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OVERVIEW OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute of International Relations at The University of the West Indies is a regional, autonomous academic institution at the St. Augustine Campus, with associate fellows at the Mona and Cave Hill Campuses, and within other organizations. Since its founding in 1966, the Institute has been dedicated to the conduct of advanced research and teaching concerning the international challenges of the contemporary world, with special emphasis upon the Caribbean and Latin American regions. As a vital part of the infrastructure for its teaching and research, the Institute has developed a Library that constitutes one of the best information resources available, regarding the international relations of the Caribbean. In addition to its Postgraduate Diploma, M.Sc. and MPhil/PhD programmes, the Institute of International Relations, through the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean, meets related regional and national human resource development needs by offering short intensive modular training programs for public and private sector and civil society personnel. The Institute also offers international policy research and advisory services and consultancies.

MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE

The mission of the Institute of International Relations is to enhance understanding of Caribbean international relations, applying multidisciplinary perspectives, while contributing to related regional and national human resource development. The Institute of International Relations offers excellent research, teaching and consultative assistance to all stakeholders. The Institute organizes, sponsors or co- sponsors workshops, conferences, and seminars relevant to the international challenges of the region and publishes two regular online issues for the *Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy*.

VISION OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute of International Relations brings the expertise and energies of all the international relations academic staff within The University of the West Indies, as well as those of selected Associate Fellows located elsewhere, to bear effectively upon the needs of the Caribbean region's public and private sectors for research, teaching, consultancy and training, concerning the

region's international challenges and opportunities, within multidisciplinary fields ranging from finance, business and management to politics, history, economics, education, and law.

GOVERNANCE OF THE INSTITUTE

The governance of the Institute is vested in the Board of the Institute, which is chaired by The UWI Vice Chancellor. The management of the Institute rests with the Director, who is responsible to the Board for the proper discharge of its functions.

ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific
ACP-EU	African, Caribbean and Pacific – European Union
ACRL	Association of College and Research Libraries
ACS	Association of Caribbean States
AJL	Alma Jordan Library
ALA	American Library Association
ATINER	Athens Institute for Education and Research
ATS	Administrative, Technical Staff
B.Sc.	Bachelor of Science
BA	Bachelor of Arts
CAF	Development Bank of Latin America
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARIFORUM-EU	Caribbean Forum - European Union
CCR	Centre for Conflict Resolution
CCRON	Caribbean Child Right Observatory Network
CDRAV	Coalition for Development and the Reduction of Armed Violence
Cert.	Certificate
CILIP	Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals
CIT&E	Community Intervention for Transformation and Empowerment
CL	Compulsory Leave
CLASCO	Latin American Council of Social Studies
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease (2019)
CPDC	Caribbean Policy Development Centre
CRIES	Coordinadora Red de Investigacion Economica y Social
CSA	Caribbean Studies Association
DAOC	Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean
DBA	Doctor of Business Administration
Dip.	Diploma
DIPG	Graduate Diploma

Dist.	Distinction
ECDPM	European Centre for Development Policy Management
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESG	Earth System Governance
EU	European Union
FIU	Financial Intelligence Unit
FLASCO-RD	Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Programa República Dominicana
FYE	For Your Entertainment
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
GOTT	Government of Trinidad and Tobago
HNMUN	Harvard National Model United Nations
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Hons.	Honors
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
IIR	Institute of International Relations
IL	Information Literacy
ILO	International Labour Organization
IR	International Relations
ISA	International Studies Association
LASA	Latin American Studies Association
LATT	Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago
LEC	Legal Education Certificate
LLB	Bachelor of Laws
LLM	Master of Laws
LOA	Leave of Absence
MMIRA-CC	Mixed Methods International Research Association, Caribbean Chapter
MPhil	Master of Philosophy
MSc	Master of Science
NGL	Norman Girvan Library

NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OJT	On-the-Job Trainee
PG Dip	Postgraduate Diploma
PG	Postgraduate
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
Q2	Quarter Two
Q3	Quarter Three
Q4	Quarter Four
R.O.C	Republic of China
RFSCC	Regional Financial Stability Coordination Council
RTW	Required to Withdraw
SALISES	Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies
SAS	Student Administration System
SIDS	Small Island Development States
SSLC	Student/Staff Liaison Committee
STA	St. Augustine
T&T	Trinidad and Tobago
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
US	United States
USC	University of Southern Caribbean
UWI STA	University of the West Indies, St. Augustine
UWI	University of the West Indies

Director's Annual Report 2019 – 2020

DIRECTOR SUMMARY

For the UWI Institute of International Relations and the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean, as indeed for most of the world, academic year 2019/2020 has been marked by upheaval, disrupted work processes and emergency adjustments that resulted from the COVID 19 global pandemic, announced in March 2020. The report reflects these events which dramatically reconfigured the latter part of the year. Semester One and the first two months of Semester Two progressed normally. The Institute had an ambitious work programme which focused on the scheduled Quality Assurance Review process (QAR), a mandatory procedure for all units of the UWI every few years. Another major focus was Curriculum and Pedagogical Reform (CPR), and advances were made in this respect. The IIR and DAOC organized several public events, including two symposia. The first was a tribute to Sir Alister McIntyre in September 2019, and the second was organized in partnership with the Association of Caribbean States in February 2020 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of that organization's founding.

