politics of life work. Her dissertation project explores how marginalized workers feel, negotiate and respond to the conditions of economic development, using the tourism sector in Jamaica as a case study. Pinnock's community work also gives rise to an interest in diaspora studies and community-based research.



Tka engaged the problematic of: "*Securing the Integrity of the Destination": Development, Necropolitics and Jamaica's Tourism Sector.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd



Our specially invited guest speaker was:

**Dr. Georges Félix.** Dr. Félix is a French-Puerto Rican agroecologist, currently a co-chair of the Stabilization Agriculture Programme at the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR) of Coventry University in England, UK.

He studied biology at the University of Paris VII, and agronomy at ENITA de Bordeaux, specializing in tropical agroforestry at ENGREF-AgroParisTech in Montpellier. He earned a PhD degree in 2019 at the Farming Systems Ecology Group, Wageningen University (The Netherlands), with extensive fieldwork in rural regions of Burkina Faso: *Slash-and-mulch: Exploring the role of shrub-based agroforestry systems for smallholder farmers in the Sahel.*

Dr. Félix is a member of the Latin America Agroecology Society and has become a preeminent force in the reconstruction process of Puerto Rico since hurricane Maria hit in 2017. His contribution is specifically through agroecology, organizing solidarity caravans and hands-on practical work to rebuild farms.

His experience largely draws from collaborations with farmers from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Sint Maarten, Costa Rica, France, The Netherlands, Burkina Faso, and Mauritius, including through consultancies for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the UN Development Program, NGO Mercy Corps, and NGO Terre & Humanisme, amongst others.

Among other things, Dr. Félix currently co-teaches the Stabilization Agriculture module within Coventry University's MSc Agroecology, Water and Food Sovereignty. He also gives lectures within the BA Sustainable Agriculture at the University of Puerto Rico at Utuado (UPRU) and within the joint MSc Organic Agriculture Programme between Wageningen University (The Netherlands) and ISARA-Lyon (France).

Dr. Félix is fluent in English, Spanish, French, and speaks some Puertoñol and a bit of Italiañol. In his free time, Dr. Félix enjoys cooking self-produced veggies, practicing watercolour painting, and trekking through a variety of nature trails.

The title of his presentation was: *Agroecology and Food Sovereignty in the Caribbean: Insights from Cuba, Puerto Rico and Sint Maarten.*

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The profound message to our Young Scholars is that while the 'world' awaits a return to what was, the leadership of CSA has demonstrated a resolve in charting a path to the next normal. This is what mentorship is about.

Much appreciation to those who supported and we look forward to you joining us on March 5, 2022 for another thought-provoking session.

Much blessings.

Eris Schoburgh  
President CSA 2021-2022

# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Chenzira Davis Kahina

Greetings CSA Members, Elders, Graduate Students and Supporters!

Annually, February (Black History Month) leading into March (Women's Month) are very busy and full of CSA events and happenings! The CSA 2022 Conference hosted by the University of the West Indies- Mona, Jamaica is getting closer. Are you getting ready yet? As we prepare for a dynam-

ic, interactive, and digitally engaging conference, every CSA member is encouraged to remain tuned in to the virtual, creative, and innovative pre-conference events being hosted leading up to the CSA Conference. CSA continues to incorporate the expansion of new intergenerational best practices complementary to seasoned scholarly exchanges from CSA Elders and Retirees of the eclectic world of academia. CSA Past Presidents are invited to share their historical experiences within CSA and beyond during forthcoming pre-conference and conference programs.

Self-care and organizational care are important for maintaining the long-standing scholarly legacy and morale shared among the CSA membership. Are we making sure we are strengthening ourselves and remaining safe during these challenging and ever-changing times? CSA members are encouraged to share a positive wellness note, personal or institutional update, or commentary on the content in respective editions of the CSA Monthly Newsletter. As we get closer to the season for CSA Elections in May 2022, CSA members are challenged to take a proactive stance and explore among our colleagues, graduate students, and beyond who are interested in accepting CSA leadership roles? Announcements on CSA Elections May 2022 are being finalized.

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ship. CSA embraces intergenerational exchanges, journeys, and engagements. The *CSA Young Scholars Mentoring Programme 2.0* continues hosting *The Dialogue* series on February 5<sup>th</sup> with presenters Sa-Rawla Stoute, Rowan University and Shauna Rigaud, George Mason University and February 19, 2022, with presenters Tka Pinnoch, York University and Dr. Georges Félix, Assistant Professor, Coventry University with both events moderated by Dr. Shane Gill, Barry University. CSA members are encouraged to continue to attend these and other pre-conference activities.

CSA Members, Elders and Supporters are invited and encouraged to review updates posted on the CSA website and in this CSA Newsletter with media announcements on forthcoming events, lectures, and related activities leading up to the CSA Conference 2022.

Reminders and updates for review, knowledge and proactive contributions include yet are not limited to:

- Submissions are being accepted for the 2022 Barbara T. Christian Literary Award. *"This CSA literary award established in 2001 to honor the memory of distinguished Caribbean-American black feminist and womanist theorist Dr. Barbara T. Christian, celebrates her intellectual legacy and is given to the best book published within the most recent three-year period which explicitly and innovatively examines topics of race, gender, sexuality, class, and intersectionality."* Visit CSA's website for requirements at <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/awards-grants/barbara-t-christian-literary-award/> Updated: Submissions may be digital with 2 hard-copies mailed on or before Friday, April 15.2022. Email: [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org)
- The Inaugural CSA Journal is pending publication in Spring 2022. CSA members are encouraged to visit the website frequently as many CSA Conference related updates are available. Explore the monthly newsletter to be aware of new *Calls for Papers* and related announcements. Creative inclusion of new themes and featured seasoned editors of the CSA Journal and more are being developed. <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/csa-journal/>
- CSA Elders are respectfully encouraged to share supportive methods, actions and programs that creatively and scientifically keep CSA interdisciplinary, transcultural, intergenerational, relevant, engaged, and central to maintaining the original CSA focus as an *"independent professional organization devoted to the promotion of Caribbean studies from a multidisciplinary, multicultural point of view."* CSA Elders are defined as CSA

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*members who have retired but still want to actively attend and participate in CSA Conferences.* Are you a CSA Elder? Share the wealth. Share the news. CSA encourages seasoned senior scholars to engage in authentic mentoring, research, PhD completion, succession planning, publishing and more with junior and upcoming scholars of Caribbean Studies and beyond. Thanks and appreciation are shared to CSA Elders who are already engaged in CSA mentoring, teaching, research, publication, and related supportive programs. *Share. Teach. Research. Publish. Repeat.*

- When was the last time you reached out to a CSA Elder? Do we know how many CSA members have retired in 2021 and 2022? How many CSA members have transitioned during these same years? May we create moments of reflection with respect to those no longer physically among us. Breathe. Considering many traumatic losses and changes we in the Caribbean, Americas and the world community have experienced from March 2020 to present, let us devote more time to breathe (physical/safe distancing), share, and appreciate life together.
- CSA has 46-plus years of experience and centuries of combined intellectual wealth shared among our resilient, intelligent, and academically exceptional collective within the CSA membership alongside our colleagues and families supporting this important and purposeful organizational work.

CSA Members: Are you ready for CSA 2022 Virtual Conference hosted by the University of the West Indies- Mona Campus in Jamaica? Extending thanks to CSA President 2020-2022 Dr. Eris Schoburgh for "moving beyond C19+" with hard work with the CSA Conference Program Committee, CSA Executive Council, and respective supporters to ensure the conference is successful. CSA members are encouraged to continue to share and support CSA to keep the organization alive, relevant, and thriving. Keep helping us to keep one another informed, actively supportive, excited, engaged, and motivated within the CSA experience. Are there any CSA Lifetime members willing to share? Stay well and safe to the best of your ability.

