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CARIBBEAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION
2012 CONFERENCE
JULY 19TH-21ST
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY July 19th (Daaga Hall Auditorium, UWI, St. Augustine Campus)

3:00 pm: Buses will leave from the Hyatt hotel

4:00 to 5:00 pm: Registration outside the Daaga Hall Auditorium

5:00 to 9:00 pm: *Welcome, opening remarks, performance and celebration.*

FRIDAY July 20th (School of Education, UWI, St. Augustine Campus)

7:00 am: Buses will leave from the Hyatt hotel

8:00 am to 12:00 pm: Registration on first floor of the School of Education

8:30 am to 12:00 pm: concurrent panels

12:00 to 1:20 pm: Lunch time (note that while coffee and some pastries will be offered through the day, every presenter is responsible for their lunch)

1:30 to 3:15: *Plenary session: Afro-Indian Political Philosophical Exchanges: Racial Capitalism, Decolonization, and Visions of Postcoloniality*

7:00 to 8:30 pm: *Guillén and Fanon Prize Session*

8:45 pm: Buses will leave to Hyatt hotel

SATURDAY July 21st (School of Education, UWI, St. Augustine Campus)

7:00 am: Buses will leave from the Hyatt hotel

8:30 am to 10:15 am: concurrent panels

10:30 am to 12:15 pm: *Plenary session: Teaching Philosophy at UWI Today*

12:15 to 1:20 pm: Lunch time (note that while coffee and some pastries will be offered through the day, every presenter is responsible for their lunch)

1:30 to 6:45 pm: concurrent panels

7:00 to 8:00 pm: *Closing plenary and business meeting*

8:20 pm: Buses will leave to Hyatt hotel

THURSDAY, JULY 19TH
DAAGA HALL AUDITORIUM,
UWI, ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS

4:00-5:00 pm: Registration (outside Daaga Hall)

5:00-9:00 pm: Conference Opening and reception

Welcome and introductions:

Dr. Nelson Maldonado Torres, CPA President, Rutgers University

Dr. Beverly-Anne Carter, Deputy Dean, Distance and Outreach, Faculty of Humanities and Education

Dr. Giselle Rampaul, Acting Head, Department of Liberal Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Education

Prof. Paget Henry, Brown University, USA: “On the Importance of the CPA Meeting in Trinidad and Tobago”

Prof. Norman Girvan, Institute for International Relations, Trinidad: “The Global Economic Situation and the Prospects for New Disciplines like Caribbean Philosophy”

Classical Indian Dance Performance with Rekha Menon, Berklee College of Music

First Night Celebration

FRIDAY, JULY 20TH
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
UWI, ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS

REGISTRATION

School of Education, First Floor

8:00 am to noon

Friday 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

A. Philosophical Formulations of Human Right, Creolized Postcolonial Alternatives

The School of Education, Room 202

Moderator: Nathifa Greene, State University of New York, Stony Brook

Presenters:

Aleksandar S. Santrac, University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad:
“Philosophy of Human Rights”

Jack Menke, Anton de Kom University of Suriname: “Shifting Constructs of Race, Ethnicity and the Nation in the Americas with a Focus on Suriname”

Valerie Youssef, University of West Indies, St. Augustine: “Authenticating Mixed Language Varieties in the Twenty-First Century: Considerations from a Post-Colonial Caribbean Space”

B. James and the Political Philosophical Project of Independence

The School of Education, Room 203

Moderator: Norman Girvan, Institute for International Relations, Trinidad

Presenters:

Matthew Quest, Georgia State University: “Direct Democracy and Workers Self-Management: The Foundations of C.L.R. James’s Original Political Thought”

Shane Pantin, University of West Indies, St. Augustine: “Discourse and Philosophy in the Early Years of Independence: The Work and Thought of James Millette and Lloyd Best”

Minkah Makalani, University of Texas, Austin: “‘Perhaps Sparrow will Make a Calypso on It’: Might Sparrow, Calypso, and the Decolonial Thought of C. L. R. James in Postcolonial Trinidad”

Friday 10:15-12:00 pm

A. Alienation and Liberation in Fanonian Terms

The School of Education, Room 202

Moderator: Mabogo Samuel More, University of KwaZulu Natal

Presenters:

Nathifa Greene, State University of New York, Stony Brook: “The Lived Body in *Black Skin, White Masks*”

Matthew Kos, State University of New York, Binghamton: “Gaze, Limit, Veil”

Doug Ficek, Temple University/John Jay College: “Petrification and Philosophical Archaeology: Some Reflections on Fanonian Liberation”