However, with effect from mid-March 2020, all activities requiring a physical presence on the UWI campus were suspended because of the public health emergency regulations. Many key events were postponed and the energies of staff and students at the IIR and the DAOC were diverted to refocus on keeping administrative, teaching, research, other scholarly and public service activities going by means of digital technology. The pandemic has given us greater experience and confidence in working with distance and blended learning technologies. This will certainly engender new areas of innovation and growth in our operations. Semester Two teaching and examinations were piloted to a successful conclusion in which academic and support staff responded very well, most of the students were able to cope. We ended Semester Two looking forward to holding soon some important activities of the DAOC and the IIR had to be postponed. They included training modules of the DAOC, the eight-week WTO Regional Trade Policy Course, which should have been held in June-July 2020, various public events and the visit of the Quality Assurance Review team which should have taken place during March 2020, and which was eventually conducted in the first semester of the academic year 2020-2021.

OVERVIEW

STAFF

Appointments Promotions and Resignations

The IIR/ DAOC welcomed one new academic staff member in July 2019, Dr Nand Bardouille, Manager of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean who was appointed for a three-year contractual period. This was a significant advance for the Diplomatic Academy which has struggled with high turnover of managerial staff. It is hoped that more stable staffing will lead to consolidation and growth for the DAOC.

Three academic staff members, Drs Chami, Laguardia and Montoute were promoted above the Lecturer Bar between 2018 and 2019.

STUDENTS

Achievements & Awards, Enrolment, Graduation

The **PG Diploma programme** continues to fulfil the necessary function of a bridging programme for students wishing to pursue graduate studies in International relations with no undergraduate exposure to International Relations or Social Science training as well as those seeking a career conversion and requiring such a diploma. Eleven persons graduated with the PG Diploma in International Relations, four with distinction.

M.Sc. in Global Studies. Miss Asabi Rawlins, of the MSc class, was awarded a **Chevening scholarship** and is now pursuing doctoral studies in the United Kingdom. 29 individuals were awarded the M.Sc. in Global Studies, five graduating with distinction.

MPhil/PhD. The M.Phil./PhD programme had 22 registered students in 2019/2020, 11 of whom were M.Phil. and 11 PhD candidates.

An initiative was launched in April 2020 to regularly engage with the MPhil/PhD student group via Zoom. The first meeting met with an enthusiastic response from the students. It is hoped that the systematic use of such distance technologies will strengthen our links with the research student community and will enable them to construct their own collegial support network and assuage the feelings of isolation that busy people on the PhD journey can sometimes experience.

During the year, two candidates, Drs. Indera Sagewan and Faies Jafar were awarded their doctoral degrees. Ms Natasha Lalla completed her MPhil. Degree. Three candidates had their PhD Viva exams and are in the process of completing the requirements for the award of degree. Their research is cutting edge research with important policy implications for important international relations areas for the Caribbean. They were:

- *Extracting, Understanding and Explaining the Foreign Policy Formulation and Implementation Process of Trinidad and Tobago* - Presented by: **Faies Jafar**, IIR, Yves Collart Boardroom, September 30, 2019
- *Deconstructing the Good Governance Agenda: A Comparative Analysis of Selected Caribbean Small Island Developing States and Sub-National Island Jurisdictions — (Curaçao, Sint Maarten and Trinidad and Tobago)* - Presented by **Genève Phillip-Durham**, IIR, Yves Collart Boardroom, October 4, 2019
- *Sustainable Tourism Development and Network Governance: A Critical Examination of Sustainable Tourism Networks in Three Caribbean Destinations - Jamaica, Trinidad, and Tobago* - Presented by: **Lynelle Clarke**, IIR, Yves Collart Boardroom, December 9, 2019

2018 2019 Awarded Degrees.

Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations

1	DIPG	JAMES	Tracy
2	DIPG	JEFFREY-JOSEPH	Janelle
3	DIPG	MAHABIR	Asha
4	DIPG	MARCANO	Dawn
5	DIPG	MATHURASINGH	Neil
6	DIPG	MOHAMMED	Shabbir
7	DIPG	RAMHAN**	Rachel
8	DIPG	SINGH**	Trishana
9	DIPG	SMALL	Joellene
10	DIPG	ST. BERNARD**	Felisha

11	DIPG	WILLIAMS**	Tonica
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**** Four of the eleven successful students graduated with Distinction from the Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations programme.**

MSc in Global Studies

1	MSc	AMOROSO	Sparkle
2	MSc	ANDREW	Andel
3	MSc	ANDREW	Sarah
4	MSc	CLEMENT	Valetia
5	MSc	EDWARDS **	Jeremy
6	MSc	FRANCIS	Nikieta
7	MSc	GARCIA	Nestor
8	MSc	GAYADEEN	Arianna
9	MSc	GILES	Leigh-Ann
10	MSc	HANKEY	Krista Marie
11	MSc	HARNARINE **	Priya
12	MSc	HASSAN	Farah
13	MSc	HENDER	Paula
14	MSc	HOSEIN **	Shazana
15	MSc	LAKHAN **	Usha
16	MSc	MAUNDY	Simone
17	MSc	MC CARTHY	Raecine
18	MSc	NAGIR	Lorena
19	MSc	OBIKA	Nyahuma
20	MSc	RAMNATH	Zara
21	MSc	RAWLINS **	Asabi
22	MSc	REANEY	Nilijah
23	MSc	SEWDASS	Ria

24	MSc	STEWART	Sobiana
25	MSc	TAYLOR	Elizabeth
26	MSc	THOMAS	Joshua
27	MSc	WILLIAMS	Nigel
28	MSc	WILSON-BONAPARTE	Giselle
29	MSc	YEATES	Tzi

**** Five of the twenty-nine successful students graduated with Distinction from the MSc in Global Studies programme.**

PhD in International Relations

1	PhD	PARDESI	Nikita
2	PhD	SAGEWAN	Indera

PROGRAMS

IIR students regularly benefit from **exposure to multilateral organisations** with offices in Trinidad. During 2019/2020 four local field trips were organized to the Caribbean Court of Justice, the European Union Delegation, the Red Cross Headquarters in Trinidad and Tobago and for the PG Dip students a visit to the Chilean Embassy residence for a special lecture. The staff and students received a wonderful reception and very informative presentations during all four visits.

The **broadening of the curriculum** continued with the introduction of a second new course in International Security and Strategy prepared and taught for the first time in Semester Two by Dr Michal Pawinski, INRL 6103 Diplomacy and Strategy: Wargaming Simulation. The course began as a F2F course delivered every other Saturday for eight hours but successfully switched to online delivery in mid-March 2020. Participants gained several new skills in strategic military planning, negotiating techniques, teamwork and coordination and expanded their experience with using certain communications technologies. Similar accelerated learning occurred in Dr Keron Niles'

INRL 6102- Climate Change: Policy and Economic Options for SIDS, where student groups had to record and virtually present documentary films on Climate Change responses in SIDS.

Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean. The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean, as part of its mandate to complement the teaching programmes of the Institute of International Relations (IIR), successfully delivered the following training modules, which were well received and subscribed to:

Date	Module Title
9-12 March, 2020	<u>Understanding International Sanctions: Implications for the Caribbean</u>
11-14 November, 2019	<u>The Art of Corporate and Diplomatic Communication</u>
14-17 October 2019	<u>Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional</u>

Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN). Notable among the activities under the IIR is participation at the **Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN)** event, held annually in February. HNMUN is a simulation of the UN General Assembly which brings together 3000 students and faculty members from colleges and universities globally to address and experience the challenges associated with international negotiations and diplomacy. The St. Augustine Campus through the Institute of International Relations has been participating in a One UWI team at the HNMUN since February 2017, together with the other two Campuses. At the HNMUN held 13 – 16 Feb 2020, Boston Massachusetts, the St. Augustine Campus was represented by four students, all of whom are enrolled in the IIR Post Graduate programmes: Terri Ann Baker, Danielle Lewis, Joneille Johnson and Ryan Abraham. Dr. Abraham and Ms. Baker (double delegate) received Diplomatic Commendation for representing India on the World Health Organisation and Ms Johnson received Diplomatic Commendation for representing Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic on the African Union. This is the second year in a row that the STA members of the UWI team were successful.

UWI STA Model UN Club. In December 2018, the UN Model United Nations Club was officially established at the St. Augustine Campus, UWI. Dr Georgina Chami, Faculty Advisor for the Club

and the Executive Members of the Club have been working closely with both internal UWI and external stakeholders to engage and develop the Model UN activities within and outside the campus. In this regard, the Club has organized Model UN Simulations on Climate Change and Refugee Crisis and participated in UWI activities such as Guild Fest. The Club in collaboration with the UN Information Centre also hosted an open discussion forum in commemoration of United Nations Day, October 24. A significant event was the Club's collaboration with the Dean's Office, Faculty of Science & Technology and Trinidad & Tobago National Commission for UNESCO on an interdisciplinary Panel Discussion in commemoration of World Science Day in 2019. The theme was "Open Science: Climate Change and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). What Now?"