Remain inspired,

Chenzira Davis Kahina  
Vice President CSA 2021-2022

## Español

¡Saludos a los miembros de CSA, ancianos, estudiantes graduados y simpatizantes!

Anualmente, febrero (Mes de la Historia Afroamericana) antes de Marzo (Mes de la Mujer) está muy ocupado y lleno de eventos y acontecimientos de CSA. La Conferencia CSA 2022 organizada por la Universidad de las Indias Occidentales- Mona, Jamaica, está cada vez más cerca. ¿Ya te estás preparando? Mientras nos preparamos para una conferencia dinámica, interactiva y digitalmente atractiva, se alienta a todos los miembros de CSA a permanecer atentos a los eventos previos a la conferencia virtuales, creativos e innovadores que se organizan antes de la Conferencia de CSA. CSA continúa incorporando la expansión de nuevas mejores prácticas intergeneracionales complementarias a los intercambios académicos experimentados de los ancianos y jubilados de CSA del ecléctico mundo académico. Los ex presidentes de CSA están invitados a compartir sus experiencias históricas dentro de CSA y más allá durante los próximos programas previos a la conferencia y de la conferencia.

El autocuidado y el cuidado organizacional son importantes para mantener el legado académico de larga data y la moral compartida entre los miembros de CSA. ¿Nos estamos asegurando de fortalecerlos y permanecer seguros durante estos tiempos desafiantes y en constante cambio? Se alienta a los miembros de CSA a compartir una nota de bienestar positiva, una actualización personal o institucional, o un comentario sobre el contenido en las ediciones respectivas del Boletín mensual de CSA. A medida que nos acercamos a la temporada de elecciones de CSA en mayo de 2022, los miembros de CSA tienen el desafío de adoptar una postura proactiva y explorar entre nuestros colegas, estudiantes graduados y más allá, ¿quién está interesado en aceptar roles de liderazgo de CSA? Se están finalizando los anuncios sobre las elecciones de CSA de mayo de 2022.

Se recuerda a los miembros de CSA que, como complemento a este boletín de CSA, el sitio web de CSA proporciona una multiplicidad de recursos y actualizaciones sobre investigaciones, programas y actividades innovadoras y creativas que se están implementando a medida que mantenemos el trabajo organizacional y comunitario de CSA en el Caribe, las Américas e internacionalmente. <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/> Comparta las múltiples plataformas digitales y recursos de CSA que tenemos ampliamente para ayudarnos a fortalecer nuestra membresía existente y alentar a una nueva membresía. CSA adopta intercambios, viajes y compromisos intergeneracionales. El CSA Young Scholars Mentoring Program 2.0 continúa presentando la serie The Dialogue el 5 de

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febrero con los presentadores Sa-Rawla Stoute, Rowan University y Shauna Rigaud, George Mason University y el 19 de febrero de 2022, con los presentadores Tka Pinnock, York University y Dr. Georges Félix, Profesor Asistente, Universidad de Coventry con ambos eventos moderados por el Dr. Shane Gill, Universidad de Barry. Se alienta a los miembros de CSA a continuar asistiendo a estas y otras actividades previas a la conferencia.

Se invita y alienta a los miembros, ancianos y simpatizantes de CSA a revisar las actualizaciones publicadas en el sitio web de CSA y en este boletín de CSA con anuncios de medios sobre próximos eventos, conferencias y actividades relacionadas antes de la Conferencia CSA 2022.

Los recordatorios y actualizaciones para la revisión, el conocimiento y las contribuciones proactivas incluyen, entre otros, los siguientes:

- Se están aceptando presentaciones para el Premio literario Barbara T. Christian 2022. "Este premio literario CSA establecido en 2001 para honrar la memoria de la distinguida teórica feminista y mujer negra caribeña-estadounidense Dra. Barbara T. Christian, celebra su legado intelectual y se otorga al mejor libro publicado en el período de tres años más reciente que examina de manera explícita e innovadora temas de raza, género, sexualidad, clase e interseccionalidad". Visite el sitio web de CSA para conocer los requisitos en <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/awards-grants/barbara-t-christian-literary-award/> Actualizado: las presentaciones pueden ser digitales con 2 copias impresas enviadas por correo el viernes 15 de abril de 2022 o antes. Correo electrónico: [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org)
- El Diario inaugural de CSA está pendiente de publicación en la primavera de 2022. Se alienta a los miembros de CSA a visitar el sitio web con frecuencia, ya que hay disponibles muchas actualizaciones relacionadas con la Conferencia de CSA. Explore el boletín mensual para estar al tanto de las nuevas convocatorias de artículos y anuncios relacionados. Se está desarrollando la inclusión creativa de nuevos temas y destacados editores experimentados del CSA Journal y más. <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/csa-journal/>
- Se alienta respetuosamente a los ancianos de CSA a compartir métodos, acciones y programas de apoyo que, de manera creativa y científica, mantengan a CSA interdisciplinario, transcultural, intergeneracional, relevante, comprometido y central para mantener el enfoque original de CSA como una "organización profesional independiente dedicada a la promoción de la cultura caribeña". estudios desde un punto de

vista multidisciplinar, multicultural". Los ancianos de CSA se definen como miembros de CSA que se han jubilado pero que aún desean asistir y participar activamente en las conferencias de CSA. ¿Es usted un anciano de CSA? Compartir la riqueza. Comparte la noticia. CSA alienta a los académicos senior experimentados a participar en tutorías auténticas, investigación, finalización de doctorado, planificación de sucesión, publicación y más con académicos jóvenes y futuros de estudios caribeños y más allá. Agradecemos y apreciamos a los ancianos de CSA que ya participan en la tutoría, la enseñanza, la investigación, la publicación y los programas de apoyo relacionados de CSA. Cuota. Enseñar. Investigación. Publicar. Repetir.

- ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que contactó a un anciano de CSA? ¿Sabemos cuántos miembros de CSA se han jubilado en 2021 y 2022? ¿Cuántos miembros de CSA han hecho la transición durante estos mismos años? Que podamos crear momentos de reflexión con respecto a aquellos que ya no están físicamente entre nosotros. Respirar. Teniendo en cuenta muchas pérdidas y cambios traumáticos que hemos experimentado en el Caribe, las Américas y la comunidad mundial desde marzo de 2020 hasta el presente, dediquemos más tiempo para respirar (distanciamiento físico/seguro), compartir y apreciar la vida juntos.
- CSA tiene más de 46 años de experiencia y siglos de riqueza intelectual combinada compartida entre nuestro colectivo resistente, inteligente y académicamente excepcional dentro de la membresía de CSA junto con nuestros colegas y familias que apoyan este importante y útil trabajo organizacional.

Miembros de CSA: ¿Están listos para la Conferencia virtual CSA 2022 organizada por la Universidad de las Indias Occidentales-Campus de Mona en Jamaica? Agradecemos al presidente de CSA 2020-2022, Dr. Eris Schoburgh, por "ir más allá de C19+" con un arduo trabajo con el Comité del Programa de la Conferencia de CSA, el Consejo Ejecutivo de CSA y los respectivos patrocinadores para garantizar que la conferencia sea un éxito. Se alienta a los miembros de CSA a continuar compartiendo y apoyando a CSA para mantener la organización viva, relevante y próspera. Siga ayudándonos a mantenernos informados, apoyándonos activamente, emocionados, comprometidos y motivados dentro de la experiencia CSA. ¿Hay miembros de CSA Lifetime dispuestos a compartir? Manténgase bien y seguro lo mejor que pueda.

