

**“Small, Middle and Emerging Powers in the UN System”  
22<sup>nd</sup> ACUNS Annual Meeting**

FINAL PROGRAM – June 4-6, 2009 – Trinidad and Tobago\*

\*All events take place on campus at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine campus, Trinidad and Tobago unless otherwise indicated

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Registration – 10:00am-4:00pm – Institute of International Relations

***Opening Ceremony*** – 4:00pm-6:00pm  
Learning Resource Center Auditorium, University of the West Indies

Welcome      Professor Thomas G. Weiss, Chair, Academic Council on the United Nations System

Dr. Patricia Goff, Executive Director, Academic Council on the United Nations System

Professor Timothy Shaw, Director, Institute of International Relations, University of the West Indies

Professor Clement Sankat, Principal, St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies

Dr. Marcia De Castro, United Nations Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative for Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles

Mr. Elton Prescott, President, United Nations Association of Trinidad and Tobago

Keynote remarks      Dr. Len Ishmael, Director General  
Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

***Opening Reception*** – 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Hosted by their Excellencies Professor George Maxwell Richards & Dr. Jean Ramjohn-Richards  
At The President's House, St Ann's

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

9:00-10:30am – Plenary I (LRC Auditorium)  
The Global Governance of Security and Crime Prevention

Chair: O’Neil Hamilton, Stimson Center

Panelists: Sheridan Hill, OAS, Public Security and Counter-Terrorism

Ramesh Deosaran, University of Trinidad and Tobago

Collin Millington, Director, Regional Intelligence Fusion Centre  
on behalf of the CARICOM Secretariat and IMPACS.

Susan Alfonso, The Caribbean Coalition for Development and  
the Reduction of Armed Violence and Women’s Institute  
for Alternative Development

10:30-11:00am – coffee

11:00-12:30am – Workshop Panels I (see attached)

12:30-1:30pm – lunch

1:30-2:30pm John Holmes Memorial Lecture

Professor Thomas G. Weiss, Chair of ACUNS  
“Reinvigorating the International Civil Service”

2:30-3:00pm – coffee

3:00-4:30pm – Plenary II (LRC Auditorium)  
Small States at the United Nations

Chair: Gail Bindley-Taylor Sainté, UN Department of Public Information

Panelists: Christopher Hackett, Ambassador and Permanent representative of  
Barbados to the United Nations

Vanu Gopala Menon, Ambassador and Permanent representative of  
Singapore to the United Nations

4:45-6:15pm – Workshop Panels II (see attached)

Book Launch (LRC) 6:15-6:45

Winston Dookeran & Akhil Malaki (eds) Leadership & Governance in Small States:  
getting development right (Saarbrücken: VDM for Foundation for Politics &  
Leadership, 2008)

Andrew F Cooper & Timothy M Shaw (eds) The Diplomacies of Small States:  
between vulnerability & resilience (London: Palgrave Macmillan for CIGI, 2009)

7:00pm – *ACUNS AM '09 Annual Reception*

Hosted by Professor Clement Sankat, Principal, St. Augustine Campus, University  
of the West Indies

At The Office of the Principal

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

9:00-10:30am – Plenary III (LRC Auditorium)  
The International Financial Crisis

Chair: Marcia de Castro, UN Resident Coordinator

Panelists: Devesh Kapur, University of Pennsylvania

Patrick K. Watson, Director, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social &  
Economic Studies, University of the West Indies

Winston Dookeran, former Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad  
and Tobago

Anthony Birchwood, Caribbean Centre for Money and Finance, UWI

10:45-12:15pm

ACUNS Business Meeting (LRC Auditorium)

12:15-1:30pm – lunch

1:45-3:15pm – Workshop Panels III

3:15-3:45pm – coffee

3:45-5:15pm – Plenary IV (LRC Auditorium)

The International Criminal Court and Small States: The Case of Trinidad and Tobago