Siphiwe Ndluvo, University of Venda, South Africa: “The Continued Problem of Black Alienation and Fanon’s Continuing Relevance”

B. Human Worth and Economic Development in Theory and Practice

The School of Education, Room 203

Moderator: Norman Girvan, Institute for International Relations, Trinidad

Presenters:

Carolyn Cusick, Vanderbilt University: “Human Worth in Anna Julia Cooper and Amartya Sen”

Dave Ramsaran, Susquehanna University: “James On Economic Development: A Critique of Socio Economic Development Policy in Trinidad and Tobago”

Carmen Leonor Martínez-López, CUNY-BMCC: “The Effect of Personal and Managerial Capitalism on the Caribbean Countries”

Daurius Figueira, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine: “The Discourse of State Racism and the Nature of the Colonial and Neo-colonial State in the English speaking Caribbean”

C. Pensamiento Decolonial y Movimientos Sociales en América Latina y el Caribe/Decolonial Thinking and Social Movements in Latin America and the Caribbean

The School of Education, Room 204

Moderador: Christian Fariás, Universidad de Carabobo

Ponentes:

César Augusto Baldi, Tribunal Regional Federal 4ª Región: “Descolonizar el estudio de derechos humanos?” [Decolonizing the study of human rights]

Diógenes Díaz, de la Red de Afrodescendientes de Venezuela: “Los Movimientos Sociales Afrodescendientes: Actores de cambios” [Afro-descendent social movements: agents of change]

Friday 12:00 to 1:20

LUNCH

Friday 1:30-3:15p.m.

Plenary session: Afro-Indian Political Philosophical Exchanges: Racial Capitalism, Decolonization, and Visions of Postcoloniality

The School of Education Auditorium

Moderator: Lewis R. Gordon, Temple University

Presenters:

Meera Chakravorty, Jain University, Bangalore, India: “Racial Capitalism: Tagore's Activism and Resistance”

Parfulla Kar, Centre for Contemporary Theory, Baroda, India: “Gandhi and Fanon: On Nationalism and Decolonization”

Paget Henry, Brown University: “Sri Aurobindo and C.L.R. James: Visions of Postcolonial Society”

Friday 3:30-5:15 p.m.

A. Engaging Wynter: Autonomous Human Cognition, Socio-Genetics, and Involution

The School of Education, Room 202

Moderator: Marisa Parham, Amherst College

Presenters:

Neil Roberts, Williams College: “Sylvia Wynter’s Césaire”

Michaeline Crichlow, Duke University and Patricia Northover, University of the West Indies, Mona: “From Fanon to Wynter in the Journey Towards the Human-The Liminal, The Hauntological and the Elusive Dream of Man: (Un)thinking the Political in the Socio-Genetics of Place”

Gertrude Gonzalez de Allen, Spelman College: “Involution: U.S. Colonization and Nativism in the U.S. Virgin Islands”

B. De-Colonial Readings

The School of Education, Room 203

Moderator: George Ciccariello-Maher, Drexel University

Presenters:

Adam Israel, State University of New York, Stony Brook: “The Coloniality of Governmentality: A Decolonial Reading of Foucault’s ‘History of Governmentality’”

Sebastian Purcell, State University of New York, Cortland: “Modernity, Globalization, and Nihilism—Decolonized”

Kris Sealey, Fairfield University: “Power as (or in) Vulnerability: Intersections between the Ethical and the Political in Emmanuel Levinas”

Joe Drexler-Dreis, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium: “Unsettling the Theological Tradition of Love: Fanon’s Challenge”

C. La Interculturalidad Musical en el Caribe/Musical Interculturality in the Caribbean

The School of Education, Room 204

Moderador: Diógenes Díaz, de la Red de Afrodescendientes de Venezuela

Ponentes:

Frank Hernández, Universidad de Carabobo: “El proceso intercultural de los géneros musicales en el Caribe” [The intercultural process of musical genres in the Caribbean]

Sherline Chirinos, Universidad de Carabobo: “El hip hop venezolano y la nueva forma de expresar el arte y la política en la calle” [Venezuelan hip hop and the new form of expressing arts and politics in the street]

Saúl Escobar, Universidad de Carabobo: “Una hermenéutica de la canción popular ‘El Alcaraván’ como expresión cultural venezolana” [A hermeneutics of the popular song ‘El Alcaraván’ as expression of Venezuelan culture]

Friday 5:30-6:45p.m.

