



**INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
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*Celebrating the Past; Looking to the Future*

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***2015-2016***



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## INTRODUCTION

The Institute of International Relations at The University of the West Indies is a regional, autonomous academic institution at the St. Augustine Campus, with associate fellows at the Mona and Cave Hill Campuses, and within other organizations. Since its founding in 1966, the Institute has been dedicated to the conduct of advanced research and teaching concerning the international challenges of the contemporary world, with special emphasis upon the Caribbean and Latin American regions. As a vital part of the infrastructure for its teaching and research, the Institute has developed a Library that constitutes the prime information resource in the world, regarding the international relations of the Caribbean. The Institute of International Relations meets related regional and national human resource development needs by offering short intensive modular training programs, for Foreign Ministry as well as private sector personnel. The Institute also offers international policy research and advisory services, and business environment assessment consultancies.

### Mission of the Institute

The mission of the Institute of International Relations is to enhance understanding of Caribbean international relations, applying multidisciplinary perspectives, while contributing to related regional and national human resource development needs. The Institute houses the most comprehensive collection of information resources in the world on the international relations of the Caribbean. The Institute of International Relations offers excellent research, teaching and consultative assistance to all stakeholders. The Institute organizes, sponsors or co-sponsors workshops, conferences and seminars relevant to the international challenges of the region, and publishes the *Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy*.

### Vision of the Institute

The Institute of International Relations will bring the expertise and energies of all international relations academic staff within The University of the West Indies, as well as those of selected Associate Fellows located elsewhere, to bear effectively upon the

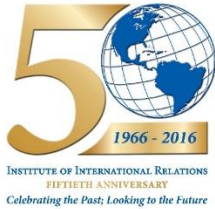
needs of the Caribbean region's public and private sectors for excellent research, teaching, consultancy and training, concerning the region's international challenge and opportunities, within multidisciplinary fields ranging from finance, business and management to politics, history, economics, education, and law.

### Governance of the Institute

The governance of the Institute, chaired by the Vice Chancellor, is vested in the Board of the Institute. The management of the Institute rests with the Director, who is responsible to the Board for the proper discharge of his functions.

## DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Anniversaries are special moments; they not only present the opportunity for reflection, but they also provide the opportunity for forward-thinking. Having been established by way of an international agreement between the Swiss Confederation (the Government of Switzerland) and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago in 1966, the Institute of International Relations (IIR) celebrates its golden 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October 2016.

To initiate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, the IIR hosted a formal black-tie dinner at the University Inn and Conference Centre on April 8, 2016. Tickets for the event were TT\$1,000.00 each and part proceeds went towards the IIR Student Development Fund, which is aimed at defraying the costs of students' participation in international and regional events. His Excellency Brigadier David A. Granger, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and IIR alumnus gave the feature address.



From left to right:

Prof. Andrew Jupiter, Prof. Clement Sankat, H.E. Brigadier David A. Granger, Mr. Ewart Williams, Dr.

On May 18, 2016, a commemorative pin bearing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo went on sale for \$20.00.

The Institute of International Relations' Naming Ceremony, which formed part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, was held on June 21, 2016. Three distinguished colleagues were recognised for their contributions at this ceremony.

- Renaming of the IIR Library to "Norman Girvan Library" in honour of the late Professor Norman Girvan.
- Renaming of the IIR Boardroom to "Yves Collart Boardroom" in honour of the late Professor Yves Collart.
- Renaming of the DAOC Boardroom to "Hans Geiser Boardroom" in honour of the late Dr. Hans Geiser.

Publication of a book entitled, "***A History of the Institute of International Relations: 50 Years and Beyond***" under the theme "*Celebrating the Past; Looking to the Future*" was planned to mark the golden jubilee of the IIR.

This commemorative IIR publication, traces the interesting evolution of the Institute of International Relations; a remarkable postgraduate institution of the regional University of the West Indies known for producing outstanding Caribbean leaders, housed at The UWI St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad. It tells the fascinating story of how a small training institution with a single classroom and just about 14 students, became a globally recognized regional centre for the analysis and advancement of international relations. The lively and engaging text of the book is complemented throughout by treasurable photographs (both vintage and contemporary), and attractive illustrations.

The publication is structured as follows: It begins with several congratulatory messages from high level endorsers of IIR including, but not limited to – the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, the Secretary-General of CARICOM, the Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies, the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal of The UWI St. Augustine Campus, the Representative of the Organization of American

States (OAS) in Trinidad and Tobago and the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Trinidad and Tobago.

**Chapter 1** is entitled, “In the Beginning (1960 – 1965)”; it sets the context by outlining the academic precursors to IIR and the role of the Swiss Government in the establishment of IIR.

**Chapter 2** is entitled, “The Early History of IIR (1966 – 1971)”; it describes the achievements of the Institute under the leadership of Swiss staff such as Professors - Ulrich Haeflin, Roy Preiswerk and Yves Collart (all founding Swiss IIR Directors).

**Chapter 3** is entitled “IIR in Transition – The Era of Restructuring (1972 – 1980)”; it describes the many changes which took place when the Swiss Government ‘passed the baton’ to the Caribbean region to take ownership and responsibility for IIR and consequently when IIR adopted a new Constitution.

**Chapter 4** is entitled, “IIR in Transition – The Era of Expansion (1981 – 1997)”; it reflects on the growth of the Institute both physically (in terms of its infrastructure and student numbers) and academically (in terms of its programmes and areas covered).

**Chapter 5** is entitled, “IIR in Transition – The Era of Challenges & Opportunities (1998 – 2007)”; it identifies some of the main challenges of the Institute, including that of financing as a result of the withdrawal of contributing countries, but also describes the opportunities that emerged through the strengthening of relations with The UWI and connecting with IIR alumni.

**Chapter 6** is entitled, “The Dawn of a New Era 2008 – 2016”; it speaks about some of the more recent activities and accomplishments of the Institute such as the strengthening of links with the diplomatic community through for instance, the establishment of ‘Diplomatic Dialogues’, and a return to its original mandate of



diplomatic training with the recent establishment of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean.

The final chapter (**Chapter 7**) is entitled, “Celebrating 50 Distinguished Alumni for 50 Years of Service”; it reflects on the calibre of alumni produced by the Institute including alumni such as - His Excellency Brigadier David A. Granger, the President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Professor Sir Kenneth Hall, the former Governor-General of Jamaica and Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal of The UWI Mona Campus and the late Ambassador Henry Gill, the former Director-General of the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery among others. This chapter gives the reader an appreciation of the magnitude of service provided by the Institute of International Relations to the regional and global community over the last five decades.

Written by Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton, a Senior Lecturer, who himself has taught at IIR for over a decade, together with Dr. Khellon Q. Roach, a three time graduate of the Institute who recently completed his PhD dissertation, this book, preserves the institutional memory of the Institute of International Relations in celebration of its first half-century.

## STAFF

### Appointments/Promotions

#### Full-Time Academic Staff

**Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton** – appointed as Acting Director, Institute of International Relations - 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016.

**Mr. Anselm Francis** – temporary appointment as Lecturer (International Law) for period 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016.

**Ms. Mary Ann Richards** – temporary appointment as Coordinator, DAOC - 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.

#### Part-Time Academic Staff

**Ms. Christal Chapman** - Part-Time Lecturer (Specialised Seminars – Sustainable Development and Human Rights through the United Nations) from 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

**Mr. Josh Drayton** - Part-Time Lecturer (Specialised Seminars – Transparency and Governance Issues) from 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

**Ms. Candice Lackhansingh** – temporary appointments as Part-Time Assistant Lecturer (International Trade) 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 and 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 to 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

**Mr. Arnold Manniram** - Part-Time Lecturer (Specialised Seminars – Renewable Energy) from 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

**Brigadier General Anthony Phillips-Spencer** – Part-Time Senior Lecturer (Specialised Seminars – Security Studies) from 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

**Dr. Khellon Roach** - temporary appointment as Part-Time Lecturer (International Relations of Latin America) from 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 to 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

**Dr. Ana Teresa Romero** - Part-Time Senior Lecturer (International History and Politics) – 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 to 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

#### Research Assistants

**Ms. Lynelle Clarke** extension of appointment as Part-Time Research Assistant from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016.

**Ms. Casandra Harry** extension of appointment as Part-Time Research Assistant from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

**Ms. Nikita Pardesi** - Part-Time Research Assistant from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016.

#### Specially Contracted Staff

**Mr. Keshan Latchman** – Part-Time appointment as Editorial & Publishing Assistant of the Institute’s journal - ***Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy***. His contract was extended to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016

**Ms. Chinaka Nelson** - non-established post of Assistant Coordinator, DAOC to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016.

#### Visiting Fellows

**Ms. Elizabeth Solomon** - Visiting Fellow from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016

**Justice Anthony Lucky** - Visiting Senior Fellow (Law of the Sea) from 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 to 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

**Dr. Terry Tsuji** - extension of appointment as Visiting Fellow and Diplomat-in-Residence from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016.

**Dr. Vijay Chattu** - Visiting Senior Research fellow from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016. The appointment was terminated on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

On the Job Trainees- (Research Assistants)

<b>Fayrial Mohipath</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016 to 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017
<b>Simone Phagoo</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2016 to 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
<b>Anthony Phillips-Spencer</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2016 to 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
<b>Josef Walker</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2016 to 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
<b>Nirmala Bridgelalsingh</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2016 to 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018

Leave

**Dr. Debbie Mohammed** - Sabbatical Leave for Academic Year 2015/2016.

**Tamara Brathwaite**, Librarian was granted an extension of no pay leave to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 to complete an extension of contract as Associate Librarian at the United Nations' Economic Commission for Africa based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Secondment

The academic year 2015/2016 is the second year of secondment granted to **Dr. Michelle Scobie** to the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies.

Termination of Contracts

**Professor W. Andy Knight** - Director, Institute of International Relations ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015.

## Administrative, Technical and Support Staff

### Appointments/Promotions

**Miss Kemi Burgen** – permanent appointed as Clerical Assistant III, Grade 6 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016.

**Mrs. Jessica Charles-Nicholas** – temporary appointment as Library Assistant I, Grade 4 from 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 to 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 as **Ms. Malika Charles** proceeded on maternity/vacation leave for this period.

**Mr. Liu Joseph** - permanent appointment as Clerical Assistant II, Grade 5 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.

**Ms. Ekana McAlister** - promotion from Clerical Assistant, Grade 5 to Senior Secretary, Grade 9 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.

**Ms. Zara Weekes-Rhyzer** - temporary appointment as Clerical Assistant III, DAOC/IIR from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017

**Ms. Premma Ramsawak** - promotion from Alma Jordan Library to appointment as Library Assistant III, Grade 9 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016.

