

Call for Papers!

The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies (SALISES)
is issuing a call for papers for its 5th Annual Conference on the theme:

The CARICOM Single Market and Economy: Legal, Political, Economic and Social Dimensions

The conference will be held on the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies, in the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, over the period March 31-April 2, 2004.

The idea of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) is not new and dates back at least to the report of the West Indian Commission of 1990. Indeed in that report the date of January 1, 1993, was proposed as D-day. More than ten years later it still has not happened. But it has never ceased to be a hot topic and, as the trend towards the creation of regional blocs continues, and with the imminent arrival on FTAA in 2005, it is almost the final chance to pose and answer the right questions. It is for this reason that the SALISES is hosting a conference on this theme. Participation is open to scholars, policy makers, graduate students, professionals and all persons interested in the burning issues associated with this theme.

The integration of national economies is taking place all over the world. The European Union is but only one, though perhaps the most outstanding, example of this. Such movements spawn challenges in almost every sphere as independent nations grapple with the idea of opening their economies and societies to regional neighbours who will henceforth enjoy similar, if not identical, rights as citizens. These challenges may be manifested at the level of the entire grouping of nations as well as at the level of the individual member states. This conference seeks to attract papers that treat with this complex state of affairs as it relates to social, economic, political, cultural, environmental, legal and other dimensions and their implications for consensus, or dissent, among the CARICOM member states. The primary units of analysis may be the region as a whole, sub regional blocs or the individual nations. It is also hoped that the papers will address a range of scholarly concerns that treat specifically with theory, method, policy issues and other related matters.

Prof. William J. Baumol, Professor of Economics and Director, C.V. Starr Center for Applied Economics, New York University, will be delivering the 2004 lecture in the Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecturer Series on the evening of March 31, 2004.

Possible themes for written submissions are:

The integration of capital and financial markets;

The Caribbean Court of Justice;

The harmonization of (i) statistical data (ii) environmental policy (iii) social policy (iv) accounting standards;

The regulatory framework for financial institutions;

Governance issues: toward a CARICOM Parliament?

A Central Bank for the CARICOM region;

CARICOM single currency.

Regional and international migration;

Challenges for the Labour Market;

Crime (terrorism, international drug trafficking) and the CSME;

The development of sport in the CSME;

Any other theme of direct relevance to the problems and issues associated with the CSME

The deadline for submission of abstracts is January 24, 2004.
Authors of papers accepted for presentation at the conference will be notified by January 30, 2004.
The deadline for submission of full papers in pdf format is February 29, 2004.

The standard mode of delivery at the Conference will be Power Point presentations and presenters will be asked to have these available in advance of the conference date. Persons wishing to use other forms of presentation (slides, transparencies etc.) are asked to make this known in advance so that the necessary arrangements may be made.

Conference participants will receive a CD with all the papers presented.

Application Forms as well as Hotel Reservation Forms are available on line at www.uwi.tt/fss or from:

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