A. Decolonizing Power/Knowledge/Being with Attitude Quilombola (Maroon Attitude): A Roundtable Discussion of Contemporary Black Brazilian Activism

The School of Education, Room 203

Moderator: Nelson Maldonado Torres, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Nelson Maldonado-Torres, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Walter de Souza Junior Altino, Department of Education of the State of Bahia

Liliam Aquino Meireles dos Santos, Universidade do Estado da Bahia (Bahia State University), Salvador, Brazil

B. Narrating the Politics of Sport

The School of Education, Room 202

Moderator: Paget Henry, Brown University

Presenters:

Erik A. Garrett, Duquesne University: “Ethnographic Applications of Beyond a Boundary on a Pittsburgh Inner City Basketball Court”

M. Joe Demsy Christopher, English and Foreign Languages University, India: “Sport’s Literature and the Politics of Colonization”

C. Mestizaje, Creolization, and Afro-Postmodernism: Philosophical Considerations

The School of Education, Room 204

Moderator: Kris Sealey, Fairfield University

Presenters:

Jose A. Haro, CUNY-BMCC: “Mestizaje”

John Drabinski, Amherst College: “Theorizing the Afro-Postmodern: On Glissant and Benítez-Rojo”

Friday 7:00-8:30p.m.

Plenary session: The Nicolás Guillén and Frantz Fanon Awards Session

The School of Education Auditorium

Presiding: Lewis R. Gordon, CPA Chair of Prizes

Recipients of the Nicolás Guillén Lifetime Achievement Award for

Philosophical Literature:

The Mighty Chalkdust (Hollis Urban Lester Liverpool), Trinidad-Tobago

Prafulla Kar, Centre for Contemporary Theory, Baroda, India

Gordon Rohlehr, University of West Indies, St. Augustine

Recipient of the Frantz Fanon Award:

Keith Sandiford, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

Recipient of the Frantz Fanon Book Award

Nathalie Etoke-Ilda, Connecticut College

Presenters:

Lewis Gordon, Temple University, Awards Committee Chairperson

Mireille Fanon-Mendès France, President of Fondation Frantz Fanon

Paget Henry, Brown University

Norman Girvan, The Institute for International Relations, Trinidad

SATURDAY, JULY 21ST
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
UWI, ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS

Saturday 8:30-10:15 a.m.

A. Lost and Lived Meanings of Land and Language in the Afro- and Native Americas

The School of Education, Room 202

Moderator: César Augusto Baldi, Tribunal Regional Federal 4ª Região

Presenters:

Johman Carvajal Godoy, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana de Medellín, Colombia: “La pérdida irreparable de las palabras al vuelo en Colombia”

Stephen Haymes, DePaul University: “Afro-Ecological Ethnicities in the Americas: Toward an Africana Eco-phenomenology”

Alberto Hernandez-Lemus, Colorado College: “*Pensiero debole* in Latin American Territories Outside State Structures”

B. Education in Brown and Black

The School of Education, Room 203

Moderator: Nathifa Greene, State University of New York, Stony Brook

Presenters:

Rosario Torres-Guevara, CUNY-BMCC: “*Iti cha cua' a ñui*—The Path that Leads to My Land”

Rufus Burnett, Duquesne University: “Border Thinking and the Phenomenon of Black Education”

Stephen Geofroy, University of West Indies, St. Augustine and Sam Lochan, University of West Indies, St. Augustine: “Creole Discourse in Trinidad & Tobago and Implications for the Making of Minds: A Challenge to Educators”

C. Mapping Odysseys of Exile, Migration, and Enslavement

The School of Education, Room 204

Moderator: Yomaira Figueroa, University of California, Berkeley

Presenters:

Cora Monroe, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez: “*Nos hommes et notre histoire*: A Text of the French Black Atlantic”

Mashrur Shahid Hossain, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh: “The Coolie Odyssey and The Black Arrivants: Sublimating Suffering in the Poetry of Brathwaite and Dabydeen”

Alice Samson, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India: “Re-reading the Uncle Remus Tales: African-America Folklore Today”

Jacqueline Lazú, DePaul University: “Redefining Aestheticism: Pedro Pietri and the Nuyoricans”

Saturday 10:30-12:15 p.m.

Plenary session: Teaching Philosophy at UWI Today: A Roundtable Discussion

The School of Education Auditorium

Moderator: Gabrielle Hezekiah, UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad

Presenters:

Stephen Geofroy, UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad

John Ayotunde (Tunde) Isola Bewaji, UWI, Mona, Jamaica (via Skype)

Ed Brandon, UWI, Cave Hill, Barbados

Paget Henry, Brown University

12:15 to 1:20

LUNCH

Saturday 1:30-3:00 p.m.