### Major awards and special honours/distinctions to staff

Library Assistant I, **Ms. Gina Ravello**, earned 1<sup>st</sup> place for Service Excellence at the University's Employee and Service Excellence Awards which took place on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. The IIR Library is very honoured by this achievement.

### Resignations

**Ms. Corinne Sandy** - resigned from the post of Clerical Assistant III, Grade 6 – DAOC with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015.

## Academic Staff

### Director

*Professor W. Andy Knight's contract as Director of the Institute came to an end on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.*

*Dr Raymond Mark Kirton has been appointed Acting Director with effect from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.*

### Academic Staff Listing

**Dr. Matthew L. Bishop**, *Senior Lecturer*

BA (Hons. French & Politics); MA (Res. Meth. in Pol. & IR), Ph.D. (Dev. / Intl. Pol. Economy) *University of Sheffield.*

**Ms. Tamara Brathwaite**, *Librarian – On Special Leave until 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016*

BA Hons. (Library and Information Studies), PG Dip (Int'l Rel.), *The University of the West Indies*; MA, *University College of London*

**Dr. Georgina Chami**, *Research Fellow*

BA *The UWI*; PG Dip Int'l Rel., *The UWI*; M.Sc. Int'l Rel., *The UWI*; Ph.D. Int'l Rel., *The UWI*; Certificate in University Teaching and Learning, *The UWI*.

**Mrs. Cherill Farrell**, *Librarian*

BA; PG Dip, (Library and Information Studies), *The UWI*.

**Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton**, *Acting Director (January 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016) and Senior Lecturer*

BA, *University of Guyana*; M.Sc., *Georgetown University Washington, D.C.*; Diploma, (Iberian Studies), *University of Lisbon*; Ph.D. (Latin American Studies), *University of Texas, Austin*.

**Prof. W. Andy Knight**, *Director (January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015)*

BA (Hons), *McMaster University*; MA, *Dalhousie University*; Ph.D., *York University*, FRSC

**Dr. Jacqueline Laguardia Martínez**, *Lecturer*

BA; M.Sc., *Universidad de La Habana*; M.Sc., *Univesité a'Auvergne*; Ph.D., *Universidad de La Habana*

**Dr. Debbie Mohammed**, *Senior Lecturer*

BA; Dip. (Int'l Rel.) *The UWI*; Dipl. (Info. Tech and Dip), *Malta*; M.Sc. (Int'l. Rel.) *The UWI*; MA (Public Ad) *Carleton*; Ph.D. (Int'l Rel.), *The UWI*

**Dr. Annita Montoute**, *Lecturer*

BA (History and Sociology); Cert. (Education), *Sir Arthur Lewis Community College*; PG Dip. (Dist. Int'l Rel.), *The UWI*; Ph.D. (Int'l Rel.), *The UWI*.

**Prof. Ramesh Ramsaran**, *Professor Emeritus*

B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Economics), *The UWI*

**Dr. Michelle Scobie**, *Lecturer*

LLB (Hons.); LEC; Dip. (Hons. Int'l Rel.); Ph.D., *The UWI*

**Dr. Dave Seerattan**, *Lecturer*

M.Sc. (Economics), *The UWI*; Ph.D. (Economics), *Brunel University*

*Honorary Senior Research Fellows*

**Dr. Rosina Wiltshire** – Ph.D. (1978-1988)

**Prof. Anthony Bryan** – Professor (Director 1980-1991)

**Dr. Anthony Peter Gonzales** – Ph.D. (Acting Director 2000-2003, 2011/2012)

**Mr. Anselm Francis** – LLB, LLM, Lond. (Acting Director 1997-2000 & 2006-2007)

## **Academic Staff Profiles**

### **Dr. Matthew L. Bishop**

Matthew Bishop has been Lecturer in International Relations at IIR since late 2009 and a Senior Lecturer since August 1, 2014. Previously, Dr. Bishop taught in the Department of Politics at his alma mater The University of Sheffield, UK. He is the managing editor of the Caribbean Journal of International Relations & Diplomacy, the in-house journal of the institute. In the summer of 2013, Dr. Bishop took up a visiting research fellowship at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies. He also holds an honorary research fellowship from the Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI) and comments regularly on its influential blog. He has undertaken consultancies on behalf of various organisations, including the UK Department for International Development (DfID), The Commonwealth Secretariat, and Project Ploughshares/the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC). He was ERASMUS-Mundus Mapp Scholar, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands in 2014 and Visiting Fellow at Wuhan University, China in 2015.

### **Courses Taught**

- INRL 5001: International History and Politics
- INRL 6001: Advanced Theory and Methodology: Globalization and Development
- INRL 5008: Theory and Methodology of International Relations

### **Expertise**

- Regional Integration
- Development Strategy
- Tourism Development
- The DOMs/OTs

### **Students under Supervision**

*Main Supervisor, M.Phil./Ph.D.*

- Anusha Ragbir (Ph.D.)
- Antoinette Blackman (Ph.D.)
- Courtney Lindsay (Ph.D.)
- Gary Best (Ph.D.)



- Genève Phillip (Ph.D.)
- Priya Marajh (Ph.D.)
- Ricky Ramnarine (Ph.D.)
- Amanda Ramdeen (MPhil)
- Anand Munessar (MPhil)
- Carla Mathison (MPhil)
- Latoyaa Roberts (MPhil)
- Natasha Lalla (MPhil)
- Nikita Pardesi (MPhil)

*Supervisory Committee, MPhil/PhD*

- Amezia Charles (MPhil)
- Ashaki Dore (Ph.D.)
- Joel Richards (MPhil)
- Dinah Hippolyte (MPhil)
- Ruben Martoredjo (Ph.D.)

*Main Supervisor, M.Sc.*

- Khadine Baksh
- Amanda Bhagwandeem
- Raechelle Celestine
- Johnson Greenidge
- Casandra Harry
- Terez Lord

**Dr. Georgina Chami**

Georgina Chami joined the Institute in 2014 as a Research Fellow. Before taking up this post, she lectured at the undergraduate level in the International Relations Unit, Department of Behavioural Sciences. She was the former Coordinator of the Caribbean Child Rights Observatory Network (CCRON) established in 2014 to monitor and analyze the rights of children within the Caribbean region. She was the recipient of the Central America/Caribbean Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program in 2010 and pursued research at Nova Southeastern University, Florida. Presently, she lectures International Diplomacy at the Diploma and Masters levels.

**Courses Taught**

- INRL 6008: Contemporary International Diplomacy
- INRL 5009: Theory and Practice of Diplomacy

### **Expertise**

- Peace and security
- International Organizations
- Global Governance

### **Students under supervision**

#### *Main Supervisor, MPhil/PhD*

- Candia James (MPhil)
- Mariana Hezekiah (MPhil)

#### *Supervisory Committee, MPhil/PhD*

- Vijay Chattu (Ph.D.)

#### *Main Supervisor, M.Sc.*

- Cherrisse Coward
- Rashala Joseph
- Andre Khan
- Kareem Mohammed

### **Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton**

Mark Kirton, a Senior Lecturer, assumed duties as the Acting Director of IIR on January 1, 2016. Born in Guyana, he was Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Guyana and has lectured at the University of Florida, The Anton de Kom University of Suriname and the University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A. Immersed in Guyanese culture he remains a regionalist as well, and relishes the CSME's potential for positive impact on the Caribbean.

### **Courses Taught**

- INRL 5006: The International Relations of Latin America
- INRL 6007: Issues in Latin American Politics

## **Expertise**

- Foreign policy making in Latin America and the Caribbean,
- Citizen security in the hemisphere
- Contemporary regional integration initiatives

## **Awards**

- Government of Trinidad/UWI Research Award – “Promoting Regional Integration: Latin America and the Caribbean in a changing global environment”

## **Students under Supervision**

### *Main Supervisor, MPhil/PhD*

- Ornal Barman (Ph.D.)
- Rossana Glasgow (MPhil)
- Clement Henry (Ph.D.)
- Ashaki Dore (Ph.D.)
- Kai-Ann Skeete (Ph.D.)
- Oliver Hinckson (MPhil)
- Ruben Martoredjo (Ph.D.)
- Roxanne Jack-Neemah (MPhil)
- Floyd Levi (MPhil)

### *Supervisory Committee, MPhil/PhD*

- Lynelle Clarke
- Donna De Four
- Alexander Gittens

### *Main Supervisor, M.Sc.*

- Youandi Berrenstein
- Kalima Boxill
- Shivani Lutchman
- Rochelle Nahkid
- Jennifer Oliviera
- Sinead Riley

## **Prof. W. Andy Knight**

Professor W. Andy Knight was Director of the Institute of International Relations (IIR) at The University of the West Indies from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 and Professor and former Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. A Barbadian by birth, Professor Knight has had a distinguished career as an academic and scholar in Canada, culminating in his heading the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta.

He serves as Advisory Board Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Welfare of Children and was a Governor of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) from 2007 to 2012. Professor Knight co-edited *Global Governance* journal from 2000 to 2005 and was Vice Chair of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS).

Prof. Knight has written and edited several books, book chapters and journal articles on various aspects of multilateralism, global governance and peace, and United Nations reform. His books include: *The Routledge Handbook of the Responsibility to Protect* (with Frazer Egerton) – Routledge 2012; *Towards the Dignity of Difference?: Neither 'end of History' Nor 'clash of Civilizations'* (with Mojtaba Mahdavi) – Ashgate 2012; and *Global Politics* (with Tom Keating) – Oxford University Press 2010. His work cuts across international relations, international law and global governance and is known for challenging the embedded orthodoxies of contemporary multilateralism. A much sought-after analyst, Professor Knight has been named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada – the highest honour afforded to Canadian academics.

### **Director**

- Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad & Tobago (January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015).

### **Full Professor**

- University of Alberta, Department of Political Science (2000 to present).

## Expertise

- International Relations
- International Law
- Global Governance
- Contemporary Multilateralism
- Global Security

## External Reviewer/Evaluator

- *African Security*
- *American Society of International Law Newsletter*
- *Ashgate Publishers*
- *American Review of Canadian Studies*
- *Broadview Press*
- *Canada Council -- Killam Fellowships*
- *Canada Research Chairs College of Reviewers*
- *Canadian Consortium on Human Security Complementary Activities Fund*
- *Canadian Consortium on Human Security Graduate Fellowship*
- *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*
- *Canadian Graduate Awards Competition – Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Department of National Defence Security and Defence Forum Scholarship Programme.*
- *Canadian Journal of Political Science*
- *Global Governance Journal*
- *Global Society Journal*
- *Global Responsibility to Protect Journal*
- *International Journal*
- *Japanese Journal of Political Science*
- *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies*
- *Journal of Peace Research*
- *McGill-Queen's University Press*
- *Mershon Review Journal*
- *Michigan University*
- *Millennium Journal*
- *Oxford University Press*
- *Polity Press*
- *Pearson/Prentice Hall*
- *Routledge*
- *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council- Grants Award programme*
- *The Journal of Conflict Studies*
- *United Nations University Press*

## **Students under Supervision**

### *Main Supervisor – MPhil/PhD*

- Anthony Gafoor (MPhil)
- Faies Jafar (MPhil)
- Rhona Rogers (MPhil)
- Vijay Chattu (Ph.D.)