Mantente inspirado,

Chenzira Davis Kahina  
Vicepresidente CSA 2021-2022

# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd

## Français

Salutations aux membres de l'ASC, aux Aînés, aux étudiants diplômés et aux sympathisants !

Chaque année, février (mois de l'histoire des Noirs) menant à mars (mois de la femme) sont très occupés et pleins d'événements et d'événements CSA ! La conférence CSA 2022 organisée par l'Université des Antilles - Mona, Jamaïque se rapproche. Êtes-vous déjà prêt? Alors que nous nous préparons pour une conférence dynamique, interactive et engageante sur le plan numérique, chaque membre de la CSA est encouragé à rester à l'écoute des événements pré-conférence virtuels, créatifs et innovants organisés avant la conférence de la CSA. L'ASC continue d'intégrer l'expansion de nouvelles pratiques exemplaires intergénérationnelles complémentaires aux échanges universitaires chevronnés d'aînés et de retraités de l'ASC du monde éclectique du milieu universitaire. Les anciens présidents de la CSA sont invités à partager leurs expériences historiques au sein de la CSA et au-delà lors des prochains programmes de pré-conférence et de conférence.

Les soins personnels et organisationnels sont importants pour maintenir l'héritage scientifique de longue date et le moral partagé parmi les membres de l'ASC. Veillons-nous à nous renforcer et à rester en sécurité en ces temps difficiles et en constante évolution ? Les membres de l'ASC sont encouragés à partager une note positive sur le bien-être, une mise à jour personnelle ou institutionnelle ou un commentaire sur le contenu dans les éditions respectives du bulletin mensuel de l'ASC. Alors que nous nous rapprochons de la saison des élections de l'ASC en mai 2022, les membres de l'ASC sont mis au défi d'adopter une position proactive et d'explorer parmi nos collègues, les étudiants diplômés et au-delà qui sont intéressés à accepter des rôles de leadership de l'ASC ? Les annonces sur les élections CSA de mai 2022 sont en cours de finalisation.

Nous rappelons aux membres de l'ASC qu'en complément de ce bulletin d'information de l'ASC, le site Web de l'ASC fournit une multitude de ressources et de mises à jour sur la recherche, les programmes et les activités innovants et créatifs mis en œuvre alors que nous maintenons le travail organisationnel et communautaire de l'ASC dans les Caraïbes, les Amériques et à l'international. <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/> Partagez largement les multiples plateformes et ressources numériques CSA dont nous disposons pour nous aider à renforcer notre adhésion existante et à encourager de nouvelles adhésions. CSA englobe les échanges, les voyages et les engagements intergénérationnels. Le programme de mentorat *CSA Young Scholars 2.0* continue d'animer la série *The Dialogue* le 5 février avec les présentateurs Sa-Rawla Stoute, Rowan University et Shauna Rigaud, George Mason University et le 19

février 2022, avec les présentateurs Tka Pinnock, York University et le Dr. Georges Félix, Professeur adjoint, Coventry University, les deux événements étant animés par le Dr. Shane Gill, Barry University. Les membres de l'ASC sont encouragés à continuer d'assister à ces activités et à d'autres activités pré-conférence.

Les membres, les aînés et les sympathisants de l'ASC sont invités et encouragés à consulter les mises à jour publiées sur le site Web de l'ASC et dans ce bulletin d'information de l'ASC avec des annonces médiatiques sur les événements à venir, les conférences et les activités connexes menant à la Conférence de l'ASC 2022.

Les rappels et les mises à jour pour l'examen, les connaissances et les contributions proactives incluent, mais ne sont pas limités à :

- Les soumissions sont acceptées pour le prix littéraire Barbara T. Christian 2022. «Ce prix littéraire CSA créé en 2001 pour honorer la mémoire de la distinguée théoricienne féministe et féministe noire américaine des Caraïbes, le Dr Barbara T. Christian, célèbre son héritage intellectuel et est décerné au meilleur livre publié au cours de la période de trois ans la plus récente qui examine explicitement et de manière innovante les sujets de race, de genre, de sexualité, de classe et d'intersectionnalité. Visitez le site Web de CSA pour connaître les exigences à l'adresse <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/awards-grants/barbara-t-christian-literary-award/> Courriel : [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org)
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Membres CSA : Êtes-vous prêts pour la conférence virtuelle CSA 2022 organisée par l'Université des Antilles - Campus Mona en Jamaïque ? Remerciements à la présidente de la CSA 2020-2022, la Dre Eris Schoburgh, pour avoir « dépassé le C19+ » grâce à un travail acharné avec le comité du programme de la conférence de la CSA, le conseil exécutif de la CSA et les partisans respectifs pour assurer le succès de la conférence. Les membres de l'ASC sont encouragés à continuer de partager et de soutenir l'ASC pour maintenir l'organisation vivante, pertinente et prospère. Continuez à nous aider à rester informés, à vous soutenir activement, excités, engagés et motivés dans le cadre de l'expérience CSA. Y a-t-il des membres à vie de CSA prêts à partager? Restez bien et en sécurité au mieux de vos capacités.

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Welcome  
**Dr. Roy Mc Cree (Chair)**  
Senior Research Fellow, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine

Opening Remarks  
**Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard**  
Director (Ag.), Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine

Topics and Presenters

1. The COVID Pandemic, Economics and Participation in the TT Carnival Experience  
**Dr. Jo-Anne Tull**  
Lecturer - Carnival Studies  
Department of Creative & Festival Arts The UWI, St. Augustine

2. The Onset of the COVID Pandemic and Staging Carnival Events - A State Sector Perspective on Impact and Future Prospects  
**Dr. Keith Nurse**  
Principal/CEO Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, St. Lucia

3. The Onset of the COVID Pandemic and Staging Carnival Events - A Private Sector Perspective on Impact and Future Prospects  
**Mr. Derrick Lewis**  
Managing Director EventologyTT

4. When should it be sufficiently safe to host Carnival Events? Epidemiology and the Future of Carnival in Trinidad and Tobago  
**Dr. Franka des Vignes**  
Subregional Advisor, Disease Surveillance and Epidemiology PAHO/WHO Subregional Program Coordination, Caribbean

5. Calypso, Ex Tempo and the Oral Tradition in TT Carnivals - Prospects for the Future  
**Dr. Kela Francis**  
Assistant Professor, The Academy for Arts Culture and PA, The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT)

6. The COVID Pandemic, Internationalization of TT Carnival Brand and Prospective Implications for Trinidad and Tobago  
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Lecturer Institute of International Relations, The UWI, St. Augustine

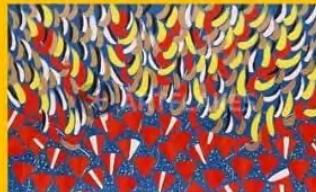
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This book explains the consequences of global policy initiatives against money laundering, terrorist financing, and tax evasion on financial centres located in offshore jurisdictions in the Caribbean region. Adding to the existing literature by detailing international policy initiatives against money laundering and tax evasion from the early 1920s to date, this book examines the factors that have contributed to their gradual development over time, their role in contributing to money laundering, terrorist financing, and tax evasion, the international policy initiatives that came about to address these financial crimes, as well as the consequences of these policy initiatives on the legislative systems, institutions, offshore business sectors, and economies of these financial centres. Aretha Campbell has worked in the offshore financial services industry for the past 16 years and is a recent PhD graduate from the University of Salamanca, Spain in the area of Rule of Law and Global Governance. Her research interests center on financial global governance, transnational policy organizations, money laundering, terrorist financing, tax evasion, and offshore financial centres (OFCs) with a specific focus on the Caribbean region. She aims to find ways to mitigate the risks associated with money laundering, terrorist financing, and tax evasion in the Caribbean region, and to identify alternative means to further develop the offshore financial services industry with a view to strengthening their local economies. She is an adjunct course coordinator at the University of the West Indies Open Campus and an affiliated postdoctoral researcher at the University of Antwerp.