Chair: Elton Prescott, President, UN Association of Trinidad and Tobago

Panelists: A.N.R. Robinson, Former Prime Minister and Former President of  
Trinidad and Tobago

Duke Pollard, Caribbean Court of Justice

Charles Leacock, Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbados

Brinsley Samaroo, University of Trinidad and Tobago

5:15-5:30 UNDP video “The United Nations in Trinidad and Tobago”– Introduced  
by Joy Brathwaite, UNDP

5<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas Video

Commonwealth Heads of Government Video – Introduced by Joany  
Grima, Commonwealth People’s Forum, Commonwealth  
Foundation

5:30-5:45pm – closing remarks

Professor Christer Jonsson, ACUNS Chair-elect

Professor Tim Shaw, Director, Institute of International Relations,

*5:45 Closing reception*

Hosted by Professor Tim Shaw, Director, Institute of International Relations,  
University of the West Indies

At The Institute of International Relations

## **Workshop Panels Session I**

### **Roundtable on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Security: Lessons from the Caribbean (LRC 1)**

Chair: Shin-wha Lee, Korea University

Panelists:

O'Neil Hamilton, Stimson Center

Ken Epps, Project Ploughshares

Lt. Col. Anthony Phillips-Spencer, Military Attaché, Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States

### **Gender, Policy and Practice: Exploring the Gap between Policy and Praxis (LRC 2)**

Co-Chairs: Professor Jane L. Parpart, Institute of Gender and Development Studies, UWI, St. Augustine

Deborah McFee, Institute of Gender and Development Studies, UWI, St. Augustine

Panelists:

*"Gender Mainstreaming in an Insecure, Unequal and Gendered World"*  
Jane Parpart, UWI, St. Augustine, Institute of Gender and Development Studies

*"Real World Policy Processes: Insights from the Trinidad & Tobago Gender Policy"*  
Representative, Gender Affairs Division, Ministry of Community Development, Culture & Gender Affairs

*"Is Smaller Better? Participation and Stakeholder Analysis in the Dominican Policy Experience"*  
Deborah McFee, UWI, St. Augustine, Institute of Gender and Development Studies

"How to Do Effective Gender Mainstreaming"  
Rosina Wiltshire, Development Consultant

## **The UN System amid the Shifting Global Order: New Coordination Challenges and Leadership Opportunities (LRC 3)**

Chair: Andrew F. Cooper, University of Waterloo and Centre for International Governance Innovation

Panelists:

*“The UN and a Rising China: Relevancy, Realignment, Resilience”*

Gregory Chin, York University and Centre for International Governance Innovation

*“The UN as an Agent for Economic Development: Lessons from India”*

Manmohan Agarwal, Centre for International Governance Innovation

*“The UN and Haiti’s Governance Challenges”*

Andrew Thompson, Balsillie School of International Affairs and Centre for International Governance Innovation

*“The UN and Global Energy: Security, Development, Competing Interest from the Emerging Powers”*

Andrew Schrumm, Centre for International Governance Innovation

## **Strengthening the Relevance of IR in the 21st Century - The Role of the IIR Alumni (LRC 4)**

Chair: Anselm Francis, UWI St. Augustine

Panelists:

Vashti Guyadeen, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, IIR Alumnus 2007

Yohansen Ramoutar, IIR Alumnus 2006

Kai Ann Skeete, IIR Alumnus 2007

Ronald Chuckaree, IIR Alumnus 2007

## **Small, Middle and Emerging Powers and Peace Operations (LRC 5)**

Chair: Lise Morjé Howard, Georgetown University

Panelists:

*“Chinese Peace Operations”*

Lisa A. Hall MacLeod, Soka University of America

*“The Role of Middle Powers as Policy Entrepreneurs in the UN Security Council’s Decision-Making Process on the Authorization of UN Peace Operations to Use Military Force to Protect Civilians: the Case of Darfur”*