### *Supervisory Committee, MPhil/PhD*

- Amanda Ramdeen (MPhil)
- Anand Munessar (MPhil)

## **Dr. Jacqueline Laguardia Martínez**

Jacqueline Laguardia Martínez majored in Economics, History and Cultural Studies at the University of Havana. Dr. Laguardia Martínez's work experience includes being an Associate Professor at the University of Havana (Economic History and International Economy) and Researcher Associate at the Cuban Institute for Cultural Research "Juan Marinello", where she conducted research on cultural economy and creative industries, especially the Cuban publishing industry. She was also the founder and first Director of the Cuban Observatory for Books and Reading at the Cuban Book Institute. Currently Dr. Laguardia Martínez is a Lecturer at the Institute of International Relations at The UWI, St. Augustine where she specializes in International Relations of the Caribbean, specifically Cuba's relations within the Caribbean region. She has participated in various academic events in Cuba, United States, Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, among other nations. She has several publications in Cuban and international journals, as well as contributions in books published in Cuba and other Latin American countries.

## **Courses Taught**

- INRL 5004: International Relations of the Caribbean
- INRL 6006: Small States in the Global System

## **Languages**

- Spanish: Mother tongue
- English: Fluent
- French: Fluent

## **Expertise**

- Cuba – CARICOM Relations
- Cuba-US Relations
- Latin American and Caribbean Relations
- Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)
- Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- Cultural Industries

## **Students under Supervision**

### *Main Supervisor, MPhil/PhD*

- Avernel Romeo
- Samantha Allahar

### *Supervisory Committee, MPhil/PhD*

- Akeem Rahaman
- Amanda Ramlogan
- Lisa Gordon

### *Main Supervisor, M.Sc.*

- Annmicha Blugh
- Camille Gaghadhar
- Candace Campbell
- Jaya Mangar
- Hayden Mc Kenna
- Gabrielle Sankar

## **Dr. Debbie Mohammed**

Dr. Debbie A. Mohammed Lectures International Trade at the Institute of International Relations, UWI, St Augustine and the Trade component of the Trade, Logistics and Procurement MBA at the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business. Her

publications in the area of Caribbean trade and development issues include a book on competitiveness, several articles published in academic journals and chapters in books.

***Dr. Mohammed is currently on sabbatical for the 2015-2016 academic year.***

### **Courses Taught**

- INRL 5007: International Trade and Economic Development
- INRL 6004: International Trade, Development and Global Integration

### **Expertise**

- Economic Development and Regional Economic Integration
- Product Diversification, market expansion
- CARICOM-China Economic Relations
- Economic Diversification Policies, Competitiveness and Firm Strategies
- Renewable Energy and Economic Growth
- Governance, democracy and economic development

### **Students under Supervision**

#### *Main Supervisor, MPhil/PhD*

- Donna De Four (Leave of Absence).
- Ria Carrera – Toney (MPhil)
- Alexander Gittens (MPhil)

#### *Supervisory Committee, MPhil/PhD*

- Lynelle Clarke
- Ornal Barman
- Courtney Lindsay
- David Simmons
- Natasha Lalla
- Ricky Ramnarine
- Natasha George
- Amanda Ramdeen (MPhil) - The Illicit Drug Trade-A Necessary Evil?

#### *Journal Reviewer*

Book- “Governance in the non-independent Caribbean: challenges and opportunities in the twenty-first century.” Edited by Peter Clegg and Emilio Pantojas-Garcia, **The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs**, Ian Randle Publication.

Association of Petroleum Engineers of Trinidad and Tobago (APETT) Journal- Vol.44,



No.1, April 2016.

The Warwick Research Journal- January 2016.

### **Dr. Annita Montoute**

Annita Montoute first worked at the Institute of International Relations (IIR) in 2008 as a Research Assistant. She became an Assistant Lecturer in 2009 and Lecturer in 2010. In 2012, she was a Research Fellow at the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) - a highly regarded Think Tank by both European and ACP governments - which conducts research on topics relating to the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group and the European Union (EU) relations. She has also collaborated with other international as well as regional organisations, including, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, Project Ploughshares, the Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR), the Caribbean Policy Development Centre (CPDC), and the Coalition for Development and the Reduction of Armed Violence (CDRAV). Dr. Montoute has been linking her work to policy and practice through her work with civil society organizations and think tanks at the national, regional and international levels and by extension networking the IIR to the policy arena at various levels. She has taught International Relations of the Caribbean, Theory and Methodology of International Relations, International History and Politics, Global Governance and Multilateralism and Political Economy of International Development and Organisation. She was instrumental in advancing student career development, notably through the IIR Mentorship Programme which she pioneered. She currently serves as the faculty representative on the Student – Staff Liaison Committee

### **Courses Taught**

- INRL 5005: Political Economy of International Development and Organisation;
- INRL 6006: Multilateralism and Global Governance

### **Expertise**

- Civil Society
  - Civil society in global governance

- Civil society in trade policy and the development process
- Civil society response to globalisation
- Relations between the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group and the European Union (EU)
  - The future of the ACP – EU relationship after Cotonou
  - The future of ACP group post 2020
- Rising Powers
  - Rising powers and global governance
  - Rising powers in the Caribbean
  - China in the Caribbean
- Peace and Security
  - Private security
  - Security and development
  - Human security

## **Research Grants**

2016 – The University of the West Indies, Research and Publication Fund for Project, titled, ‘Whose Development, Whose Democracy: Civil Society in the CARIFORUM – EU Economic Partnership Agreement’.

2016 – Annita Montoute (lead researcher) with W. Andy Knight, Debbie Mohammed, Dave Seerattan and Jacqueline Laguardia-Martínez, winners of EU-LAC Foundation specific call for research projects: the Caribbean in the EU-CELAC partnership.

2015 – With Debbie Mohammed (lead researcher), Jacqueline Laguardia-Martínez and Georgina Chami, The University of the West Indies, Research and Publication Fund for Project, titled, ‘US-Cuba Re-engagement – Implications for CARICOM Countries’.

## **Students under Supervision**

*Main Supervisor, M.Phil. / Ph.D.*

- Marlon Bascombe (MPhil)
- Joel Richards (MPhil)
- Richard Lynch (MPhil)

*Supervisory Committee, MPhil/Ph.D.*

- Ricky Ramnarine (MPhil)
- David Simmons (MPhil)
- Rosanna Glasgow (MPhil)

- Malvern Mentor (MPhil)
- Natasha George (MPhil)
- Nia Nanan (MPhil)
- Oliver Hinckson (MPhil)
- Latoyaa Roberts (MPhil)
- Nikita Pardesi (MPhil)
- Samantha Allahar (MPhil)

*Main Supervisor, M.Sc.*

- Francis Henry
- Andy Harripersad
- Denita Baball
- Mikhail Stewart
- Kelly Cain
- Ronell Edoe
- Anjaneer Rattansingh (Criminology Department)

**Dr. Michelle Scobie**

Michelle Scobie is an attorney at law with practice in Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela. She has lectured International Law, Global Environmental Governance and International Economic Law courses. Her present research includes global and regional environmental governance trends and challenges, especially in relation to institutional architectures, climate change, marine governance, private governance, environmental ethics and trade and environment issues. She is a member of the Network on Accountability in Global Environmental Governance, the Caribbean Studies Association, the International Studies Association and The University of the West Indies Oceans Governance Network. She is a Research Fellow and the Regional Research Fellow Coordinator for the Earth System Governance Research Project for the Caribbean Region. She has served as a Senior Economic Policy Analyst with the Ministry of Finance of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and as the first Corporate Secretary of the Trinidad and Tobago Heritage and Stabilisation Fund.

***Dr. Scobie is currently on secondment to the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies.***

## **Courses Taught**

- INRL 5002: International Law
- INRL 6012: Global Environmental Governance

## **Expertise**

- Global and Regional Environmental Governance
  - including climate change impacts on governance and development, marine governance, fisheries governance, biodiversity and regional frameworks, environmental justice and environmental security
  - the competing concepts/issues (development, common but differentiated responsibilities, stewardship, international commitments and moral suasion) facing domestic decision makers and global environmental groups
  - the architecture of environmental governance in the Caribbean and the extent to which global debates have resonated, supported or strengthened the institutionalization of global environmental norms
  - issues of environmental justice as they intersect with other norms of inter and intra-generational equity for developing states
  - tourism and energy in environmental governance
  - Accountability and environmental governance.
- International Law
  - Subjects of international law: the non-state sector's legal responsibilities (individuals and criminal justice, Transnational corporations and corporate social responsibility)
  - International Environmental Law
  - Law and ethics- perspectives of developing states
  - Legal Implications of declaring the Caribbean Sea a Special Area in the context of sustainable development- Caribbean Sea Initiative of the Association of Caribbean States
- International Economic Law
  - Trade and the Environment
  - Intellectual property and developing states
  - Trade and sustainable development
  - International economic law and the Environment- trade and development challenges for SIDS

## **Students under Supervision**

*Main Supervisor, MPhil/PhD*

- David Simmons (PhD)
- Dinah Hippolyte (MPhil)

### *Supervisory Committee, MPhil/PhD*

- Rossana Glasgow (MPhil)
- Kobina Wilson (MPhil)
- Courtney Lindsay (Ph.D.)
- Ricky Ramnarine (Ph.D.)
- Natasha Lalla (MPhil)
- Anand Munessar (MPhil)
- Ria Carrera-Toney (MPhil)

### *Main Supervisor, M.Sc.*

- Allene Ambrose
- Raiza Fabien
- Shawn Lewis

### **Dr. Dave Seerattan**

Dave Seerattan obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Brunel University, London, UK, with a specialization in Foreign Exchange Markets. He holds Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics from the University of the West Indies. Dr. Seerattan joined the Institute of International Relations as a Lecturer in 2014.