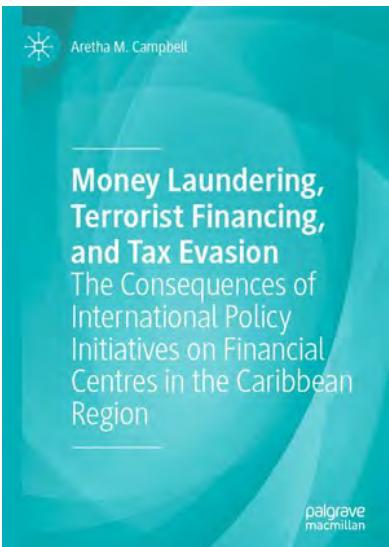
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November 2020



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- Caribbean regional cooperation and integration
- Political ideas
- Political behaviors

### Written works :

- « La question statutaire en Guadeloupe, Guyane et Martinique » avec Claude Emery, Fred Reno et Jean-Pierre Sainton en 2000
- « Petit dictionnaire du débat politique en Guadeloupe, Guyane et Martinique » avec Fred Deshayes et Jean-Pierre Sainton en 2004
- L'émigration haïtienne dans la Caraïbe avec Auguste Joint en 2010
- Autopsie politique du massacre de Mai 1967 en 2017

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# MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Jorge Lefevre Tavárez

## Español

### El Plan de Ajuste de Deuda y las paralizaciones laborales en Puerto Rico

En la columna del mes pasado, mencioné las graves consecuencias del Plan de Ajuste de Deuda para la sociedad puertorriqueña. El presupuesto de Puerto Rico,

ya impactado por una crisis económica prolongada, tendría que destinarle unos \$1,150 millones anuales al pago de la deuda. Para poder cumplir con esa exigencia, las pensiones de los actuales jubilados se congelaron, y los empleados activos recibirán un recorte dramático a la hora de retirarse.

La respuesta de la clase obrera no se hizo esperar. Durante la primera semana del mes de febrero, en distintos sectores del gobierno se empezó a ver el fenómeno del "worker's flu". El magisterio, los bomberos, los y las enfermeras, los policías municipales, de manera casi espontánea y simultánea empezaron a ausentarse en masa al trabajo, como repudio a la destrucción de su retiro y a sus salarios estancados, en muchos casos por más de una década.

El estallido, finalmente, surgió del magisterio, un sector históricamente militante del movimiento obrero de Puerto Rico. Pero no es solo la historia de lucha lo que explica el estallido. El magisterio es uno de los sectores más empobrecidos: con un salario base de \$1,750 desde hace más de 10 años, sin los aumentos anuales que requiere la ley, y sin cotizar al Seguro Social, el Plan de Ajuste de Deuda significó un golpe agudo, dado que la pensión que antes representaría un 75% de su salario ahora sería de un mero 35% del salario. A eso se le añade que la edad de retiro se aumentó de 55 años a 63.

Luego de varios días de ausentismo espontáneo en el magisterio, los tres sindicatos principales (descontando el sindicato "oficial" reconocido por el estado) llamaron a una manifestación masiva para el 4 de febrero. Así, una gran manifestación liderada por la Federación de Maestras y Maestros de Puerto Rico, EDUCAMOS y UNETE, sorprendió al país, un día en que el ausentismo del magisterio llegó a un 72%.

La segunda semana de febrero vio una creciente movilización de distintos sectores del país. El gobernador, Pedro Pierluisi, al inicio de la semana, prometió un aumento temporero al salario del magisterio, pero regañó a los empleados públicos que se ausentaban a su trabajo porque no estaban "cumpliendo su deber". Aunque reconoció las pobres condiciones labores de muchos empleados públicos, afirmó que "nadie está obligado" a ser maestro, policía, bombero, o servidor público.

Los comentarios del gobernador conmovieron al país. El miércoles, 9 de febrero, se vio otra paralización del magisterio, con un ausentismo de 82%. Pero se le incorporaron, también, los bomberos en huelga, y una gran variedad de sectores del pueblo en lo que es, sin duda, la manifestación más grande en Puerto Rico desde el verano del 2019. Algunos estimados hablan de decenas de miles; otros señalan más de 40 mil.

El gobierno ha reaccionado otorgando algunos de los reclamos que los sectores públicos han exigido, como el aumento salarial. El tema del retiro sigue siendo urgente para grandes segmentos de los servidores públicos. Muchos reclaman, incluso, la derogación del Plan de Ajuste de Deuda, o, como mínimo, enmiendas al mismo. Es difícil prever lo que ocurre, aunque todo parece indicar que el 18 de febrero – exactamente una semana después de haber entregado esta columna – habrá otra gran manifestación del pueblo en lucha.

## English

### The Debt Adjustment Plan and Workers Strikes in Puerto Rico

In last month's column, I mentioned the serious consequences of the Debt Adjustment Plan for Puerto Rican society. Puerto Rico's budget, already impacted by a prolonged economic crisis, will have to allocate some \$1.15 billion annually to pay off the new debt. In order to meet that requirement, current retirees' pensions have been frozen, and active employees will receive a dramatic cut when they retire.

The response of the working class was immediate. During the first week of February, the "worker's flu" phenomenon began to be seen in different sectors of the government. The teachers, the firefighters, the nurses, the municipal police, almost spontaneously and simultaneously began to absent themselves from work, in repudiation of the destruction of their retirement, as well as for their stagnant wages.

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

The explosion, finally, arose from the teachers movement, a historically militant sector of the labor movement in Puerto Rico. But it's not just their militant history that which explains the outburst. Teachers are one of the most impoverished sectors of public employment: with a base salary of \$1,750 (stagnant for more than 10 years), without the annual increases required by law, and without contributing to Social Security, the Debt Adjustment Plan represented an acute blow, given that their pensions, previously 75% of their salary, would now be a mere 35%. To this is added that the retirement age was increased from 55 years to 63.

After several days of spontaneous absenteeism in the teaching profession, the three main unions (excluding the "official" union recognized by the state) called for a massive demonstration on February 4. A great demonstration led by the Federation of Teachers of Puerto Rico, EDUCAMOS and UNETE, surprised the country, a day in which the absenteeism of the teaching profession reached 72%.

The second week of February saw a growing mobilization from different sectors of the country. The governor, Pedro Pierluisi, at the beginning of the week, promised a temporary increase in teachers' salaries. However, he also scolded public employees who were ab-

sent from work, saying they were not fulfilling their duty. Although he recognized the poor working conditions of many public employees, he affirmed that "nobody is obliged" to be a teacher, police officer, firefighter, or public servant.

The governor's comments shocked the country. On Wednesday, February 9, another teachers strike occurred, with an absenteeism of 82%. But it was also joined by the striking firefighters, and a wide variety of sectors in what was, without a doubt, the largest demonstration in Puerto Rico since the summer of 2019. Some estimates speak of tens of thousands; others point to more than 40 thousand.

The government has responded by granting some of the striking public workers, such as a salary increase. The issue of retirement continues to be critical for large segments of public workers. Many even demand the repeal of the Debt Adjustment Plan, or, at least, amendments to it. It is difficult to predict what will happen, although everything seems to indicate that on February 18 – exactly one week after submitting this column – there will be another great demonstration of the current workers struggle.



# MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Julien Merion

## Français

### **CRISE SANITAIRE ET CRISE SOCIALE EN GUADELOUPE ET EN MARTINIQUE LES LIMITES DE LA DE- PENDANCE ?**

L'épidémie du COVID 19 n'aura épargné aucun territoire de la Caraïbe.

