



The University of the West Indies
SIR ARTHUR LEWIS INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES
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Trinidad & Tobago

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies (SALISES) is issuing a call for papers for its **8th Annual Conference** on the theme:

Crisis, chaos and change: Caribbean Development Challenges in the 21st Century

The conference will be held in Trinidad & Tobago over the period March 26-28, 2007.

Objective

The small economies of the Caribbean, most of which are island economies, are grappling with the consequences of globalization and the accompanying changes in rules of international trade, including loss of preferential markets and erosion of preferences due to tariff reduction. This has resulted in increasing competition for traditional products from this region, a situation compounded by rising energy costs and accompanying negative social ills like unemployment, rising criminality, overburdened health and educational facilities and the like. The region is also facing a serious threat from climate change and the accompanying rising sea levels and increase in number and ferocity of hurricanes. Yet many of the countries of the region have optimistically declared a date in the near future by which they would achieve developed nation status. Can this really be achieved? How is it to be achieved? What are realistic development options for the region, given the limited policy space now available to these small economies? It is to answer questions like these that the SALISES is hosting a conference on the theme indicated. Participation is open to scholars, policy makers, graduate students, professionals and all persons interested in the burning issues associated with this theme.

A non exhaustive list of possible topics for written submissions is:

1. Social and Economic development: retrospect and prospect.
2. Crime and violence.
3. CSME, FTAA and other trade related issues.
4. Sport and Culture in the developmental process.
5. Governance, democracy and development.
6. The role of Migration in development and underdevelopment.

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7. Poverty and living standards: the challenge to development.
8. Issues in the development and maintenance of social capital (health, education, entrepreneurship).
9. Developmental platforms: tourism, oil and gas, non traditional goods and services.
10. Disaster preparedness and coping with the aftermath of disaster.
11. The environment: coastlines, fisheries, sustainable development.

The Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecturer Series

The 2007 Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecturer will be Prof Barry Eichengreen, George C. Pardee and Helen N. Pardee Professor of Economics and Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley. The lecture will be delivered on the evening of March 26, 2007.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 1, 2006.

Authors of papers accepted for presentation at the conference will be notified by January 5, 2007.

The deadline for submission of full papers in PDF format is February 16, 2007.

Send abstracts of 200 words or less, or full papers (inclusive of abstracts), to:

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Abstracts should contain keywords as well as JEL Classification numbers.

Limited funding is available on a competitive basis, and on the receipt of acceptable full papers, to defray the cost of participation. Please apply in writing to Ms Patricia Sampson and attach CV.

Further details will soon be posted.