### **Courses Taught**

- INRL 5003: International Money and Finance
- INRL 6002: Selected Policy Issues in Money and Finance

### **Expertise**

- Financial Regulation and Reform
- Tax Reform and Financial Development
- Monetary Policy
- Efficiency of Government Expenditure in the Caribbean
- Financing Risk Assessment in the Caribbean
- Management of Budgetary Processes in the Caribbean

### **Students under Supervision**

#### *M.Sc.*

- Ajani Alleyne

- April Holder
- Claire Baptiste
- Megan Mackoon
- Nandini Sookhan
- Raavohn Languaine
- Whitney Harrypersadsingh

## *Memberships - Campus, National, Regional or International Bodies*

### **M.L. Bishop**

- Honorary Research Fellow of the Political Economy Research Centre (PERC), Sheffield, UK
- ERASMUS Mundus Mapp Visiting Scholar, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands
- Visiting Fellow, Wuhan University, China
- Transatlantic Visiting Fellow, University of Warwick, UK
- Member, International Studies Association (ISA) ;
- Member, UK Political Studies Association (PSA);
- Member, Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS);
- Member, British International Studies Association (BISA);
- Member, BISA International Political Economy Group (IPEG);
- Member, Society for Caribbean Studies (SCS);
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)

### **T. Brathwaite**

- Member, Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT)
- Personal Member, American Library Association (ALA)
- Associate Member, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP)
- Public Relations Officer, Network of NGOS of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women
- Life Member, National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago

### **G. Chami**

- Member, Habitat for Humanity
- Patron of Queen's Hall

- Member, Global Studies Community
- Coordinator, Caribbean Child Rights Observatory Network
- Member, United Nations Association of Trinidad & Tobago
- Postgraduate Conference Committee – Department of Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI.

### **C. Farrell**

- Member, Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT)
- Member, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP)
- Member, Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Member, American Library Association (ALA)
- Member, St. Augustine Campus Libraries User Survey Committee

### **R. M. Kirton**

- Member, Organization of American States Electoral Observation Missions in Caribbean States.
- Reviewer of Citizen Security Programme for government of Guyana/ Inter-American Development Bank Project.
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association
- Member, Latin American Studies Association

### **W. A. Knight**

- Member of the publications committee of the International Studies Association (ISA)
- Co-Chair of the Editorial Committee of the *Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy*
- Member of the Steering Committee to establish a Think Tank on Regional Security in the Office of the Prime Minister.
- Contributor to the drafting of speeches for Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, SC on issues of foreign policy.



- Consultant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Winston Dookeran on issues related to Trinidad and Tobago foreign policy.
- Co-founder of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
- Member of the Academic Council on the United Nations System
- Member, Academic and Scientific Board of Ocean Security International (OSI)
- Board Member of the World Economic Forum's Committee on Welfare of Children
- Board Member of the Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS)
- Member, of the Publications Committee of the International Studies Association (ISA) Board of Governors
- Editorial Board Member of African Security; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies; Global Governance; Global Responsibility to Protect.
- Member of Canada Research Chair College of Reviewers

#### **J. Laguardia Martínez**

- Member, Chair of Caribbean Studies, 'Norman Girvan' (Cátedra de Estudios del Caribe 'Norman Girvan'), University of Havana, Cuba
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
- Member, Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Academic Member of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)
- Coordinator of the CLACSO Working Group 'Crisis, Respuestas y Alternativas en el Gran Caribe' for the period 2016-2019.

#### **D. Mohammed**

- Member, European Union-Latin America and the Caribbean (EU-LAC) Academic Council for the period 2013 to 2015. Reappointed 2016-2018.
- Member, Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) International Studies Association 2016-2018.

- Member, International Relations Disciplinary Group –Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) Cross Campus Conference.
- Member, Organizing Committee Caribbean Centre *for* Competitiveness.
- Member, Steering Committee-Trinidad and Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI).
- Member, Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI)
- UWI Representative on the Business and Labour Advisory Committee (BLAC) of the CSME-Trinidad & Tobago.
- UWI Representative - Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment.
- UWI Representative -Trade Related Issues (TRI) Sub Committee - Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment.
- Member, Global South Caucus of the International Studies Association.
- Member, Academic Council of the United Nations (ACUNS).
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA).
- Member, Economics Association of Trinidad and Tobago
- Member, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce – Trade Negotiation Unit.
- Member, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Research Support Group on the CSME
- Member, CDB- Research Group on Knowledge Management.

#### **A. Montoute**

- Member, International Studies Association (ISA)
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
- Member, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) Regional Integration Cluster
- IIR Staff Student Liaison Committee (Faculty Representative).
- Faculty Advisor, Dominica Disaster Relief Fundraising Initiative and the Caribbean Treasure Trust (permanent IIR student led initiative for Disaster Relief).

### **M. Scobie**

- Member, Caribbean Studies Association
- Member, International Studies Association
- Research Fellow: Earth System Governance Research Project  
<http://www.earthsystemgovernance.org/people/person/michelle-scobie>
- Regional Research Fellow Coordinator for the Earth System Governance Research Project for the Caribbean Region: Earth System Governance Research Project-  
<http://www.earthsystemgovernance.org/people/person/michelle-scobie>
- Member, UWI Network on Caribbean Regional Sea Governance- to support the work of the Association of Caribbean States' Caribbean Sea Initiative
- Project Coordinator: Projects in Education Ltd. (Non-profit organisation fostering women's development in Trinidad and Tobago) and responsible for one of UWI's most long standing mentorship programs SUMMON - Recipient of the 2012 Excellence in UWI life award.

### **D. Seerattan**

- Member, Regional Financial Stability Coordination Council (RFSCC).
- Member, American Economic Association.
- Member, Central Bank of Barbados Research Review Panel.
- Member, Project Team for the IADB Project on Financial Risk Assessment in an Integrating Region: The Caribbean.
- Assistant Editor, Journal of Business Finance and Economics in Emerging Economies.

## **Staff Training and Development**

Staff Training and Development undertaken during the period- August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Charles, Malika	Grade 4 Library Assistant 1	Effective Secretary (Module I)	18/02/2016	18/02/2016
Joseph, Liu	Grade 5, Clerical Assistant II	F1 Accountant in Business F2 Management Accounting, School of Accountancy	1-Aug-2016	16-Dec-2016
Mc Alister, Ekana	Grade 9 Senior Secretary	MSc in Strategic Leadership and Management	1-Sep-2015	In progress
Mc Alister, Ekana	Grade 9 Senior Secretary	Minute Writing	16/03/2016	16/03/2016
Melville, Carrill	Grade 5 Library Assistant 11	Effective Secretary-Module III	10/06/2016	10/06/2016
Melville, Carrill	Grade 5 Library Assistant 11	Banner Finance	14/04/2016	15/04/2016
Melville, Carrill	Grade 5 Library Assistant 11	Intro to Records Management	12/04/2016	13/04/2016
Ramon-Fortune, Marilyn	Grade 10, Senior Administrative Assistant	MSc in Strategic Leadership and Management	1-Sep-2014	In progress
Ramon-Fortune, Marilyn	Grade 10, Senior Administrative Assistant	SPSS Programme for the MSc in Strategic Leadership and Management	27-Feb-2016	19-Mar-2016
Ravello, Gina	Grade 4 Library Assistant 1	Microsoft Excel 2013	05/08/2015	06/08/2015
Williams-Legall, Lucia	Grade 7 Secretary	Intro to Records Management	12/04/2016	13/04/2016

## IIR LIBRARY

### Major accomplishments of the reporting section

#### *ALEPH 500*

At the request of the IIR Librarian, changes were effected to Tab 16 of Aleph as follows:

- The due time for Reserve overnight items was changed from 10:00am to 12 noon for patron statuses 57 and 63
- A loan facility of two (2) items (7 day loan) for ATS Staff, patron status 55, at the Institute

These changes took effect on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015.

Work continued apace with the entry of Student papers (Diploma and M.Sc.) in UWISpace.

The issue of the extension of loan privileges to visiting IIR Staff such as Scholars and Diplomats-in-Residence was brought to the attention of Yacoob Hosein and Alison Dollard at the AJL. This matter has been resolved.

#### *Security/Safety*

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Library staff discovered a bullet on the floor of the Library and a bullet hole in the ceiling of the Library. This was reported to the UWI police who also called in Special Reserve Officers to investigate. While conducting their investigations, the police noted a bullet hole in the roof of the Library, suggesting the point of entry. The Library remained closed for the day.

In light of the concerns raised by the Library Staff following a visit by a Representative of the Campus Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Unit (OSHE), plans are currently underway to convert one door (with push bar) for emergency exit from the Library.

### *Facilities/ Equipment Upgrades*

Upgrades during the period included the following:

- The replacement of three air conditioning units in the Library in November, 2015
- The receipt of a new label printer
- The replacing of the current circulations desk which is not suited for online circulations
- The upgrading of one of the computers for students use ( the second is still earmarked for updating)
- The updating of the Information Literacy and Library Manual for the new academic year.

### *Book Donation to Trinity Hall*

In August 2015, The Library received a request from Sheriez Brown of Trinity Hall seeking a donation of books to assist with a project of setting up a library there. The IIR Library willingly assisted with this gesture, making a donation in September 2015. The list included chiefly of duplicate copies of items.

### *Renaming of the IIR Library*

Following on the approval by the Naming Committee of the University, Staff and Students were informed at the Orientation Session of the Institute in September 2015, that the IIR Library would be renamed “Norman Girvan Library” in honour of the late Professor Emeritus Norman Girvan. The renaming was marked by a small ceremony on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

### *Visit of the Campus Librarian to IIR Library*

At the request of the IIR Librarian, our Campus Librarian Frank Soodeen, visited the IIR Library on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. After viewing the library, an interactive session was facilitated in the Institute’s Board Room: the Campus Librarian spoke to his vision for the Campus Libraries outlining the way forward while the Library Assistants (Carrill Melville and Gina Ravello) took the opportunity to pose questions on pertinent issues.

### *UWI-NGC Research Expo 2015*

The IIR maintained a presence at the UWI Research Expo 2015 (September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015) by supporting a booth and hosting a series of mini workshops. Given that the Librarian was unable to participate with the Campus Libraries, she attended the two workshops which were presented by the Alma Jordan Library:

- Digital Initiatives for Archiving Research and Publishing (September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015)
- Apps for Libraries (September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015).

## STUDENTS

### Student Registration Numbers

There was a slight increase in the number of registered students for 2015/2016 Academic Year as compared to the previous 2014/2015 Academic Year.