En Guadeloupe et en Martinique, départements français la crise sanitaire sera un véritable révélateur des problématiques sociétales.

Le bilan est lourd pour des territoires disposant d'équipements sanitaires importants et de personnels médicaux en nombre. Au 19 janvier la Guadeloupe (375 700 habitants) comptait 73 660 cas et 835 décès. En Martinique (354 800 habitants) on dénombrait 65 380 cas et 804 décès. Dans les 2 territoires le taux de vaccination ne dépasse pas les 47%.

En août-septembre 2021, la 4<sup>ème</sup> vague a été ravageuse avec l'obligation d'évacuer des malades vers les hôpitaux français.

Face à l'épidémie, la réponse du Gouvernement français a été uniforme. C'est ainsi que l'obligation vaccinale et le passe sanitaire ont été imposés à certaines professions.

Cette obligation a provoqué une réaction très forte des syndicats et de nombreuses organisations citoyennes avec le soutien d'une grande partie de la population.

Depuis le mois de juillet 2021, plus particulièrement en Guadeloupe, un mouvement social d'assez grande ampleur a régulièrement occupé l'espace public, par une occupation des médias et des réseaux sociaux et aussi par des manifestations de rue, des blocages de routes et une certaine forme d'insurrection urbaine.

A la revendication sanitaire concernant l'obligation vaccinale sont venus s'ajouter d'autres demandes, notamment de la jeunesse (60% de chômeurs dans cette catégorie) ou encore les réparations suite à la pollution des sols au chlordécone...

Ce mouvement social n'est pas sans rappeler celui de 2009 où en

Guadeloupe, pendant 40 jours la population s'est dressée contre la pwofitasyon (vie chère et sur exploitation).

Cette mobilisation sociale met encore une fois en évidence les maux des sociétés « assimilées » de Guadeloupe et de Martinique vivant en grande partie de l'assistance, toute en revendiquant de plus en plus fortement la reconnaissance d'une identité créole et l'adaptation du système politique conférant plus de responsabilités aux élus locaux.

Cette quête identitaire sera au centre de la protestation contre la vaccination en invoquant les vertus de la pharmacopée locale (rimèd razyé).

La mobilisation s'explique principalement par une forte méfiance contre le système mercantile qui domine la santé, la méfiance aussi contre la parole versatile de l'Etat, la méfiance envers les élus locaux considérés comme incapables de s'imposer. Cette mobilisation renvoie très certainement à des problématiques plus lointaines liées à la réappropriation du corps dépossédé de l'esclave.

Faut-il repenser les relations avec la France ?

Le Ministre français de l'outre-mer a mis, au mois de novembre 2021, le sujet sur la table en disant que toute législation différenciée passait par l'autonomie et qu'il était prêt à ouvrir le débat. Son invitation a été considérée par les acteurs du mouvement social comme hors sujet.

Cette question, posée depuis les années 60, reste pour l'heure sans réponse, biaisée par la culture de l'assimilation – dépendance qui s'est installée dans les consciences au fil des siècles.

## English

### **HEALTH CRISIS AND SOCIAL CRISIS IN GUADELOUPE AND MARTINIQUE THE LIMITS OF DEPENDENCY?**

The COVID 19 epidemic will not have spared any territory of the Caribbean.

In Guadeloupe and Martinique, French departments, the health crisis will be a real indicator of societal issues.

The toll is heavy for territories with significant health facilities and a large number of medical personnel. As of January 19, Guadeloupe (375,700 inhabitants) had 73,660 cases and 835 deaths. In

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

Martinique (354,800 inhabitants) there were 65,380 cases and 804 deaths. In the 2 territories the vaccination rate does not exceed 47%.

In August-September 2021, the 4th wave was devastating with the obligation to evacuate patients to French hospitals.

Faced with the epidemic, the response of the French Government has been uniform. This is how the vaccination obligation and the health pass were imposed on certain professions.

This obligation provoked a very strong reaction from trade unions and many civic organizations with the support of a large part of the population.

Since July 2021, more particularly in Guadeloupe, a fairly large-scale social movement has regularly occupied public space, through an occupation of the media and social networks and also through street demonstrations, road blockages and some form of urban insurrection.

To the health claim concerning the vaccination obligation were added other demands, in particular from the youth (60% of unemployed in this category) or even repairs following the pollution of the soil with chlordécone...

This social movement is reminiscent of that of 2009 when in Guadeloupe, for 40 days the population stood up against the pwofitasyon (expensive life and exploitation).

This social mobilization once again highlights the evils of the "assimilated" societies of Guadeloupe and Martinique living largely on assistance, while demanding more and more strongly the recognition of a Creole identity and the adaptation of political system conferring more responsibilities on local elected representatives. This quest for identity will be at the center of the protest against vaccination by invoking the virtues of the local pharmacopoeia (rimèd razyé).

The mobilization is mainly explained by a strong distrust against the mercantile system which dominates health, distrust also against the fickle words of the State, distrust towards local elected officials considered incapable of imposing themselves. This mobilization most certainly refers to more distant issues related to the reappropriation of the dispossessed body of the slave.

Should we rethink relations with France?

The French Overseas Minister put the subject on the table in November 2021, saying that any differentiated legislation required autonomy and that he was ready to open the debate. His invitation was considered by the actors of the social movement as irrelevant.

This question, which has been asked since the 1960s, remains unanswered for the time being, biased by the culture of assimilation – a dependency that has taken root in people's minds over the centuries.

# DUTCH CARIBBEAN REPORT

## University of St. Martin and Sint Maarten Anti-Poverty Platform Webinar: *Senior Rights in Sint Maarten, Saint Martin and Anguilla*

Saturday 26 February 2022, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

9:00AM - 12:00PM: The Status of Seniors Rights in Sint Maarten, Saint Martin and Anguilla

### Speakers:

- Sanford Richardson - Anguilla
- Rose Pooran-Fleming - Sint Maarten
- Jeanine Arnell - Saint Martin

Moderated by: Marcellia Henry

2:00PM - 5:00PM: Reflection on the struggle for Seniors Rights: How to Continue?

### Speakers:

- Horace Whit - Saint Martin
- Raymond Jessurun - Sint Maarten
- Ian Donaldson Mitchell - Anguilla

Moderated by: Dr. Daphina Misiedjan

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# MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT REP.



Regan Reid

Greetings Family!

I hope that everyone is keeping well.

Congratulations to all our mentees and mentors who remain committed to the painstaking task of doing excellent research.

Since its inauguration on November 20th, 2021, the CSA has successfully planned

and hosted two vibrant CSA *Young Scholars* dialogues. As your responses continue to be meaningful and positive, we anticipate more novel and groundbreaking research from our young members as their confidence and research skills continue to grow.

The first presenter, Sa-Rawla Stoute, is a vibrant 4th-year Doctoral student at Rowan University who is passionate about being an educator. She is fundamentally guided by the belief that there is power in stories and experiences. Hence, she is passionate about constructing the narratives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBTQ+) Caribbean people and sharing their stories as they navigate their identities. Guided by Tracy Chapman's song, "She's Got Her Ticket," Sa-Rawla ventured into explaining the broad narrative of queer people of color.

She explained the notion of an ethnoreligious conflict whereby individual identities conflict with established cultural and religious values. People of color must learn to negotiate multiple marginalized identities, which invariably creates mental health challenges, including feelings of depression, isolation, and anxiety. Based on discussions about identity development, Sa-Rawla found that:

1. Individual identities and perceptions of the LGBTQ+ community are influenced by social constructions of gender and gender roles.
2. Some members of the LGBTQ+ community actively avoid Caribbean festivals and parades because they feel it is an uncomfortable space to be themselves.
3. Queer women of color internalize homophobia- characterized by a complicated thought process about dressing and acting.
4. Queer women of color must negotiate separation from societal expectations while simultaneously making themselves visible in the identities they choose

These preliminary findings are instructive that more research is needed to understand the lived experiences of queer women of color, particularly those Caribbean-born or of Caribbean descent, and how they navigate their identities where race, sex, gender, and culture intersect.