A. Decolonizing Methodologies: Epistemology, Political Theory, Literature

The School of Education, Room 202

Moderator: Erik Garrett, Duquesne University

Presenters:

Daphne V. Taylor-García, University of California, San Diego: “A Report on Knowledge from the Global South”

George Ciccariello-Maher, Drexel University: “Decolonizing Dialectics: Fanon and Dussel in Parallax”

Yomaira Figueroa, University of California, Berkeley: “Decolonizing Liberation: Radical Imaginings of Liberation, Reparations, and Futurities”

B. Consuming Third World Internationalisms

The School of Education, Room 203

Moderator: Matthew Quest, Georgia State University

Presenters:

Rekha Menon, Berklee College of Music: “The Mapping of Chutney in the Shifting Geographies”

Marisa Parham, Amherst College: “M.I.A., the Third World International, and Other Acoustic Illusions”

Leslie James, DePauw University: “Ethnic Catastrophe or Hidden Harmony: The Continued Quest for Integration and Cultural Regeneration in the Caribbean”

Saturday 3:15-5:00 p.m.

A. The Creolizing Subject: A Critical Engagement with Michael Monahan

The School of Education, Room 202

Moderator: Carolyn Cusick, Vanderbilt University

Presenters:

Clevis Headley, Florida Atlantic University: “Creolizing Ontology: Monahan and the Idea of Creolization as a Theory of Being/Existence”

Kris Sealey, Fairfield University: “Dirty Consciences and Runaway Selves: Anti-Racism’s Tragic Hero”

Patrick Goodin, Howard University: “Creolizing Reason and the Politics of Racial Justice”

A Reply from Michael Monahan, Marquette University

B. The Racialized Geopolitics of Modern Colonial Capitalism and Its Legacies

The School of Education, Room 203

Moderator: John Drabinski, Amherst College

Presenters:

Tacuma Peters, University of California, Berkeley: “Edmund Burke and America’s ‘Savages’”

Ken Stickers, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale/SAAP: “The Spirit of Capitalism and the Caribbean Slave Trade”

Mireille Fanon-Mendès France, Fondation Frantz Fanon: “50 Years After Independences: The Time Bombs of Colonialism and of the Civilizing Mission”

Shannon Sullivan, Pennsylvania State University/SAAP: “The Biological/Physiological Roadblocks to Identity in the Caribbean: Racism and Sexism in the Gut” (via Skype)

C. Literatura y Escritura Periodística en el Espacio Caribeño/Literature and Periodism Writing in the Caribbean Space

The School of Education, Room 204

Moderador: Gustavo Fernández Colón, Universidad de Carabobo

Ponentes:

Martha Santos, Universidad de Carabobo: “La escritura periodística en los escenarios educativos. Una pedagógica caribeña para la descolonización de las conciencias” [Periodism writing in educative scenarios. A Caribbean pedagogy for the decolonization of consciences]

Christian Farías, Universidad de Carabobo: “Tensiones estéticas y socio-políticas en la literatura de Centroamérica y el Caribe” [Aesthetic and socio-political tensions in Central American and Caribbean literature]

Saturday 5:15-6:45p.m.

A. Beyond Singular Bodies, Nihilism, and Historical Causality: A Session of the Trinidad and Tobago Philosophical Society

The School of Education, Room 203

Moderator: Paget Henry, Brown University

Presenters:

Peter Hanoomansingh, Independent Researcher, Trinidad: “Bodies not Body: Beyond the ‘Spectator Theory’”

Burton Sankeralli, Independent Researcher, Trinidad: “Swallowing the Abyss/Dancing the Void—An Adventure in Post-Nihilist Metaphysics”

Tommy Isaac, Independent Researcher, Trinidad: “Historical Causality and the Caribbean Experience: A Postmodern Critique”

B. Africana Philosophy of Theoretical Physics: A Conversation

The School of Education, Room 204 (one hour discussion)

Participants:

Stephon Alexander, Dartmouth College

Lewis R. Gordon, Temple University

Friday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

CLOSING PLENARY AND BUSINESS MEETING

The School of Education Auditorium

The *Caribbean Philosophical Association* wishes to express special thanks to the University of West Indies, St. Augustine (Trinidad), particularly, to the offices, units, professors and students listed in the first page of the conference program, for sponsoring and in some cases organizing this event with us. Without them this conference would not have been possible.

We also thank the Trinidad and Tobago Philosophical Society (Trinidad), the Asociación Venezolana de Estudios del Caribe [Venezuelan Association for Caribbean Studies] (Venezuela), the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (USA), and the organization Atitude Quilombola (Brazil) for sending representatives and for participating in this event. May we continue to *shift the geography of reason!* And may we see you, along with all moderators and presenters, in the conference next year.

Thanks to all for participating in the 2012 conference!

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