	2014/2015	2015/2016
MPhil/PhD -	36	39
M.Sc. -	58	59
PG Diploma -	35	40
<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>138</b>

### Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations

#### Breakdown

Number of students who were awarded the PG Dip	23
Number of students who continued to 2016/2017	6
Number of students who were required to withdraw	3
Number of students who withdrew voluntarily	3
Number of students with Administrative Withdrawal	2
Number of students who were granted Leave of Absence	2
Number of students who upgraded to MSc	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

Four of the twenty-three successful students graduated with Distinction from the Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations programme:

	Student ID	Surname	First Name	%	INRL 5010	Result
1	811000938	BRIDGELALSINGH	Nirmala	79.40	Ex	<b>Dist</b>
2	808010825	MILLIEN	Kayla	73.90	Ex	<b>Dist</b>
3	02730285	KHAN	Kieran	73.10	P	<b>Dist</b>
4	814004027	MOHAN	Shivanna	71.30	Ex	<b>Dist</b>



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2015 2016 CANDIDATES FOR AWARD OF DEGREES

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GRADUATES**

	Student ID	Surname	First Name	%	INRL 5010	Result
1	814002346	ANNANDSINGH	Diana	60.91	P	Pass
2	815008018	BAPTISTE	Elizabeth	62.00	P	Pass
3	811000938	BRIDGELALSINGH	Nirmala	79.40	Ex	<b>Dist</b>
4	815010327	BURNETT	Rhonda	68.10	P	Pass
5	620036963	CHARLES	Tahirah	63.7	Ex	Pass
6	815010814	GARCIA	Alaina	62.8	Ex	Pass
7	815010815	GOMEZ	Andrew	61.83	Ex	Pass
8	815010817	GROSVENOR	Jawole	63.9	Ex	Pass
9	807005585	HAYNES	Dwayne	59.38	Ex	Pass
10	02766376	HENRY	Aleksei	56.54	P	Pass
11	92750895	HENRY	Kurt	65.25	P	Pass
12	813004678	HOLLINGSWORTH	Anwar	62.4	Ex	Pass
13	02730285	KHAN	Kieran	73.10	P	<b>Dist</b>
14	806008694	MILLER	Renee	56.25	Pass	Pass
15	808010825	MILLIEN	Kayla	73.90	Ex	<b>Dist</b>
16	814004027	MOHAN	Shivanna	71.30	Ex	<b>Dist</b>
17	05790689	NOEL	Nadine	53.92	P	Pass
18	90958350	SAMAROO	Darryl	69.18	P	Pass
19	807001228	SEELOCHAN	Leeanna	66.7	Ex	Pass
20	814001790	SOODOO	Rebecca	64.9	Ex	Pass
21	806007766	THEOPHILUS	Rachel	66.2	P	Pass
22	04724057	THOMPSON	Denisha	55.92	P	Pass
23	96741128	WILKINSON	Yolande	68.78	Ex	Pass

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**2015 2016 CANDIDATES FOR AWARD OF DEGREES**

The following six out of thirty-one candidates who were awarded the MSc in Global Studies attained Distinctions:

	<b>Student ID</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Title of INRL 6000 – Research Project</b>	<b>Average Mark</b>	<b>INRL 6000 Mark</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Award Grid</b>
1	812001604	SOOKHAN, Nandini	The CARICOM Single Market and Economy: The Insular of Sovereignty and the Progress of the Integration Movement	73.86	70	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
2	812002059	HARRYPER-SADSINGH, Whitney	Financial Development and Economic Growth in Trinidad and Tobago	71.86	70	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
3	811004310	SANKAR, Gabrielle	Cuba and the United States: The Political Impacts of their Re-Established Diplomatic Relationship	71.57	77	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
4	812001656	LORD, Terez	Why Do Signatories to the United Nations 1951 Convention on Refugees Accept or Reject Refugees?	71.43	72	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
5	620054958	ALLEYNE, Ajani	On Energy Security in Jamaica: Petro Caribe and Beyond	70.57	77	<b>Dist.</b>	12-Sep-16
6	812002284	AMBROSE, Allene	The Political Ecology of Water Governance and Tourism: A Case Study of Harbour Island, The Bahamas	70.29	73	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16

**MSc IN GLOBAL STUDIES GRADUATES**

	<b>Student ID</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Title of INRL 6000 – Research Project</b>	<b>Average Mark</b>	<b>INRL 6000 Mark</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Award Grid</b>
1	620054958	ALLEYNE, Ajani	On Energy Security in Jamaica: Petro Caribe and Beyond	70.57	77	<b>Dist.</b>	12-Sep-16
2	812002284	AMBROSE, Allene	The Political Ecology of Water Governance and Tourism: A Case Study of Harbour Island, The Bahamas	70.29	73	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
3	811002636	BABALL, Denita	Prospects and Implications of the Changing ACP-EU Relationship for the ACP Group	68.29	75	Pass	12-Sep-16
4	811000341	BENJAMIN, Joy	A Nation Divided: To What Extent is the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Undermining Human Security Within the Israeli-Palestinian Territories	65	61	Pass	12-Sep-16
5	815007986	BERRENSTEIN, Youandi	An Analysis of Sustainable Development in Suriname and its Potential Contribution to Caribbean Development	65.83	62	Pass	12-Sep-16
6	814005699	BLUGH, Annmicha	The New Conquest: Water Markets and States Restructuring in Bolivia and Chile	65.2	59	Pass	12-Sep-16
7	809003069	BOXILL, Kaliyma	Conflict and Cooperation: South American Interstate Relations in an Era of Regionalisation	65.57	63	Pass	<b>28-Sep-16</b>
8	812117610	CAIN, Kelly	China’s Role in the Caribbean: Exploiting or Developing the Region	64.38	62	Pass	12-Sep-16
9	809002410	CAMPBELL, Candace	Is the New Growth Theory Applicable to the Economic Growth of Singapore and Trinidad	62.63	62	Pass	12-Sep-16
10	810002710	CELESTINE, Raechelle	Cyberterrorism and Foreign Policy: Protecting and Prosecuting across a borderless realm	63.14	59	Pass	12-Sep-16
11	02001074	CLAXTON, Ava	CARICOM use of Diplomacy to support the Development Priorities of Haiti	64.14	54	Pass	21-Jan-16
12	811000122	COWARD, Cherrisse	Child Labour Laws in Trinidad and Tobago: Are They Keeping up with International Labour Organisation’s (ILO) Standards?	69	74	Pass	12-Sep-16

13	04705294	GOPAUL, Kezeon	Small States Vulnerabilities and its Contribution to Human Trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean	63.43	70	Pass	21-Jan-16
14	811004205	HARRIPERSAD, Andy	The New Era of Economic Reliance: The Caribbean and China	68.57	67	Pass	12-Sep-16
15	812002059	HARRYPER-SADSINGH, Whitney	Financial Development and Economic Growth in Trinidad and Tobago	71.86	70	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
16	812117347	HENRY, FRANCIS	The Influence of Powerful States on International Organisations: The United States in the United Nations	64.38	70	Pass	12-Sep-16
17	812000608	JOSEPH, Rashala	Vulnerable Yet Versatile; Adapting to our Climate	66.71	64	Pass	12-Sep-16
18	811000080	KHAN, Andre	Framing Health and Foreign Policy: Implications For Individual Security	67	75	Pass	12-Sep-16
19	812117180	LANGAIGNE, Raavohn	The Relationship of Dominant Members and the Effectiveness of CARICOM	70.86	68	Pass	12-Sep-16
20	812001656	LORD, Terez	Why Do Signatories to the United Nations 1951 Convention on Refugees Accept or Reject Refugees?	71.43	72	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
21	812000518	LUTCHMAN, Shivani	Assessing the Impact of Neo-Liberal Policies in Latin American Political Economies	68.29	74	Pass	12-Sep-16
22	815010371	MACKOON, Megan	Impact of Institutions on the Failure or Success of Regional Integration Movement	72.83	76	Pass	12-Sep-16
23	810001257	MANGAR, Jaya	How Effective is the CARICOM Agenda Towards Building Resilience Against the Effects of Climate Change	54.33	68	Pass	12-Sep-16
24	02041607	MITCHELL, Nandi	Effective Solutions to the Challenges of Global Governance and Multilateralism: Looking at the Group of 20	67.57	75	Pass	12-Sep-16
25	04724305	MOHAMMED, Fariyah	Adaptation to Climate Change in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)	68.43	70	Pass	12-Sep-16
26	815007990	OLIVIEIRA, Jennifer	Suriname in the CARICOM Integration Process: Prospects and Constraints	64.14	62	Pass	12-Sep-16

27	811001692	RILEY, Sinead	Human Trafficking in Trinidad and Tobago; Can Education and Sensitization (public diplomacy) Reduce Human Trafficking?	62.75	62	Pass	12-Sep-16
28	811004310	SANKAR, Gabrielle	Cuba and the United States: The Political Impacts of their Re-Established Diplomatic Relationship	71.57	77	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
29	98723679	SELF, Subrena	International Competitiveness of the Trinidad and Tobago Banking Sector	64.43	64	Pass	12-Sep-16
30	812001604	SOOKHAN, Nandini	The CARICOM Single Market and Economy: The Insular of Sovereignty and the Progress of the Integration Movement	73.86	70	<b>Dist</b>	12-Sep-16
31	810003308	STEWART, Mikhail	Social Media, Civic Engagement and Herb.com	67.43	64	Pass	12-Sep-16

## Staff/Student Liaison Committee

The first meeting of the Staff/Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) for the academic year 2015-2016 was held on November 18, 2015 at the Institute of International Relations.

The representatives for this academic year were:

Level	Name
P.G. Diploma	Nirmala Bridgelalsingh
P.G. Diploma	Kieran Khan
M.Sc.	Raavohn Languaigne
M.Sc.	Terez Lord
M.Sc.	Khadijah Pierre
MPhil/Ph.D	Lynelle Clarke ( <b>Chairperson</b> )
Faculty	Annita Montoute
Secretary	Lucia Williams- Legall

*Some of the issues and commendations highlighted at the first meeting were:*

### **P.G. Diploma Issues**

#### **Library Hours**

Issue: The early closure of the library 6:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Extension of opening hours to 8.00 p.m.

#### **Usage of student lounge and kitchen**

Issue: Non-availability of student lounge, kitchen and facilities.

Action: A keypad was installed giving students 24/7 access to the student lounge and kitchen. A kettle was also provided for use of the students.

#### **Use of classrooms**

Issue: Non-availability of classrooms for study/meet before and after class. Need for a whiteboard in the student lounge.

Action: Students may make arrangements for use of the classrooms with the Secretariat accordingly.

### **Lecturers' use of technology**

Issue: Students recommended more consistent use of technology by lecturers i.e. use of MyElearning, dropboxes, email, and Turnitin.

Recommendation: It was suggested that a student representative to liaise with lecturers for IT issues be appointed.

### **Assignments**

Issue: Difficulty for working students to get to campus to submit assignments.

Recommendation: Assignments should be submitted via Turnitin to allow for greater feedback. The submission process should be streamlined with a **digital solution**.

Issue: Submission dates for assignments.

Recommendation: Assignment deadlines should be scheduled at least two weeks apart.