Internship. During Semesters One and Two, the IIR has advertised to its students and alumni various **internship, training and employment opportunities** from embassies, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organization, the UNHCR, the International Development Bank and the Organization of American States. Due to the peculiar nature of this academic year, we do not yet have any information on who might have benefited from such opportunities.

RESEARCH

Academic Staff continue to collaborate with national, regional, and international colleagues, programs, and projects to lead scholarly activities and to publish in their respective disciplines. IIR Academic staff also support global research by routinely contributing as peer reviewers for academic journals. Please see the sections below for a full list of published work.

In the 2019-2020 academic year, Dr. Laguardia was a researcher for the Project *La presencia China en el Gran Caribe: Ayer y hoy*, sponsored by the Centro de Estudios Caribeños of the PCUMM, Dominican, Republic (October 2019 – March 2021). Dr. Laguardia also was one of the organisers of the CLACSO Seminar *Marxismos negros: raza y clase en el pensamiento crítico afrodescendiente y africano*, sponsored by the CLACSO Working Group Crisis, Respuestas y Alternativas en el Gran Caribe (May – August 2020).

Research-Published. Drs Laguardia, Chami, Montoute and Mohammed are to be congratulated on the publication in September 2019 of their co-authored book *Changing Cuba-US Relations: What Implications for CARICOM States?* New York: Palgrave Macmillan. This text is timely and policy-relevant in the current context of US-Caribbean relations. Overall, IIR full time academic staff published in 2019-2020, one co-authored book, ten book chapters in edited collections, thirteen peer-reviewed journal articles and six encyclopaedic entries. In addition, Dr Samantha Chaitram, a PT member of staff who worked as Academic Coordinator for the WTO RTPC in 2019 and taught the M.Sc. International Trade course in Semester One, published one article and a major text on US-Caribbean Foreign Policy with Palgrave Macmillan. Congratulations to Dr Chaitram!

Research funding. Dr. Scobie was awarded a prestigious Belmont Forum grant, as part of an international consortium of five principal investigators from the UWI, University College London, RAND (USA), and the Norwegian Institute of Health for a 3-year research project entitled: Community collective action to respond to climate change influencing the environment-health nexus. The team is studying how volunteer-based, local groups self-organize to respond to climate change and its environmental impacts to contribute to health systems, formal and informal, which can adequately address changes to heat stress, infectious disease, and food systems.

Under the editorial leadership of Dr Michelle Scobie, the IIR is reorganizing the *Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy*. We are happy to announce the online publication of an issue dedicated to reflections on the life and legacy of former UN Secretary-General, the late Kofi Annan. The issue is the product of an IIR symposium on this subject in September 2018 and has been guest edited by Drs Annita Montoute and Georgina Chami. Other issues are in the pipeline for publication in 2020 and 2021.

OUTREACH

Public Outreach & Collaborative Events

Staff outreach: 2019/2020 has been a truncated year for conference activity with major research expeditions and academic gatherings in the second semester being cancelled or converted,

where possible, into virtual events. Nonetheless, IIR academics participated in and presented at over twenty (20) conferences and workshops during the year. These included face to face events such as the UWI/CARIFESTA 2019 conference, the IIR's own symposia, conferences in Panama City, Havana, the Dominican Republic, and virtual conferences organized by LASA and CRIES/Stanley Foundation, among others.

IIR outreach. The IIR had a busy schedule of public events. They included the Sir Alister McIntyre *Caribbean on the Edge* symposium, a tribute to the life and tremendous contribution to Caribbean development by the former UWI Vice Chancellor, September 11 – 12 2019. This event was conceptualized and organized by Professor Winston Dookeran and Dr. Dave Seerattan with the support of the IIR Secretariat and material contributions from the UWI Research and Publications Fund and the Central Banks of The Bahamas, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago. There was also the ACS 25th anniversary symposium in February 2020, a collaborative effort between the IIR and the ACS Secretariat. Special credits go to Drs Nand Bardouille, Jacqueline LaGuardia, Annita Montoute and the ACS colleagues for its organization, also to the Norman Girvan Library for the ACS exhibition.

Dr Cary Fraser, Associate Professor at Appalachian State University, delivered a public lecture on the United States in a Changing Global Order in January 2020, and in January, the IIR hosted Dr Christopher Hackett, former Barbadian representative to the UN New York, arranging a discussion panel for the launch of his autobiography *Small State Diplomacy: Representing Barbados at the United Nations*. Both individuals are distinguished alumni of the IIR. The Institute is focused on strengthening ties with its extensive alumni network, pursuing collaborative projects, and drawing on their resources whenever possible.