In its novelty, queer studies remain understudied in the Caribbean. So an excellent way to appraise the current status of real issues affecting queer women of color and Caribbean women is to undertake meaningful research. I am sure we can all agree that Ms. Stoute is well on her way to becoming a pioneer of queer studies in the Caribbean. We salute you!

The Second Presenter, Shauna Rigaud, is a current Ph.D. candidate in the Cultural Studies program at George Mason University in Virginia. Her research interests include the Caribbean diaspora, performativity, black feminism, and Caribbean feminism. Shauna opened her presentation with a song, playing the lyrics of "Bajan Posse" by Draytons Two, a popular Barbadian band, before jumping into the Crop Over festival's role in nation-building. By exploring the dual role of festival tourism, Shauna anticipates that her seminal work will contribute to national identity formation in Barbados and the wider Caribbean.

Shauna attributes this new identity to a part of the decolonization process that reasserts Barbados and the Caribbean as modern. As identity is a production and always in process, Shauna argues that both tourists and members of the Barbadian diaspora have a role to play in the identity-making process through their sustained support of and commitment to the Crop Over festival.

## Major Findings:

1. Participating in the festival is "freeing" and "healing."
2. The Crop Over festival provides an opportunity for people to engage holistically with their blackness, not only the trauma of slavery but to celebrate everything else that makes a culture.

As part of Shauna's dissertation, her focus on the Crop Over festival as more than an engagement with tourists and the diaspora, but as an instrument of producing an authentic Barbadian identity may be instrumental in shaping practice and informing policies for a new cultural direction. We celebrate Ms. Rigaud on a job well done and wish her well on her dissertation defense!

# MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT REP. cont'd

We also appreciate those who joined to engage with our young scholars and support them on their path. We invite you to reconnect with us for our second dialogue of the year on **Saturday, February 19th, 2022.**

Till next time, walk good!

"She's Got Her Ticket"

She's got her ticket  
I think she gonna use it  
I think she going to fly away  
No one should try and stop her  
Persuade her with their power  
She says that her mind is made  
Up

Why not leave why not  
Go away  
Too much hatred  
Corruption and greed  
Give your life  
And invariably they leave you with  
Nothing

Young girl ain't got no chances  
No roots to keep her strong  
She's shed all pretenses  
That someday she'll belong  
Some folks call her a runaway  
A failure in the race  
But she knows where her ticket takes her

## Español

¡Saludos Familia!

Espero que todos se mantengan bien.

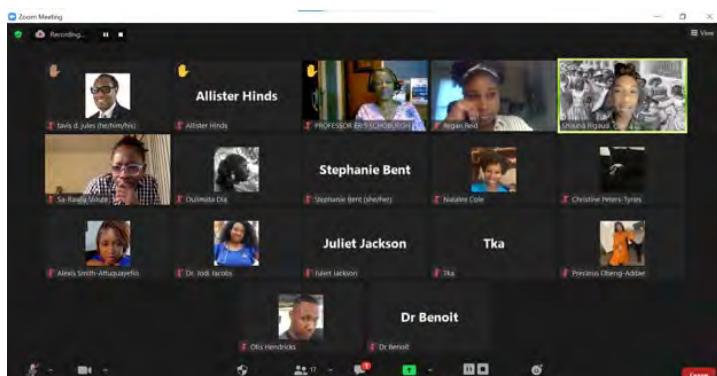
Felicitaciones a todos nuestros aprendices y mentores que siguen comprometidos con la ardua tarea de realizar una investigación excelente.

Desde su inauguración el 20 de noviembre de 2021, CSA ha planificado y organizado con éxito dos diálogos vibrantes de CSA Young Scholars. A medida que sus respuestas sigan siendo significativas y positivas, anticipamos más investigaciones novedosas e innovadoras de nuestros miembros jóvenes a medida que su confianza y habilidades de investigación continúen creciendo.

La primera presentadora, Sa-Rawla Stoute, es una vibrante estudiante de doctorado de cuarto año en la Universidad de Rowan a la que le apasiona ser educadora. Se guía fundamentalmente por la creencia de que hay poder en las historias y las experiencias. Por lo tanto, le apasiona construir las narrativas de las personas caribeñas lesbianas, gays, bisexuales y transgénero (LGBTQ+) y compartir sus historias mientras navegan por sus identidades. Guiada por la canción de Tracy Chapman, "She's Got Her Ticket", Sa-Rawla se atrevió a explicar la amplia narrativa de las personas de color queer.

Explicó la noción de un conflicto etnorreligioso por el cual las identidades individuales entran en conflicto con los valores culturales y religiosos establecidos. Las personas de color deben aprender a negociar múltiples identidades marginadas, lo que invariablemente crea desafíos de salud mental, incluidos sentimientos de depresión, aislamiento y ansiedad. Basado en discusiones sobre el desarrollo de la identidad, Sa-Rawla descubrió que:

1. Las identidades individuales y las percepciones de la comunidad LGBTQ+ están influenciadas por construcciones sociales de género y roles de género.
2. Algunos miembros de la comunidad LGBTQ+ evitan activamente los festivales y desfiles caribeños porque sienten que es un espacio incómodo para ser ellos mismos.
3. Las mujeres queer de color internalizan la homofobia, caracterizada por un proceso de pensamiento complicado sobre cómo vestirse y actuar.
4. Las mujeres queer de color deben negociar la separación de las expectativas sociales y, al mismo tiempo, hacerse visibles en las identidades que elijan.



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Estos hallazgos preliminares son instructivos de que se necesita más investigación para comprender las experiencias vividas por las mujeres queer de color, en particular aquellas nacidas o de ascendencia caribeña, y cómo navegan sus identidades donde se cruzan la raza, el sexo, el género y la cultura.

En su novedad, los estudios queer siguen siendo poco estudiados en el Caribe. Entonces, una excelente manera de evaluar el estado actual de los problemas reales que afectan a las mujeres queer de color y caribeñas es realizar una investigación significativa. Estoy seguro de que todos podemos estar de acuerdo en que la Sra. Stoute está en camino de convertirse en una pionera de los estudios queer en el Caribe. ¡Nosotros te saludamos!

La segunda presentadora, Shauna Rigaud, es una doctora actual candidato en el programa de Estudios Culturales de la Universidad George Mason en Virginia. Sus intereses de investigación incluyen la diáspora caribeña, la performatividad, el feminismo negro y el feminismo caribeño. Shauna abrió su presentación con una canción, tocando la letra de "Bajan Posse" de Draytons Two, una popular banda de Barbados, antes de pasar al papel del festival Crop Over en la construcción de la nación. Al explorar el papel dual del turismo de festivales, Shauna anticipa que su trabajo seminal contribuirá a la formación de la identidad nacional en Barbados y el Caribe en general.

Shauna atribuye esta nueva identidad a una parte del proceso de descolonización que reafirma a Barbados y el Caribe como modernos. Como la identidad es una producción y siempre está en proceso, Shauna argumenta que tanto los turistas como los miembros de la diáspora de Barbados tienen un papel que desempeñar en el proceso de creación de identidad a través de su apoyo sostenido y compromiso con el festival Crop Over.

Descubrimientos importantes:

1. Participar en el festival es "liberador" y "sanador".
2. El festival Crop Over brinda una oportunidad para que las personas se comprometan de manera integral con su negrura, no solo el trauma de la esclavitud, sino también para celebrar todo lo demás que hace una cultura.