### **General Comments/Recommendations**

General Information should be standardized and distributed at Orientation in a welcome package.

The internet communications/signal was weak and as a result students no longer studied in the IIR.

Printing should be available in the computer lab.

### **P.G. Diploma Commendations**

- *The Library is easy to use and the staff is very knowledgeable and helpful.*
- *The lecturers are extremely professional and approachable they inspire in their own way and keep the students engage.*
- *The Secretariat staff is very helpful.*
- *The IT technicians' assistance is much appreciated.*

## **M.Sc. Recommendations**

- The M.Sc. students suggested that the proposal for the research paper should be submitted right after exams and the presentation should be rescheduled to March instead of January.
- A formal committee was to be formed in January, 2016 to organize fundraising for the study trip to Cuba in August, 2016.
- Forums/discussions/roundtables should be scheduled for 5:00 p.m. so that full and part time students would be able to participate.

*At the second meeting held on March 10, 2016 the following was discussed:*

## **P.G. Diploma**

### **Comments**

- Appreciation of the friendly, approachable and helpful nature of all staff.
- Appreciation for feedback and action regarding past concerns – keypad on kitchen door.
- Gratitude for understanding of the concerns of students.
- Dr. Kirton to be complemented for being very prompt in dealing with students concerns.

### **Concerns/ feedback, recommendations**

#### **General**

- **A vending machine (Snacks & drinks)**
  - Still a pending process, but in the meantime, students should bring their own snacks.
  - An electric kettle was provided.
- **Custodian services (washrooms):**
  - The issue of other students using the IIR washroom facilities was a contributing factor to unclean washrooms;  
Recommendations: Locking the washrooms at night or installing a keypad for additional security.



- **A/C units and lights need to be switched off at night, and also when rooms are not being utilised during the day**
  - The concern for the special bulbs used in the classrooms was brought up, in that turning the lights on and off would damage them. Lights were also kept on at night for security reasons.
- **Question of the use of Blackboard**
  - The idea of making Blackboard teaching more accessible to students who may not be able to attend class was well received; however, caution concerning students possibly taking advantage of the facility was voiced as well.
- **Better seating in the student lounge & library**
  - It was noted that refurbishments to the student lounge were underway.
- **The A/C unit in the student lounge needs to be repaired**
  - The suggestion of a replacement unit was raised.
- **Security**
  - It was suggested that lighting be installed on the greens outside of IIR as the area is very dark at night.

#### **Academic**

- **It was suggested that the application deadline for the M.Sc. Global Studies applications should be extended.**
  - Provisional acceptance is usually allowed for students of the diploma after grades are published.
- **More continuous assessment and less/no final exams in the P.G. Diploma structure**
  - Further consideration to be given.
- **More structured coordination of assignments so as to prevent clashing**
  - This point was well received by the staff representative and supported by Masters students. The concern will definitely be discussed in the future.
- **Seminar extension**
  - It was noted that the request for a deadline date extension for the seminar was put forward. Discussions with the coordinator and supervisors to take place as necessary.

- **Seminar topic selection**

- This semester, students were unable to choose their own broad topic for the Specialized Seminar. Students received an email with designated broad topics assigned to them and switches of topic were either disallowed or only granted on persistent action by the student. Many students were disappointed at not having the freedom to pursue the topic of their choice and therefore requested that the option to choose topics be re-introduced.

### **M.Sc. Issues**

- The M.Sc. representatives also echoed Ms. Bridgelalsingh's appreciation of the IIR staff, especially the Secretariat as they are exceptional with emails.
- More electrical outlets for computers should be installed in the Library. Mrs. Williams-Legall informed the committee that the library is at full electrical capacity and for this to be done the whole building will have to be re-wired.
- The M.Sc. cohort expressed concern about the lack of information on the study trip to Cuba.

### **Suggestions**

#### **Alumni body**

It was proposed that an alumni body be created.

#### **Class Photo**

Ms. Lynelle Clarke suggested that the class photo (with official IIR polo) for the 2015-2016 academic year be taken on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

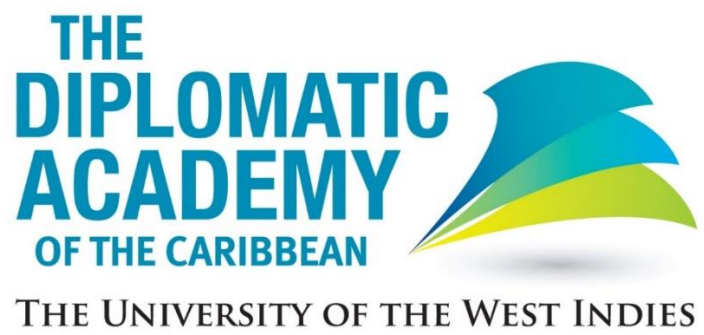
#### **Fundraising for the study trip to Cuba**

Dr. Montoute suggested that the M.Sc. students should be more responsible for the fundraising efforts.

## Community Service/Outreach

Dominica Disaster Relief Fundraising Initiative and the Caribbean Treasure Trust  
(permanent IIR student led initiative for Disaster Relief)

On August 27, 2015, Dominica was hit by Tropical Storm Erika. This resulted in damages estimated at half a billion dollars prompting Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit to state that the country's developmental progress has been set back by twenty years. This development holds much significance for the Institute of International Relations (IIR), The University of the West Indies, because it illustrates the vulnerability of small states in our Region. Importantly, it presents an opportunity for us to demonstrate solidarity with our neighbours, our brothers and sisters next door, in the CARICOM family. This initiative will also help develop the social conscience of the students as they train to be future regional and global leaders. To this end, the students have organized a number of activities, one of which is a weekly cake sale on campus to help raise a total of TT\$500,000.00 by May 2016. To date over Thirty Thousand dollars has been collected. The donation should be disbursed to an appropriate charitable organization by May 2016.



## DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF THE CARIBBEAN

On August 21, 2015, the DAOC celebrated a milestone, the official opening of the Academy's new building at The UWI, St. Augustine Campus. The event was witnessed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Winston Dookeran, Professor Clement Sankat – Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal, the diplomatic corps, alumni of the Academy and staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and The University of the West Indies.

As of April 30, 2016, the DAOC has trained over 450 participants in twelve (12) training Modules, two (2) teasers and eight (8) repeat sessions of the highly popular Module 2 which has been offered in Barbados, Jamaica and Antigua and Barbuda.

- Module 2, Session 6: **Protocol and Diplomatic Law: Rules and Procedures**  
August 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Forty-two (42) participants attended this module.



*(Participants and Invited guests at a luncheon exercise at the ACS' compound)*

- Module 14: **The Art of Diplomatic Communication**  
August 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**The Art of Diplomatic Communication** was designed to give diplomats, communicators and business professionals an acute understanding and appreciation of the skills needed for effective communication especially during negotiations.

The facilitators were **Sharon Welsh**, Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University and **Lenore Dorset**, a Premier Consultant and Motivational Speaker who specializes in Government/International Affairs, Protocol and Event Planning.

Thirty-eight (38) participants attended this module. Participants included the Communications Adviser to His Excellency the President Anthony Carmona, the CEO of Government Human Resource Services (GHRIS), and several members of staff from the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Environmental Commission of Trinidad and Tobago, amongst other notable attendees.



*(Sharon Welsh, lead facilitator addresses participants on the opening day)*



*(Professor Knight, standing at furthest right joins participants for a photo on the opening day of the module)*

- Private Training Workshop: Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago: August 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**The Art of Diplomatic Communication and Protocol** was a customised training programme prepared for seventeen (17) selected staff members of the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago. It combined elements of diplomatic communication and protocol to provide participants with a practical guide to improve their communication skills and etiquette so as to improve the execution of their duties.

- Module 13: **Labour Diplomacy**  
September 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Labour Diplomacy** aimed to provide participants with a historical, functional, and analytical insight into the operations of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and strengthen their knowledge about Labour Diplomacy through a series of lectures and discussions. It was designed to facilitate a greater appreciation for the importance of labour diplomacy in promoting rights at the workplace, encouraging decent employment opportunities, enhancing social protection and strengthening dialogue on work-related issues. This module highlighted several crucial and topical issues including but not limited to: Multilateral cooperation (SDGs, Global Agenda Towards 2030); Climate Change and Green Jobs; Non-discrimination, Mainstreaming Gender; Employment, Youth Employment and the Informal Economy; Tripartism and Social Dialogue; The Decent Work Agenda and DWCP, Child Labour, and Human Trafficking.

**Labour Diplomacy** was facilitated by a superb selection of international, regional and local experts and practitioners. They included **Dr. Giovanni di Cola**, Special Advisor to the Multilateral Cooperation Department at the ILO headquarters, Geneva, **Sir Leroy Trotman**, former President of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, **Mr. Wayne Chen**, President of the Caribbean Employers'

Confederation, **Ms. Simone Young**, Deputy Director of the CARICOM and Caribbean Affairs Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago and **Ms. Marcia Rampersad**, Head, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Labour and Small and Micro Enterprise Development.

The module was attended by an interesting cross-section of nineteen (19) participants comprising trade-unionists, government officials, postgraduate students, Human Resources personnel, administrative and secretarial personnel from Barbados, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago. Mr. Vincent Cabrera, President, Banking, Insurance and General Workers Union and Mrs. Lyndira Oudit, Former Deputy President of the Senate, participated actively in the module.



*Speakers at the Opening ceremony “Labour Diplomacy”. From Left: Mr. Richard Saunders, Campus Registrar; Professor W. Andy Knight, Director, IIR; Mr. Rainer Pritzer, who spoke on behalf of Ms. Claudia Coenjaerts, Director, ILO Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean; Mr. David Abdullah, General Secretary, Oilfields’ Workers Trade Union and Mrs. Joycelyn Francois-Opadeyi, Chief Executive Officer, Employers Consultative Association*





*Professor W. Andy Knight (fourth from left), joins participants in a group photo. Mrs. Lyndira Oudit is seen at the extreme left and Mr. Vincent Cabrera, third from right.*



*The Honourable Major General Edmund Dillon, Minister of National Security who delivered remarks at the Closing ceremony*



*Sir Roy Trotman (left) and Mr. Wayne Chen (right) listen attentively to closing remarks made by Professor Knight*

- **Module 15: Digital Diplomacy Teaser**  
October 14th & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

This two (2) day Teaser introduced potential practitioners to the concepts and current state of digital diplomacy and aimed to develop specific skills for the use of digital tools to achieve political or social impact. It exposed participants to the practice of digital diplomacy and prompted debate and discussion on its implications for global affairs.

The **Digital Diplomacy Teaser** was facilitated by **Ambassador Ben Rowswell**, Ambassador of Canada to Venezuela and long-standing advocate of the use of Social Media for Digital and Public Diplomacy. It also featured a guest lecture via videoconference by **Martha McLean**, the digital communications lead expert in Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.

