



"Small, Middle, and Emerging Powers in the UN System"

2009 ACUNS Annual Meeting

One of the most striking developments of the last 20 years is the redistribution of power in the International system. While the United States remains powerful in many domains, states with burgeoning economic and/or military might, sometimes combined with regional influence, are demanding our attention. What does this shifting power distribution mean for multilateral cooperation? What are these states demanding of the UN, its affiliated agencies, and regional partners? How are these entities responding? In what ways are multilateral institutions vehicles and/or obstacles to small island states like Trinidad or to emergent powers like Brazil? To the degree that newly powerful states might seek to influence the direction of the UN system, what form might this take? Which issues might small, middle, and emerging states emphasize in the multilateral system and with what effects? What role do private and civil society actors play in this activity? What role do regional groupings, like the Organization of American States, Association of Caribbean States and CARICOM, play?

The ACUNS Annual Meeting will address these overarching thematic questions, while giving special attention to the challenges of migration, security, regional prosperity and development, energy, and environmental sustainability in the Caribbean context.

It is ACUNS' great privilege to hold our 22nd annual meeting on campus at The University of the West Indies (UWI) in Trinidad.



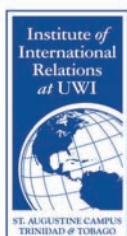
**June 4-6, 2009
Trinidad**

In addition to our host, the Institute of International Relations at UWI, we are pleased to be working with local partners representing the UN Association of Trinidad and Tobago; the regional office of the UN Development Program; the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the Association of Caribbean States; the regional UN Information Center and International Labor Organization, among others.

Trinidad and Tobago will host the 5th Summit of the Americas meeting in April 2009 and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in November 2009 in Port of Spain. The ACUNS conference falls between these two, providing an excellent opportunity to reflect on themes emerging in the two summit contexts.

Panel and paper proposals to be submitted by March 1, 2009 to pgoff@wlu.ca. Please visit www.acuns.net for more details.

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