Como parte de la disertación de Shauna, su enfoque en el festival Crop Over como algo más que un compromiso con los turistas y la diáspora, como un instrumento para producir una auténtica identidad barbadense puede ser fundamental para dar forma a la prá-

tica e informar políticas para una nueva dirección cultural. ¡Celebremos a la Sra. Rigaud por un trabajo bien hecho y le deseamos lo mejor en la defensa de su disertación!

También apreciamos a quienes se unieron para comprometerse con nuestros jóvenes académicos y apoyarlos en su camino.

"Ella tiene su boleto"

ella tiene su boleto  
Creo que ella lo usará.  
Creo que ella va a volar lejos  
Nadie debería tratar de detenerla.  
Convéncela con su poder  
Ella dice que su mente está hecha  
Arriba

por qué no dejar por qué no  
Irse  
demasiado odio  
Corrupción y codicia  
da tu vida  
E invariablemente te dejan con  
Nada

La chica joven no tiene posibilidades  
Sin raíces para mantenerla fuerte  
Ella se deshizo de todos los pretextos  
Que algún día ella pertenecerá  
Algunas personas la llaman fugitiva  
Un fracaso en la carrera  
Pero ella sabe a dónde la lleva su boleto  
Ella encontrará su lugar en el sol

### Français

Salutations Famille!

J'espère que tout le monde se porte bien.

Félicitations à tous nos mentorés et mentors qui restent engagés dans la tâche ardue de faire d'excellentes recherches.

Depuis son inauguration le 20 novembre 2021, l'ASC a planifié et accueilli avec succès deux dialogues dynamiques des jeunes chercheurs de l'ASC. Alors que vos réponses continuent d'être

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

significatives et positives, nous prévoyons d'autres recherches novatrices et révolutionnaires de la part de nos jeunes membres à mesure que leur confiance et leurs compétences en recherche continueront de croître.

La première présentatrice, Sa-Rawla Stoute, est une étudiante dynamique en doctorat de 4e année à l'Université Rowan qui se passionne pour le métier d'éducatrice. Elle est fondamentalement guidée par la conviction qu'il y a du pouvoir dans les histoires et les expériences. Par conséquent, elle est passionnée par la construction des récits des personnes lesbiennes, gays, bisexuelles et transgenres (LGBTQ+) des Caraïbes et par le partage de leurs histoires au fur et à mesure qu'elles naviguent dans leurs identités. Guidée par la chanson de Tracy Chapman, "She's Got Her Ticket", Sa-Rawla s'est aventurée à expliquer le vaste récit des personnes queer de couleur.

Elle a expliqué la notion de conflit ethnoreligieux où les identités individuelles entrent en conflit avec les valeurs culturelles et religieuses établies. Les personnes de couleur doivent apprendre à négocier de multiples identités marginalisées, ce qui crée invariablement des problèmes de santé mentale, notamment des sentiments de dépression, d'isolement et d'anxiété. Sur la base de discussions sur le développement de l'identité, Sa-Rawla a constaté que :

1. Les identités individuelles et les perceptions de la communauté LGBTQ+ sont influencées par les constructions sociales du genre et des rôles de genre.
2. Certains membres de la communauté LGBTQ+ évitent activement les festivals et défilés caribéens parce qu'ils estiment que c'est un espace inconfortable pour être eux-mêmes.
3. Les femmes queer de couleur intérieurisent l'homophobie, caractérisée par un processus de réflexion compliqué sur l'habillement et l'action.
4. Les femmes queer de couleur doivent négocier la séparation des attentes de la société tout en se rendant visibles dans les identités qu'elles choisissent

Ces résultats préliminaires montrent que davantage de recherches sont nécessaires pour comprendre les expériences vécues des femmes queer de couleur, en particulier celles nées ou d'origine caribéenne, et comment elles naviguent dans leurs identités là où la race, le sexe, le genre et la culture se croisent. Dans leur nouveauté, les études queer restent peu étudiées dans les Caraïbes. Ainsi, un excellent moyen d'évaluer l'état actuel des problèmes réels affectant les femmes queer de couleur et les femmes

des Caraïbes est d'entreprendre des recherches significatives. Je suis sûr que nous pouvons tous convenir que Mme Stoute est en bonne voie de devenir une pionnière des études queer dans les Caraïbes. Nous te saluons!

La deuxième présentatrice, Shauna Rigaud, est actuellement titulaire d'un doctorat candidat au programme d'études culturelles à l'Université George Mason en Virginie. Ses intérêts de recherche incluent la diaspora caribéenne, la performativité, le féminisme noir et le féminisme caribéen. Shauna a ouvert sa présentation avec une chanson, jouant les paroles de "Bajan Posse" de Draytons Two, un groupe populaire de la Barbade, avant de se lancer dans le rôle du festival Crop Over dans l'édification de la nation. En explorant le double rôle du tourisme de festival, Shauna prévoit que son travail fondateur contribuera à la formation de l'identité nationale à la Barbade et dans les Caraïbes au sens large.

Shauna attribue cette nouvelle identité à une partie du processus de décolonisation qui réaffirme la Barbade et les Caraïbes comme modernes. L'identité étant une production et toujours en cours, Shauna soutient que les touristes et les membres de la diaspora barbadienne ont un rôle à jouer dans le processus de création d'identité grâce à leur soutien et à leur engagement soutenus envers le festival Crop Over

Découvertes majeures:

1. Participer au festival, c'est "libérer" et "guérir".
2. Le festival Crop Over offre aux gens l'occasion de s'engager de manière holistique avec leur noirceur, non seulement le traumatisme de l'esclavage, mais de célébrer tout ce qui fait une culture.

Dans le cadre de la thèse de Shauna, sa focalisation sur le festival Crop Over comme plus qu'un engagement avec les touristes et la diaspora, mais comme un instrument de production d'une identité barbadienne authentique peut contribuer à façonner la pratique et à informer les politiques pour une nouvelle direction culturelle. Nous célébrons Mme Rigaud pour un travail bien fait et lui souhaitons bonne chance pour sa soutenance de thèse !

Nous apprécions également ceux qui se sont joints à nos jeunes chercheurs et les ont soutenus dans leur cheminement.

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

"Elle a son billet"

Elle a son billet  
Je pense qu'elle va l'utiliser  
Je pense qu'elle va s'envoler  
Personne ne devrait essayer de l'arrêter  
La persuader avec leur pouvoir  
Elle dit que sa décision est prise  
En haut

Pourquoi ne pas partir pourquoi pas  
Va-t'en  
Trop de haine  
Corruption et cupidité  
Donne ta vie  
Et invariablement ils vous laissent avec  
Rien

La jeune fille n'a aucune chance  
Pas de racines pour la garder forte  
Elle s'est débarrassée de tout prétexte  
Qu'un jour elle appartiendra  
Certaines personnes l'appellent une fugue  
Un échec dans la course  
Mais elle sait où son billet l'emmène  
Elle trouvera sa place au soleil

# YOUR COMMENTARY



Alicia Nicholls

## Do Caribbean Countries' International Investment Agreements Help or Hurt their Climate Action?

International Investment Agreement (IIAs) are agreements signed between or among two or more States with the main aim of protecting, promoting and liberalizing the flow of investments

between them. In the 1980s and 1990s the most common type of IIAs signed by States was the typical bilateral investment treaty (BIT). In more recent times, investment provisions and even investment chapters are now standard in many free trade agreements.