Fifteen (15) participants joined us from organisations such as the High Commission of Jamaica, Consulate General of Switzerland, Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as from the media, State agencies, Trade Union, Academia and the Private Sector.



*Ambassador Ben Rowsell engages participants in a game of Social Media Bingo.*

- **Module 2, Session 7: Protocol and Diplomatic law: Rules and Procedure**  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015



*Gary Biggs (extreme right at back) and Lawrence Dunham (extreme left) of Protocol Partners Washington join graduands proudly displaying their certificates of training.*

Fifteen (15) participants attended this session (7<sup>th</sup>) of Protocol and Diplomatic Law, praised by the facilitators as one of the most enjoyable sessions, due to the high level of participant interaction.

A notable challenge during this module was the spread of a flu, resulting in participants falling ill, two (2) of which discontinued attendance. During this time the Academy took the necessary measure of disinfecting and airing out the building and furniture several times to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants and facilitators. Another setback had to do with securing participants. Though this module is the most highly demanded of all the modules offered by the Academy and at any time has a waiting list of over fifty (50) persons, the short advance notice given to these persons, as a result of unforeseen planning challenges, resulted in a high degree of unavailability. The waiting list for the next session of this module to be held in August 2016 is in excess of 50 persons and the Academy hopes to successfully register a higher number of participants.

- **Module 2, Session 8: Protocol and Diplomatic law: Rules and Procedures**  
April 11th – 15th, 2016  
Antigua and Barbuda

This module was requested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Antigua and Barbuda and brought together 35 participants from all Ministries in the country.

The module was facilitated by Mr. Gary Biggs and Mr. Robert Leitzel of Protocol Partners, Washington Centre for Protocol and has successfully trained public officials from most if not all ministries in Antigua and Barbuda.

Members of the Head table at the Opening ceremony of this module included His Excellency Charles Fernandez, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International



Trade, His Excellency Anthony Liverpool Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade as well as the facilitators and a representative of the Diplomatic Academy. The acting Director of the Diplomatic Academy, Dr. Mark Kirton attended the Closing ceremony and entertained a courtesy call during which the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda expressed his interest in maintaining contact with the Academy for future training and collaboration. The Diplomatic Academy is pleased to have successfully taken this module to yet another CARICOM nation.



(Participants pose with the Director (Ag) of the IIR/DAOC (centre); representative of the DAOC (far right); facilitators (on either side of the Director) and the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (far left) himself also a participant)

## Upcoming DAOC Modules

Modules to be delivered by the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean:

- Global Health Diplomacy
- Protocol and Diplomatic Law
- Military Protocol
- The Art of Diplomatic Communication
- Digital Diplomacy
- Labour Diplomacy
- Aligning International Law with Domestic Law
- Mediation – Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the Caribbean – Building Resilience
- Small States and Trade Diplomacy – The Caribbean Perspective
- Shifts in Hegemony
- The EU, Latin America and the Caribbean
- Mainstreaming Gender
- Security Intelligence – Regional Security
- Intelligence, Statecraft and Multidimensional Security in the Caribbean



## CARIBBEAN CHILD RIGHTS OBSERVATORY NETWORK

### **About the CCRON**

The Caribbean Child Rights Observatory Network (CCRON) was established with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for two (2) years between the Institute of International Relations (IIR) and the regional representative for the Eastern Caribbean arm of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). A bid for the location of the CCRON's headquarters was issued, and won by the IIR allowing it to become the Hub of the network. The CCRON was officially launched on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the IIR, The UWI, St Augustine Campus.

### **Background**

Within the Caribbean sub-region, all countries have signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). By signing the CRC, CARICOM countries have committed themselves to respecting, protecting and fulfilling rights of all children.

The State Parties agreed to be held accountable for this commitment before the international community. Since the CRC is a legally binding instrument, State Parties are obliged to develop and undertake all actions and policies in the light of the best interest of the child.

The duty to enable child rights whether by planning and implementing suitable programmes carries with it the corresponding duties of regularly monitoring and periodically evaluating/reporting their status, the role that the state has envisaged for itself as well as for other actors such as parents, family, civil society and academics. However, reporting on the CRC is substantially delayed in the Caribbean.

The common delays in CRC reporting could indicate the following: 1) that this process is not a priority for the Caribbean countries 2) that relevant up-to-date data are not readily available 3) that there is limited capacity 4) a combination of these factors.

As part of strengthening the coordination and evaluation of the implementation of the CRC and its optional protocols, the Committee on the Rights of the Child suggested 'the establishment of a cross-sectoral Child Rights Observatory, consisting of both national and regional authorities and NGOs, for policy coordination' (UN, CRC: 2007).

This suggestion is also reflected in a specific request from CARICOM to the UN for establishing a child rights observatory for the CARICOM member states. In response to the above, UNICEF proposed to work with the CARICOM and its member states in the establishment of a child rights observatory.

In the past few years, UNICEF Country Offices in the Commonwealth Caribbean (Jamaica, Guyana, Belize and the Office for the Eastern Caribbean Area in Barbados) have individually supported the establishment of Centres of Knowledge or Excellence and in the case of Belize, a Child Observatory.

Such individual office efforts can be made more effective when linked across the Caribbean under the aegis of the CARICOM.



## **Mandate**

Member States in CARICOM agreed to obey (ratified) the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Governments have the main responsibility to make sure the rights of children in the Convention on the Rights of the Child are protected and provided for. The CRC has 54 Parts, called Articles.

## **Structure of the Hub**

Certainly a physical centre could be located in one of the CARICOM member states. However, to avoid establishment and operational costs of a new structure, a virtual network with one institution (IIR) serving as a "hub" is a more practical approach. This network, comprising all universities of the region, builds on the existing network of The University of the West Indies Campuses and its Open University structure, and links them to other state or private universities such as those in Guyana, Belize and Grenada. The University of Belize already functions as a Child Observatory with support from UNICEF Belize and could provide insights on the overall establishment of a Caribbean-wide network.

It also includes other groups like the Caribbean Child Development Centre (CCDC) – a consortium for Social Development and Research at the University of the West Indies, Open Campus (Jamaica).

## **Members of the Network**

- Institute of International Relations, The UWI St. Augustine Campus
- CARICOM Secretariat
- Caribbean Public Health Agency
- Caribbean Child Development Centre (CCDC)
- Open Campus, The UWI, Cave Hill
- Department of Government, Sociology and Social Work, The UWI Cave Hill
- Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS)
- University of Guyana

- University of Belize
- Department of Economics, The UWI St. Augustine Campus
- Family Development and Children’s Research Centre
- Centre for Health Economics Unit (HEU)
- Faculty of Law, UWI, St. Augustine Campus
- Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies The UWI, St. Augustine Campus
- Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies The UWI, Cave Hill

### **Members of the Network**

- Children’s authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- UNICEF
- Pan American Health Organization
- World Health Organisation (WHO)
- West Indies Cricket Board (WICB)
- Break the Silence

## **CCRON ACTIVITIES 2015**

### **CCRON LOGO COMPETITION**

#### ***EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH ART***

In February 2015, CCRON launched a logo competition within the Secondary Schools regionally. The idea for the competition was not only to promote and showcase CCRON but more importantly to deepen a student’s knowledge on their rights and responsibilities under the CRC. The theme of the logo was **Children’s Rights Awareness** and the winning design is to be used on the CCRON website and in its official correspondence material.

## **THE WINNERS**

Selected from an initial pool of over 60 entries from 5 regional countries: Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Belize, Guyana and Jamaica, the three winners produced logos that were original, creative and representative of the aims of CCRON and theme of the competition. The following three persons were announced as the winners:

**First Place: Mr. Jonathan Gift, Barataria South Secondary (T&T)**

**Second Place: Mr. Josiah Du Barry, Barataria South Secondary (T&T)**

**Third Place: Ms. Christina Aldana, Saint Catherine Academy (Belize)**

N.B. A collage of all the entries submitted will be featured on a page of the CCRON website and on its Facebook page.

## **Outreach**

### **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

CCRON participated in its first outreach activity in April 2015 at the Youth Development Conference 2015. At this Conference, there were a number of local stakeholders working in the area of children's rights promotion and awareness. Professor Knight made the opening remarks and expressed CCRON's strong commitment to promoting and protecting the children and the youth of the Caribbean region.

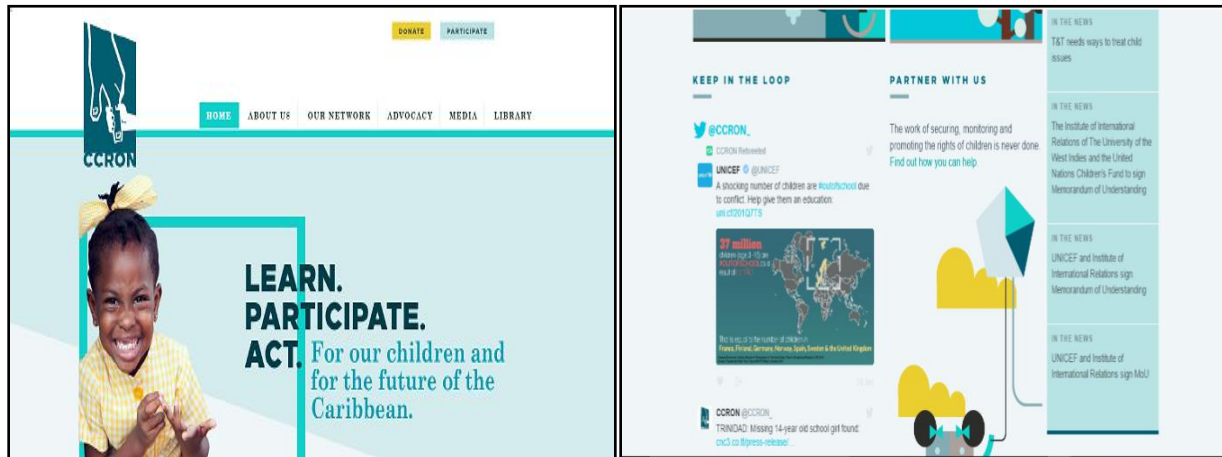
### **FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, UWI OPEN DAY**

CCRON was prominently displayed at the Faculty of Social Sciences Open Day forum at UWI, St. Augustine Campus held on 16th—18th June 2015.

# CCRON ACTIVITIES 2016

## CCRON's WEBSITE LAUNCH

The CCRON website was completed and launched on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, February, 2016. This marked the completion of CCRON's first project for 2016. CCRON is now visible, active with the public globally through its website and twitter account.



