



Conversations

The Making of Caribbean Feminisms



Tara Ramoutar, November 2013

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Lunchtime Conversations

with

Tara Ramoutar

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IGDS Seminar Room, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

Tara Ramoutar is a feminist and social activist who became interested in social change during the late sixties.

Her interest in social activism was born out of the struggle among the youths during the late sixties, early seventies era in Trinidad. She further went on to become an activist in the Trade Union movement – The Transport and Industrial Workers' Union (TIWU), where she worked as a secretary. While at TIWU, Ms. Ramoutar participated in all union activities that would help in bring justice to workers. Activities included marches, meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences and industrial actions where necessary.

During these early years the trade union movement was the driving force for social change that was taking place worldwide. Out of this activism her interest in equality, fairness and social justice for women and the working class was born.

In 1993 she joined the staff of the Caribbean Association of Feminist Research and Action – CAFRA in the administrative department. She also represented CAFRA at several local, regional and international workshops, seminars and conferences on gender mainstreaming and other gender related issues.

She has been the national representative for CAFRA T&T since April 2003, a position which she still holds.

Lunchtime Conversations is an off-shoot activity of the larger research project "The Making of Caribbean Feminisms" that aims to document persons throughout Trinidad and Tobago and the region who have made a contribution to the wider women's and feminist movements.