There were three Diplomatic Dialogues organized jointly by the IIR and DAOC. Mr Andreas Haack, Charge d'Affaires at the German Embassy delivered a thought-provoking session on Germany's experience in the transition to renewable energy 1990 to the present, in October 2019. In November 2019, H.E. the High Commissioner of India gave a presentation on India's foreign policy, a continuation of the IIR's focus on the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region,

and Mr Gian Piero Leoncini, Representative of the Latin American Development Bank or the CAF in Trinidad spoke on “A Success Story in regional integration: the growth of the Latin American Development Bank”. All these events were well attended by the public and by UWI students and staff, and all provided fascinating perspectives on important issues for regional and global affairs. IIR students benefited from approximately 16 guest lectures in their various courses. I mention two, the special guest lecture by H.E. the High Commissioner of New Zealand Mr Anton Ajala “Comparative Perspectives on Caribbean and Pacific SIDS” and the lecture by Dr Ruben Gonzales Vicente, University of Leiden “The Rise of Populist Politics during Late Capitalism”. Both presentations took place early in Semester Two.

Visiting Guest Lectures 2019-2020

- ***Climate Change: Financing & Investment Options***

Lecture presented by Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh, Head, Multilateral Environmental Agreements Unit, Government of Trinidad & Tobago

March 31, 2020

- ***Professional/Business Etiquette and Diplomatic Correspondence & Writing***

Interactive sessions conducted by Ms. Gail Guy, Former Chief of Protocol, T&T

March 6, 2020

- ***The Role of Regional Trade Agreements in International Trade and Development: The EPA***

Lecture presented by Dr. Kusha Haraksingh, Lead Negotiator, Legal and Institutional Issues, College of Negotiators for the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement and Senior Fellow, Institute of International Relations

March 2, 2020

- ***Intersection of International & National Climate Change Policies (Common but Differentiated Responsibilities): Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and their implementation.***

Lecture presented by Mr Vintura Silva, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

February 11, 2020

- ***The Pacific Territories, including its connections with New Zealand and its parallels (and differences) with the Caribbean.***

Lecture by H.E. Anton Ojala, High Commissioner of New Zealand to Trinidad and Tobago
February 5, 2020

- ***The UNFCCC: The treaty and its mechanisms***

Lecture presented by Ms. Rueanna Haynes, Climate Analytics
February 4, 2020

- ***Protocol & Etiquette***

Lecture presented by Ms. Gail Guy, Former Chief of Protocol, T&T and Ambassador Dennis Francis, Former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago,
November 11, 2019

- ***Constructivism: Theory, Application and Value***

Lecture presented by Dr. Courtney Lindsay, IDB Barbados Office
November 7, 2019

STRATEGY REVIEW

Achievements 2019/2020

Area	Indicators	UWI Strat. Plan Axes
Staffing	DAOC and IIR Secretariat staff stabilised. Other matters still pending.	Axis Three: Agility
Quality Assurance	SAR completed, review team selected, programme prepared. Review visits postponed due to COVID-19 lockdown.	Axes One, Two and Three
Curriculum and Pedagogical Reform (CPR)	2 new M. Sc electives approved; Revised M. Sc/PGDip programme document in final stages of completion before submission for approval by OGSR and BGS.	Axis One: Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Axis Two: Strategic partnerships; Axis Three: Agility via greater competitiveness, increased

	DAOC new module	student nos., increased tuition revenue. Axes 1, 2, 3
Research and Publication	30 peer reviewed publications spread across various categories. For 10 FT academic staff, this exceeds the norm of 2 publications per annum. One CJIRD issue currently in press.	Axis One: Access Axis Two: Alignment Axis Three: Agility
Public Engagement	IIR/DAOC 11 public events encompassing symposia, public lectures, diplomatic dialogues, and book launch. <u>N.B. postponement of three public lectures.</u> Average attendance at events 23-25? Approximately ten engagements with local and international media outlets by academic staff.	Axes One, Two and Three
Institutional Collaboration	Collaborative partnerships: IOs – ACS, ECLAC; CARICOM entities; CAF; CCJ; CFATF; Caribbean Govts: Gov SVG, various GOTT entities; Embassies: Germany, Chile, India, Mexico, Sth Africa; EU Delegation; US Embassy. CSOs: CLACSO, Canadian Council of Americas, Flacso/DR; the Red Cross; Living Waters.	Axes One, Two and Three
	Universities (non-exhaustive): U. Havana, U. Panama, U. Antilles, U. Puerto Rico, PUCMM DR, U. Geneva, Grad. Institute of Geneva, U. Malta; UWI – various Campus and Cross-Campus collabs.	