Martin Fischer, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University

## **Modeling Multilateralisms (IIR 2)**

Chair: Roger Coate, Georgia College and State University

Panelists: *“Simulating the UN Small Fish in the Large Pond”*

Gale Rigobert, UWI; Solange Mike, UWI; Tamara Brathwaite, UWI

*“Trinidad and Tobago Model UN”*

Ian Royer, Rotary Club of Port of Spain/Model UN Assembly (MUNA)

*“Security and Sustainability”*

Judith Brielle, ADEK Suriname



### **Is There a Need for UN Studies in the Caribbean? (IIR 3)**

Chair: Hans Geiser, Former UN Resident Coordinator (retired)

Panelists:

Michael Platzer, University of Vienna

Henrike Paepcke, UN Studies Association

Janice Joseph, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Michelle Scobie, IIR UWI

## **Workshop Panels Session II**

### **Whither Haiti? (LRC 1)**

Chair: Bertrand Ramcharan, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Panelists: *“Discounting the Rural Poor: An Examination of Donor Plans for Economic Recovery and Development in Haiti”*

Yasmine Shamsie, Wilfrid Laurier University

Reginald Dumas, former UN Special Advisor on Haiti

Colin Granderson, CARICOM

### **Small, Middle and Emerging States at the UN (LRC 2)**

Chair: Michael Platzer, ACUNS Liaison Officer, Vienna and Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

Panelists:

*“Small States and the Tragedy of the UN System”*

Matthew L. Bishop, The University of Sheffield

*“Foreign policy by balances of power? South Africa as a middle power at the United Nations”*

Paul-Henri Bischoff, Rhodes University, South Africa

*“Why Obama Should Pay Attention to the Small European States - the role of the small states in the United Nations”*

Michael Platzer, ACUNS Liaison Officer, Vienna and Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

### **The Fight against HIV/AIDS (LRC 3)**

Chair: Thomas G. Weiss, City University of New York

Panelists: *“Coordinating Actors in the Fight against HIV/AIDS: From “Lead Agency” to Public-Private Partnerships”*

Christer Jonsson, Lund University

Izola Garcia, UNAIDS

*“The Multilateral Response to HIV in the Caribbean”*

Bilali Camara, Senior Strategic Information, Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser, UNAIDS Caribbean Regional Support Team

### **UN Reform (LRC 4)**

Chair: Henrike Paepcke

Panelists:

*“Reforming ECOSOC Decision-making within a Regional Context”*

Joseph Schwartzberg, University of Minnesota

*“The Evolution of the UN Security Council”*

Sabrina Hoque, Dalhousie University

## **Creating Just and Legitimate Outcomes (IIR 2)**

Chair: Roland Paris, University of Ottawa

Panelists: *“Transitional justice as a part of state-building: filling a gap between theory and practice”*

Yasue Mochizuki, Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan

*Emerging Challenges in the Multilateral Justice Administration*

K. R. Saji Kumar, Ministry of Legal Affairs, Georgetown, Guyana

*“Understanding the international territorial administration accountability deficit: Trusteeship and the legitimacy of international organizations”*

Ralph Wilde, University College London

*“Characteristics of Law-Compliant States”*

Kendall W. Stiles, Brigham Young University

## **Multilateral Innovation (IIR 3)**

Chair: Patricia Goff, Wilfrid Laurier University

Panelists:

*“Shifting the Debate from the G-20 to the G-192: The World Financial and Economic Crisis, its Impact on Development, and the Politics of Multilateral Diplomacy in the UN General Assembly”*

Melissa Labonte, Fordham University

*“Agents of Change? An Assessment of the IBSA counter-hierarchy initiative”*

Philip Nel, University of Otago

*“International Stability, Multipolarity and the Social Contract”*

Rik Coolsaet, Ghent University

## **The UN's Relations with Other Global Actors (Graduate's Room IIR)**

Chair: Kent J. Kille, College of Wooster

Panelists:

*"U.S-UN Relations: More of the Same, or a Radical Change?"*

Lise Morjé Howard, Georgetown University

*"EU-UN Cooperation in Military Operations in Africa: from DR Congo to Chad/RCA"*

Bruno Charbonneau, Laurentian University

*"Kofi Annan and Javier Solana: Cross-Office Coordination for Operation Allied Force"*

Kent J. Kille, College of Wooster and Ryan C. Hendrickson, Eastern Illinois University

### **Workshop Panels Session III**

#### **Civil Society and Accountable Global Governance (LRC 1)**

Chair: Shin-wha Lee, Korea University

Panelists:

*"Civil Society and Accountable Global Governance: Conceptual Considerations"*  
Jan Aart Scholte, University of Warwick

*"Civil Society and Accountability in the Commonwealth"*  
Timothy Shaw and Pamela Mbabazi, University of the West Indies

*"Restoring Responsive Accountability: The World Fair Trade Organization and Civil Society"*  
Heidi Ullrich, Independent Scholar

*"Middle Powers, Civil Society and the UN System"*  
Carolyn Stephenson, University of Hawaii at Manoa

#### **Globalization of International Standards (LRC 3)**

Chair: Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, UWI Barbados

Panelists: *"Human Rights as a General Principle of Community Law"*  
David Berry, UWI Barbados

*The Potential Impact of Emerging International Standards on  
Indigenous Peoples of the Commonwealth Caribbean*  
Arif Bulkan, UWI Barbados

*"Global Standards and Services in Small, Emerging Countries"*  
Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, UWI Barbados

#### **Cuba in a Changing Global Arena (LRC 4)**

Chair: Mark Kirton, UWI St. Augustine

Panelists: *"The Elephant in the Room: Cuba's International Engagements and Influence"*

Catherine Schittecatte, Vancouver Island University

*Contemporary Issues in U.S. Policy towards Cuba*

Indira Rampersad, UWI St. Augustine

*Can CARICOM act as viable "good offices" in bridging the Cuba/USA divide?: Options and Opportunities*

Quinnelle Kangalee and David Gibbs (IIR, UWI)

*"The evolution of Cuba-CARICOM relations and the prospects and challenges for their current engagement"*

Deon Mayers, IIR UWI

#### **Whither the G77? (LRC 5)**

Chair: Bertrand Ramcharan, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Panelists: S.R. Insanally, Presidential Advisor on Foreign Policy, Government of Guyana

Kris Nandoe, Former Ambassador of Suriname to the UN and to Brazil and Chair of the Board, IIR Suriname

Rosina Wiltshire, Development Consultant

## **Thinking about IR in Non-Anglophone Caribbean (IIR 2)**

Chair: Gale Rigobert, UWI St. Augustine

Panelists:

*“Regionalism and CARICOM with Reference to Suriname”*

Ruben Martoredjo, UNDP

*“CARICOM and Latin America: the Influence of the Multilateral system”*

Inez Redjosentono, Cirkel Group and Robby Glenn Holband, Consultant

*“Global Governance and the Multilateral System: Failures and Successes”*

Thea Smith, Ministry of Transport, Communication & Tourism

*“9/11 and CARICOM: A Look at Suriname in the IPE”*

Maikel Soekhnandan, Central Bank of Suriname

## **Corporate Social Responsibility in the Caribbean (IIR 3)**

Chair: David Rampersad, Business Development Office, UWI St. Augustine

Panelists:

*“Corporate Social Responsibility as a Caribbean Priority”*

Ron Sookram, Graduate School of Business, UWI

*“Alutrint Limited: Building CSR into a Corporate Sustainability Strategy - a Case Study by the STCIC”*

Philip Julien, CEO Alutrint and Mushtaq Mohammed, VP Corporate Operations BPTT and Chair of the CSR Committee at the STCIC