Among other things, IIAs generally provide investors with guaranteed protections against heavy-handed state action, such as the direct or indirect expropriation of their investment by the host State without compensation. These investor rights often receive added enforcement from investor-State dispute settlement provisions – that is – provisions allowing aggrieved investors to directly bring claims against a host State to be settled by a neutral international arbitral tribunal. The problem comes where an investor deems the regulatory action taken by the host State, such as enacting clean air standards or banning the use of climate inefficient technologies, affects the investor's bottom line and decides to challenge this action through ISDS. Investment treaty jurisprudence reveals a growing number of investor-State environmental disputes globally (Beharry & Kuritz 2015; Vinuales 2012), including climate-related cases (Fermeglia et al. 2021).

This article briefly examines Caribbean countries' IIA network and discusses whether the region's current stock of IIAs puts those countries at risk of legal exposure to potential disputes brought by investors challenging their climate actions. It also looks at some possible ways in which Caribbean countries could make their IIAs more in sync with their goal of promoting investment for sustainable development.

### Caribbean IIA network

According to UNCTAD's IIA Navigator database, there are [over 2,000 IIAs](#) currently in force. This database shows that CARICOM countries

have signed a total of 83 BITs, of which 56 are currently in force. Caribbean countries have generally very open investment regimes, but their use of IIAs as investment promotion tools differs by country. Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and Barbados are the CARICOM countries with the most BITs signed and in force. Therefore, the risk of legal exposure to investor claims is differentiated among Caribbean countries. Similarly, even those Caribbean countries with more extensive IIA networks have limited their conclusion of BITs, which is in sync with a global decline in the conclusion of new BITs since the 2000s as reported by Poulsen and Aisbett (2013). That said, most of the existing Caribbean IIAs are older generation treaties dating back to the 1980s and 1990s with broad and vague protections, limited exceptions and lack of explicit references to the environment both in the preambular text or the substantive provisions.

This status quo is not unique to the Caribbean. In their study for the OECD, [Gordon & Pohl \(2011\)](#) found that although the inclusion of environmental language is becoming more widespread in treaties, only 8.2% of the treaties reviewed contained a reference to environmental concerns. Similarly, while the region's newer IIAs like Guyana and Suriname's Cooperation and Investment Facilitation Agreements with Brazil and the EU-CARIFORUM and UK-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreements' investment provisions contain more express environmental language and attempt to rebalance the rights and responsibilities of investors, there is still the question of what to do with the older less development-friendly stock of treaties.

### Climate Action and Investor Disputes

As countries adopt more ambitious measures aimed at restricting emissions or adapting to climate change in line with their Paris Agreement commitments, there is the potential for investor claims. One of the most famous examples is the swath of investor claims Spain has faced pursuant to the Energy Charter Treaty following the rollback of its incentives regime for renewable energy investments. While not all of the claims have been found in favour of the investor, the costs to the State of having to defend against those multiple claims can be onerous. Some writers (Bonnitcha 2014; Tienhaara 2018) also mention 'regulatory chill', that is, countries might decline to take more ambitious climate action due to fears of investor claims.

Based on the latest Sustainable Development Goal Report 2021 (Sachs et al 2021), Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action) is one goal on which Caribbean countries have registered the

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most progress. Caribbean States have passed legislation providing incentives for renewable energy, phasing out the use of incandescent lightbulbs, among others. Barbados' Updated Nationally Determined Contribution (2021), for example, sets the goal of achieving a fossil fuel-free economy and to reduce GHG emissions across all sectors to as close to zero as possible by 2030. To do so, financing must be mobilized through not just public but also private sources. Therefore, they must ensure that these lofty goals are not potentially derailed by threatened or actual investor claims.

## **How can IIAs support and not constrain climate action?**

Countries worldwide have begun amending and renegotiating their existing IIAs to include more express environmental protections. As Caribbean countries' experience with ISDS has been quite limited, there does not appear to be the same level of urgency to reform our existing treaty stock as seen in countries which have frequently been on the losing end of ISDS rulings. However, particularly for those Caribbean countries which have made the use of IIAs a key part of their investment attraction strategy, there are some considerations they should consider to ensure their IIAs support and not constraint their climate action.

First, Caribbean countries must conduct a systematic review of their existing BITs to determine whether they are supportive of, or inimical to the goal of promoting and facilitating investment for sustainable development. To some extent, this process has already begun. If they are found to not be supportive of this goal, those governments must weigh the pros and cons of some of the available options, that is, terminating or renegotiating the existing BITs or the inclusion of joint interpretive notes.

Second, countries which make IIAs a key part of their investment attraction strategy should reform their model BITs taking into account growing international best practices and other policy tools such as the UNCTAD IIA Reform Accelerator. For example, countries could identify the areas which count as 'sustainable investment', and expressly exclude from the scope of investment protection certain types of investment deemed harmful to sustainable development. Johnson, Sachs and Lobel (2019) argue that IIAs can help in identifying and overcoming barriers to SDG-supportive investment, through for example, provisions to increase investment into the less developed country partner or into particular sectors or activities.

Third, there is little evidence that IIAs actually lead to greater investments to the countries which sign them and that the legal risks to States are outweighed by the benefit of greater investment flows. Caribbean governments can give consideration to instead negotiating Trade and Investment Cooperation Agreements which provide for cooperation between States on promoting investment for sustainable development but do not contain the hard investment protections that are found in traditional IIAs.

Lastly, reforming the region's IIA practice is important but must be part of a wider national investment for sustainable development strategy which, *inter alia*, identifies priority sectors and puts in place mechanisms for monitoring the development impact of investments. It is also incumbent on host States to continue to perform proper due diligence of any potential investor, including ascertaining to the extent possible that investor's behaviour in other countries, as well as requiring environmental impact assessments (EIAs) and monitoring the development impact of investments. Moreover, to minimize challenges, Governments should be transparent in their environmental regulation and policy making, giving proper notice of legal changes and applying changes or incentives in a non-discriminatory way.

In summary, this piece has sought to discuss whether Caribbean countries' current stock of IIAs put them at risk of legal exposure to investor claims against their climate action policies. It has been shown that Caribbean countries' risk of exposure to investor claims is differentiated as their use of IIAs as part of their investment attraction strategies varies by country. It further argued that in large part, the region's current stock of IIAs comprises generally older generation BITs which contain no express environmental protections, with generous investor protections. It notes in concluding that Caribbean countries should continue to review their existing IIA stock to determine whether they should terminate or renegotiate these agreements. It is also advised that Caribbean countries should determine whether IIAs indeed are the best approach and whether other measures could not be used to attain the end goal of promoting investment for sustainable development.

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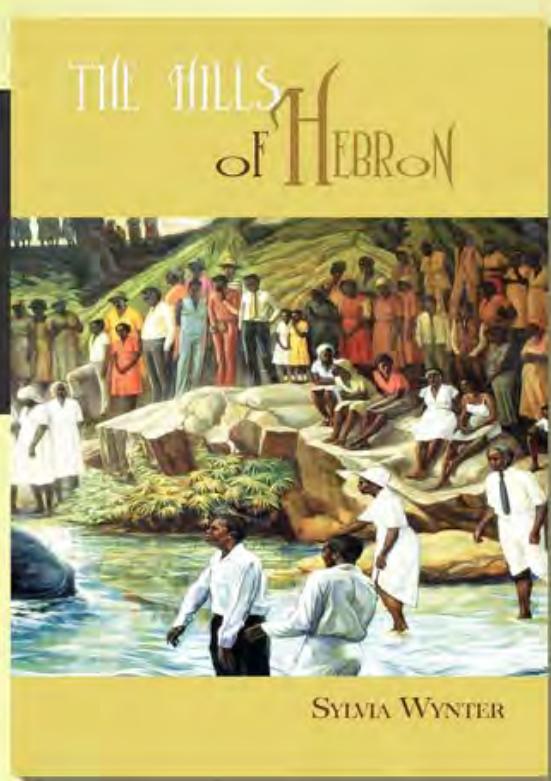


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