Alumni Engagement	Two public events featuring prominent alumni; research groundwork completed for starting UWI Alumni IIR chapter; initial meeting with alumni postponed due to COVID 19 lockdown.	Axis Two: Alignment; Axis Three: Agility.
Infrastructural Maintenance and security Upgrades	Roof repairs implemented; Security audit completed; security upgrade students' washrooms almost completed; securitization of entry points to DAOC/IIR in progress; quarterly ozone treatment of Secretariat & staff offices ongoing;	Axes One and Three.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The IIR has in 2019/2020 hosted a long list of distinguished visitors which include many ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, retired ambassadors, officials of international and regional organizations and university academics, in collaboration with the DAOC which are listed below:

Senator the Hon. Paula Gopee-Scoon

Minister of Trade and Industry

Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

His Excellency Arun Kumar Sahu

High Commissioner

High Commission of India, Port-of-Spain

His Excellency Anton Ojala

High Commissioner

High Commission of New Zealand to Trinidad and Tobago

Ambassador Dr. June Soomer

Secretary General

Association of Caribbean States

Ambassador Dr. Christopher Hackett

Former Ambassador of Barbados to the United Nations

Professor Thomas Biersteker

The Graduate Institute of International Development Studies, Geneva

Dr. Zuzana Hudakova

The Center for International Studies (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris

Dr. Arnold McIntyre

Deputy Division Chief

Caribbean Division Western Hemisphere Department

International Monetary Fund, Washington D.

Mr. Nicholas McIntyre

Vice President

Citibank, Port of Spain

Dr. Ruben Gonzalez Vicente

Lecturer

Leiden University in the Netherlands

Dr. Cary Fraser

Associate Professor of Government and Justice Studies

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina

Dr. Helvia Velloso

Economic Affairs Officer

United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Washington D.C., USA

Dr. Carlos Elias

Adjunct Professor of Economics

Radford University, USA

Mr. Collin Constantine

PhD Student

Department of Economics

Kingston University

London, UK

Mrs. Tricia Barrow

Political Advisor

The Association of Caribbean States

Mr. Andreas Haack

Chargé d'Affaires

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Port-of-Spain

Mr. Gianpiero Leoncini

Representative, Trinidad and Tobago

CAF Development Bank of Latin America

PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF STAFF (LIST)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

J. Byron

A CARICOM Perspective

Canada's Regional Standing post-United Nations Security Council Loss
Canadian Council of the Americas Webinar
June 23, 2020

J. Byron

La Crise Venezuelienne et Ses Implications Regionales

Public Lecture

Université des Antilles, Campus Fouillole, Pointe à Pitre Guadeloupe

January 17, 2020

J. Byron

The Geopolitical and Economic Importance of the Caribbean Community to Latin America: The Gestation of a Relationship

Segundo Congreso de Relaciones Internacionales

Escuela de Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad de Panama, Panama City

September 30 – October 4, 2019

J. Byron

Pan-Caribbean Regionalism

The Caribbean on the Edge: A Tribute to Sir Alister McIntyre

IIR Symposium

University Inn and Conference Centre, The UWI, St. Augustine

September 11 – 12, 2019.

G. Chami

Workshop on Proposal Writing: Securing Successful Grants

Hosted by Institute of International Relations and Faculty of Social Sciences in collaboration with the St. Augustine Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

December 2 – 4, 2019.

G. Chami

Social Media Mediating in Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism

Prioritizing Caribbean Security in the 21st Century: Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism

Conference hosted by the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC), US Embassy and the Indian High Commission

October 2 – 3, 2019.

J. La Guardia

Guest Speaker on CARICOM's role in regional cooperation at the CEAPRC,

June 23, 2020.

J. La Guardia

Presenter at the Webinar COVID 19 in the Caribbean: Exchange of Experiences, organized by CO.RE.CA on the topic "Cuba-CARICOM relationship solidarity and cooperation to face the covid-19",

June 13, 2020.

J. La Guardia

"Las relaciones intracaribeñas en las circunstancias actuales de América Latina: retos y oportunidades para los vínculos Cuba-CARICOM", paper presented at XXXVIII International LASA Congress, Guadalajara, May 13-16, 2020.

J. La Guardia

Panelist at Ciclo de Diálogos Virtuales CLACSO "Coronavirus y salud internacional Sur-Sur" on Desafíos del Caribe frente al Coronavirus: Puerto RicoHaití–Cuba–Trinidad y Tobago–República Dominicana,

April 14, 2020.

A. Montoute

Whose Development: Caribbean Civil Society and the ACP - EU Economic Partnership Agreements

Latin American Studies Association Virtual Conference

May 13 – 16, 2020

A. Montoute

The Making of the Association of Caribbean States: Expanding the Greater Caribbean and Driving Caribbean Cooperation

ACS at Twenty-Five: In Retrospect and Prospect

Association of Caribbean States in collaboration with the Institute of International Relations

The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, February 13, 2020

A. Montoute

The Caribbean: A Battleground for US and Chinese Supremacy?