## CCRON WELCOMES A NEW PARTNER

Upon the request of Deputy Campus Principal Ms. Rhoda Reddock, in March, 2016, CCRON welcomed the Break the Silence campaign as one of our members. This campaign is most prominently featured on the CCRON website, and some of their work displaced in the virtual library.



### ***CCRON COLLABORATIVE WORK***

In attempt to make the CCRON and its mandate more visible, members of the network will engage in collaborative work for the rest of 2016. The network's members would like to publish a special edition of the IIR Today journal and thus they have identified their areas of interest, as well as their academic expertise for the articles.

### ***EXPIRATION OF THE UNICEF-IIR MoU***

In May, 2016 the Memorandum of Understanding between the IIR and UNICEF, which established the CCRON came to an end. UNICEF has indicated that the mandate of the CCRON is still pertinent, and they are willing to continue work with the IIR through the negotiation and establishment of a new MoU.

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

The IIR recommends that as a result of the expiration of the MoU, a review of activities of CCRON for the period 2014-2016 will be conducted. The UNICEF and the IIR will engage in this process as soon as is mutually convenient.

## EVENTS

### **AUGUST 2015**

#### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**

Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean Module: Protocol and Diplomatic Law: Rules and Procedure.

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2015**

Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean Module: The Art of Diplomatic Communications

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**

Wine and Cheese reception to celebrate 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Independence of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2015**

Formal opening of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean's Building.

### **SEPTEMBER 2015**

#### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015**

IIR General Staff meeting

#### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Director attends the Luncheon in Celebration of Dedicated Service in recognition of the contribution of staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hyatt Regency Hotel.

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

UK Foreign Policy; brown bag discussion at the Institute of International Relations, Board Room; with Mr. David Whineray – Deputy Director, UK Foreign Policy and Commonwealth Office, and His Excellency Tim Stew MBE, High Commission for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Trinidad and Tobago.

#### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Presentation: How to get published in Ashgate; by Ms. Brenda Sharp, Editor – International Relations and Politics Commissioning, Ashgate Publishing.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean Module: Labour Diplomacy – in collaboration with the International Labour Organization.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Director chairs the launch of Winston Dookeran's book – Crisis and Promise in the Caribbean at the Office of the Campus Principal.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Director attends 205<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence of Mexico celebration hosted by His Excellency Mario Arriola Woog at the Trinidad and Tobago Hilton

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Khellon Roach – defence of PhD dissertation, IIR Board Room

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

Director meets with Ambassador of Colombia, His Excellency Alfredo Riascos-Noguera and Second Secretary in the Embassy of Colombia, Ms. Paola Andrea Mosquera.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

“Contemporary US-Latin America Relations” with Professor Emeritus Terry McCoy, Department of Political Science, University of Florida. Institute of International Relations, Board Room.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

IIR and DAOC display at the NGC/UWI Research Expo 2015: Advancing Knowledge, Impacting Lives.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

“Canada-Caribbean Emerging Leaders Dialogues 2015 – Interactive Session with Professor Knight entitled “Collaborative Leadership and Cultural Intelligence”

**OCTOBER 2015**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

Workable World Trust Conference University of Minnesota – Professor Knight to give Keynote Address.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

Digital Diplomacy Forum – Hosted by DAOC Presenter: Ambassador Ben Roswell.

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

The CARCOM Political Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases 7 Years on: An evaluation to accelerate further multi-sectoral implementation (POSDEVAL) Objective 1&2 Synthesis Workshop: Rationalization of NCD Reporting – Professor Andy Knight and PhD Candidate Dinah Hippolyte were a part of this project.

## **NOVEMBER 2015**

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

The Institute of International Relations and the Office of Institutional Advancement and Internationalisation present: Cuba Week. A Week of Events celebrating and highlighting Cuban culture and issues of integration into the Caribbean framework.

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

“The History of Investment in the Caribbean” 3rd International Conference hosted by Dr. Christian Cwik - Department of History. IIR Director Prof. W. Andy Knight to chair the closing keynote lecture by Dr. Alfonso Munera of the ACS.

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

Diplomatic Dialogue with Dr. John McCoy – “Home grown Terrorism” at the IIR Board Room.

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

MPhil Seminar – Faies Jafar at the IIR Board Room.

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

IIR Christmas Luncheon, in special honour of Professor Andy Knight’s Farewell at The University Inn and Conference Centre.



**2016**

**FEBRUARY 2016**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

German Exhibition – Lecture Room 1. Opening of the Exhibition was followed by a reception in the Staff Lounge.

**MARCH 2016**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016**

Book Launch by Dr Laguardia Martínez “El Caribe: sus islas y el difícil camino de independencia, identidad e integración” hosted by Institute of International Relations and the Association of Latin Americans in Trinidad and Tobago at the IIR Board Room.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

Event in honour of Commonwealth Day 2016. Director (Ag.) gave 30 minute presentation to 150 Secondary school students on the topic “T&T’s role in the Commonwealth” at the Office of the Parliament.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

- Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton, Acting Director gives special guest lecture to visiting student from Georgia University.
- Diplomatic Dialogue: Japan’s Relations with the Caribbean in a changing global environment.
- IIR Lecture Room I feat. His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada – Ambassador for Japan to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

Acting Director - Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton met with Mr. Zhang Haitao, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China.

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016**

Acting Director - Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton met with Ambassador Gilles Jerrit Bijl – Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands.

## **APRIL 2016**

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

- His Excellency Brigadier David A. Granger visited the Institute of the International Relations and the Norman Girvan Library.
  
- IIR's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Black-Tie Dinner

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Protocol and Diplomatic Law: Rules and Procedure – DAOC Module in Antigua.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

- The Effect of Climate Change on Caribbean States with Particular Emphasis on Tourism and Fishing.
  
- Roundtable Discussion – featuring Justice Anthony Lucky, Justice on the International tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Acting Director - Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton invited to a lunch meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Chile His Excellency Ambassador Fernando Schmidt Ariztía.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016**

Acting Director - Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton met with Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia, His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Jaime Alberto Acosta Carvajal.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016**

Protocol Training for Government Officials facilitated by the Institute, co-ordinated by Dr. Georgina Chami.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

XII Seminar on International Relations ISRI 2016 in Havana, Cuba – attended by the Director.

**MAY 2016****Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

“Cuba and CARICOM in a changing Hemispheric Environment” Lecture by Dr. Jacqueline Laguardia Martínez as a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture Series in collaboration with the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Guyana. This lecture took place at Cara Lodge Hotel, Quamina Street, Georgetown, Guyana.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

Suriname leg of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture Series - “Cuba and CARICOM in a changing Hemispheric Environment” Lecture by Dr. Jacqueline Laguardia Martínez; in collaboration with the Institute of International Relations at the Anton De Kom University, Suriname.

**JUNE 2016****Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

IIR and Friends Can Cook!

Food Fair on the Institute’s Grounds – a fundraising food fair to be held at the Institute of International Relations which will feature dishes from Trinidad and Tobago and around the world. This event was one of the series of events in celebration of the IIR’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All proceeds will go toward IIR Student Development Fund.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

IIR Appointments Committee and IIR Board of Directors Meetings

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

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## APPENDIX 1

### Conference Presentation

**Kirton, R.M.**

*Recent Trends in CARICOM – Latin America Relations: Prospects and Challenges*  
XVII Conference on International Relations ISRI  
Havana Cuba, 2016

**Kirton, R.M.**

*Accessing the Latin American Market through Investment in CARICOM States*  
CARICOM/Cuba/Florida Trade and Investment Conference  
Miramar, Florida, February 2016

**Kirton, R.M.**

*Geopolitical and Geostrategic Considerations for Caribbean-Latin American Relations*  
Inter-American Defense College Workshop  
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 2016

**Kirton, R.M.**

*Climate Change Events and Disaster Management in CARICOM States: A Critical Perspective*  
Conference on Caribbean States, University of Havana, Cuba, 2015

**Montoute, A., D. Mohammed and J. Francis.**

*Caribbean Civil Society in Climate Change Processes: What Prospects for Paris 2015?*  
IX International Conference "Climate Change in the Caribbean: Strategies for Mitigation and Adaptation", Norman Girvan Chair of Caribbean Studies  
University of Havana, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2015.

### Refereed Publications

#### Journals

**Chami, G.** (2016) "Governance & Security in an Age of Global Flux," *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Global Studies Journal*, 11 (2): 1-14.

**Laguardia Martínez, J.** (2015) 'Las actuales transformaciones en Cuba y sus efectos en las relaciones Cuba-CARICOM', *Memorias: Revista Digital de Historia y Arqueología desde el Caribe*, Universidad del Norte, No.25, Barranquilla, pp. 242 – 258. ISSN 1794-8886.



**Montoute, A.** (2016) *Deliberate or Emancipate? Civil Society Participation in Trade Policy: The Case of the CARIFORUM–EU EPA*, VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Non-profit Organizations, Vol. 27, Issue 1, February, pp 299-321. DOI: 10.1007/s11266-015-9640-9.

### **Chapters in Edited Collections**

**Laguardia Martínez, J.** (2015) ‘Las relaciones Cuba- CARICOM: Presente y futuro en un entorno cambiante’, in *El ALBA-TCP: origen y fruto del nuevo regionalismo latinoamericano y caribeño* / Maribel Aponte García [et. al.]; Maribel Aponte García. Gloria Amézquita Puntiel. [Comp.], 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Buenos Aires: CLACSO, pp. 239 – 264.

### **Monographs**

**Laguardia Martínez, J.** (2015) Las relaciones comerciales de la CARICOM: balance y reestructuración, in *Cuadernos del Pensamiento Crítico Latinoamericano*, Buenos Aires: CLACSO, Segunda época, N.29, November.

### [Non- Refereed Publications and Related Works](#)

#### **Op. Ed. Pieces**

**Laguardia Martínez, J.** “US-Cuba Reviewed Relationship, What future is there for the rest of the Caribbean?” *The Pelican*, issue 14, 2016, pp 48-53

#### **Technical Reports**

##### **Kirton, R.M.**

*The Social and Economic Impact of Climate Change in the Weg Naar Zee Community in Suriname*

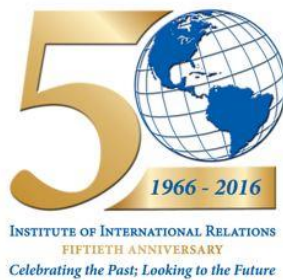
Study undertaken for the UNDP Suriname

##### **Kirton, R.M.**

*An Inclusive Commonwealth: Trinidad and Tobago’s Role in the Commonwealth*

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 2016

**Laguardia Martínez, J.** *Non-Communicable Diseases and Climate Change Synergies in Caribbean Small Island Developing States*, technical report prepared for the Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC), May 2016, 50 pages



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