

**4th Biennial Department of Behavioural Sciences
Postgraduate Research Conference:
AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS**

Thursday 7th April & Friday 8th April 2022 (Virtual)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deconstructing the 'new normal': Prospects and Challenges for Caribbean Societies



On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a global pandemic. Governments worldwide issued stay at home orders with the implementation of Public Health regulations and physical restrictions in an effort to contain the spread of the disease. No doubt, this pandemic continues to impact the structures, relations, thinking and practices of our societies in unprecedented ways. While this global pandemic persists and continues to alter the way of life of our Caribbean people, it is important for us to evaluate the challenges associated with these changes and to explore the many opportunities for reimagining our societies.

The 4th Biennial Department of Behavioural Sciences Postgraduate Research Conference 'Deconstructing the 'new normal': Prospects and challenges for Caribbean societies' provides an opportunity for participants to advance critical discussions on pertinent issues. The conference is also an opportunity to collaborate with colleagues on methods or strategic interventions that are necessary to tackle some of the problems and concerns plaguing the Caribbean. This virtual conference, carded for 7th and 8th April 2022 offers current postgraduate students, researchers, and faculty and other stakeholders the opportunity to think through some of the problems and changes related, but not limited to:

Bullying (including cyber bullying)

Human trafficking

Domestic violence

Mental health and resilience

Poverty

Cybercrime

Social inequalities

Climate change

(Un)documented migrants

Interventions and activism

Technology, teaching and learning in higher education

Social environment

Social justice agendas

Leadership and transformative praxis

Child welfare, rights and protection

Worker protection and rights

Considerations will be given for presentations in the following formats:

Traditional paper presentations:

Presentations should be 20 minutes long. Papers can be based on individual or collaborative research.

Roundtable discussions:

Roundtables should include at least three participants. The proposal for a roundtable should include a general topic/theme, and 3 open-ended queries/open questions to lead and direct the discussion. A general abstract for the roundtable should also be included.

Creative presentations:

Creative presentations include poems, short stories, visual art, songs, brief performance art, and theatre. Proposals should include the imagery as .jpg files and proposed topic abstract. Creative presentations that are recorded should be no longer than 5 minutes. Visual artists can present digital slide talks about their work. These presentations will be used as part of an E-story board, which will be accessible to all participants.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

We welcome papers from the academic community within and beyond the region. Proposals must designate the submission category and include your name, University, whether you are a student or faculty member, title of the presentation, and a 300–500-word abstract. Strong student papers will be eligible for three (3) special conference prizes. Conference organizers will also invite select participants to submit full paper subsequent to the conference for consideration as part of an edited book.

Submission deadline: 7 January 2022

Decision: 28 January 2022

Submission of full Student Papers for consideration of special prizes:

1 April 2022

To submit a proposal and to seek further clarification, please email:
dbs.conference@sta.uwi.edu.

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