XIII International Conference on Caribbean Studies. Norman Girvan Chair of Caribbean Studies

University of Havana, Cuba, December 9 – 11, 2019

K. Niles

Post COVID-19 opportunities for transformation in Trinidad and Tobago

Webinar: "COVID-19 - Not just recovery but an opportunity for real change"

Movement for Social Justice

7 July 2020

K. Niles

Webinar: The Post Covidian Carnival Complex Webinar-University of Trinidad & Tobago-Speaker-

Post Covidian Carnival Policy

19 June 2020

K. Niles

Webinar: "COVID-19 - Not just recovery but an opportunity for real change"-Movement for Social Justice -Speaker-Post COVID-19 opportunities for transformation in Trinidad and Tobago

7 July 2020

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For Creatives: e-Business, Digital & Tech Opportunities in a Post-Covid-19 world

The Internet Society: Trinidad and Tobago Chapter

May 28, 2020

K. Niles

Webinar on the Business of Music-Caribbean Export Development Agency -Speaker-The Caribbean Music Industry: The Urgent Digital Pivot

Caribbean Export Development Agency

May 25, 2020

K. Niles

Climate Change in SIDS: Mental Health as a Component of Adaptation Policy

University of the Southern Caribbean Research Day Conference 2020

University of the Southern Caribbean, Saint Joseph, Trinidad and Tobago

March 11, 2020

K. Niles

Facilitating the Development of Inclusive Cultural Industries as a form of Climate Change Adaptation: The case of Trinidad and Tobago

XIII Conferencia Internacional de Estudios Caribeños “15 años de la Cátedra de Estudios del Caribe”

Cátedra de Estudios del Caribe “Norman Girvan”

Universidad de La Habana in Havana, Cuba

December 12, 2019

K. Niles

Facilitating the Development of Inclusive Cultural Industries as a form of Climate Change Adaptation: The case of Trinidad and Tobago

CARIFESTA XIV Symposia “Journey Round Myself: Crossing Borders. Strengthening Connections.
Breaking Boundaries
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus
August 20, 2019

M. Pawinski

Support and Strengthening the Strategic Threat Assessment Capacity in Trinidad and Tobago
Integrated Threat Assessment Centre
National Security Council, Office of the Prime Minister

M. Scobie

*Sustainable Development Goals, governance, norms, implementation pathways and Small Island
Developing States*
International SDG Research Symposium- Keynote speaker
Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 2020

M. Scobie

Justice and the draft provisions of the new BBNJ agreement.
Workshop for Caribbean Diplomats on the Treaty Negotiations for the Law of the Sea Convention-
Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.
Online organised by the CARICOM Secretariat, November 2019

M. Scobie

*Architectures of global environmental governance inadequately protect environmental human
rights- the justice gap and the Global Pact.*
Workshop on Human Rights in the Anthropocene – Towards a ‘Research-Advocacy’ Network
Lund, Sweden, October 2019

M. Scobie

Public policy design for increased private sector engagement on climate change in Caribbean markets

American Chamber of Trade and Commerce- Conference on Advancing the HSSE Transition

October 2019

D. Seerattan

An Optimal Strategy for Financing Growth in the Caribbean

The Caribbean on the Edge: Rising Above the Orthodoxy of Development Thinking - A Tribute to Sir Alister McIntyre

IIR Symposium

The University Inn and Conference Centre, Circular Road, St. Augustine.

September 11-12, 2019

D. Seerattan

The Impact of COVID 19 on Financial Stability in the Caribbean

54th Meeting of the CARICOM Central Bank Governors Meeting Teleconference

The Bank of Guyana

June 18, 2020

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Montoute A.

2020. Whose Development: Caribbean Civil Society and the ACP-EU Economic Partnership Agreements. Presentation, Latin American Studies Association, May 13–16. Virtual Conference (18 pages).

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- Member-International Studies Association (ISA)
- Member-Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

- Member-Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
- Member-CLASCO working group responses and alternatives in the greater Caribbean
Coordinadora Red de Investigacion Economica y Social (CRIES)
- International Editorial Board Member and Deputy Editor of Small States and Territories Journal
- Member, International Editorial Advisory Board, Third World Quarterly
- Caribbean Representative, International Affairs Committee of the World Council of Churches
- Member of the Alumni Advisory Committee for the Graduate Institute of Geneva

G. Chami

- Member, International Studies Association (ISA)
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
- Member, United Nations Association of Trinidad & Tobago
- Executive Committee, Mixed Methods International Research Association, Caribbean Chapter (MMIRA-CC)
- Patron of Queen's Hall

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- Member of the Chair of Caribbean Studies 'Norman Girvan' (Cátedra de Estudios del Caribe 'Norman Girvan'), University of Havana, Cuba
- Regional Coordinator of the Working Group *Respuestas y Alternativas en el Gran Caribe* of the Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO), 2016 – 2019.
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Academic Member of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)
- Member of the Cuba Research Forum, University of Nottingham, UK
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Revista Mexicana del Caribe*, Universidad de Quintana Roo, Mexico (2017 -)

- Member of the Editorial Board of Revista *Anales del Caribe*, Casa de las Américas, Havana, Cuba (2017 -)
- Member of the Editorial Board of Revista *Killkana Sociales*, Universidad Católica de Cuenca, Cuenca, Ecuador (2017-)

A. Montoute

- IIR Staff Representative, IIR Board
- Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Post–Graduate Sub-Committee
- Initiated and led the Institute of International Relations and Faculty of Social Sciences, ‘Grant Writing Workshop: Securing Successful Grants’ in collaboration with the St. Augustine Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, in December 2019

K. Niles

- Chairperson, Staff-Student Liaison Committee, Institute of International Relations, UWI St Augustine
- Member, Advisory Committee for Jo Francis, MPhil in International Relations student
- Represent the IIR on the Faculty of Social Sciences Staff/Student Liaison Committee
- Member, Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group
- Member, Trinidad & Tobago Green Economy Action Learning Group
- Member, Road to Recovery Sub-Committee on Remodelling Retooling and Transformation

M. Pawinski

- Member, Occupational Health and Safety Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of the West Indies
- Member, Department of Global Security and Strategic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland (2013-)

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- Member, Caribbean Studies Association
- Member, International Studies Association
- Member, Earth System Governance Science Network
- Member, Future Earth Ocean Knowledge Action Network
- Member of the 4 member UWI Team of Experts for the CARICOM Regional Advisory Group on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction. - This team appointed by the Vice Chancellor is tasked with supporting CARICOM's Governments and United Nations' Diplomats on the UN Law of the Sea International Agreement on Biodiversity and Resources Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction.
- Member, UWI Oceans Governance Network of Scholars
- Member, of journal editorial boards: Earth System Governance Journal; International Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics.
- Lead Faculty, Earth System Governance Earth System Governance Project¹
- Member- Oran Young Prize Committee - Best Early Researcher Paper for the Earth System Governance Conferences

D. Seerattan

- Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee.
- Member, Central Bank of Barbados Research Review Panel
- Member, Central Bank of The Bahamas assessment committee for the T. B. Donaldson Research Competition

¹ The Earth System Governance Lead Faculty is a small group of scientists of highest international reputation who take (shared) responsibility for the development of research on analytical problems or crosscutting themes. Membership is by invitation of the Scientific Steering Committee.

IIR EVENTS

Symposia

- **“The Caribbean on the Edge: Overcoming the Orthodoxy of Economic Thought for Better Development Outcomes.”** A two-day symposium held in tribute to Sir Alister McIntyre hosted by the IIR, The UWI, St Augustine. The symposium featured four panels on various sub-themes, with presentations by locally, regionally, and internationally based Caribbean academics, former Ambassadors, and experts in the fields of development, regionalism, trade, and finance.
September 11 and 12 2019
- **“ACS at Twenty-Five: In Retrospect and Prospect.”** A panel discussion and two-day historical exhibition hosted by the Association of Caribbean States in collaboration with IIR, The UWI, St Augustine, held in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the ACS. The symposium featured presentations by academics and experts from the DAOC, IIR, FLASCO-RD and FIU. A presentation was made by Professor Jessica Byron to Dr. June Soomer, ACS Secretary-General.
February 13 2020

Diplomatic Dialogues

- **Germany and the Caribbean – partners in combatting climate change.**
Mr. Andreas Haack
Chargé d’Affaires
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Port-of-Spain
October 22, 2019
- **India’s Foreign Policy Perspective.**
His Excellency Arun Kumar Sahu
High Commissioner
High Commission of India, Port-of-Spain
November 6, 2019
- **A success story in regional integration: the growth of CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.**

Mr. Gianpiero Leoncini
Representative, Trinidad and Tobago
CAF Development Bank of Latin America
November 14, 2018

Special Guest Lectures

- **The Rise of Populist Politics under Late Capitalism**

Dr. Ruben Gonzalez Vicente
Lecturer
Leiden University in the Netherlands
January 28, 2019

- **US - Caribbean Relations in a rapidly changing International Context.**

Dr. Cary Fraser
Associate Professor of Government and Justice Studies
Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina
February 3, 2019

Book Launches

- **The Life of a Diplomat: Representing a Small Island State at the United Nations**

A publication by Dr. Christopher Hackett, Former Ambassador of Barbados to the United Nations which was reviewed by Mr. Dennis Francis, Former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago.
February 6, 2020

Workshops

- **Working on Proposal Writing: Securing Successful Grants.**

This three-day workshop targeted academic and senior administrative staff who have responsibility for conceptualizing, writing, and administering fund raising activities in their departments. Thirty-two (32) participants took part in the training workshop which was a collaboration between the St. Augustine Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Institute of International Relations.

December 2 to 4 2020

Book Handovers

- **Handover of Books by Dr. Ana Teresa Romero, Lecturer, IIR, to the Norman Girvan Library**

International Organisations, History and Politics

March 10, 2020

PICTURES FROM KEY EVENTS (ELECTRONIC FILE ATTACHED)

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