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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 respond to the needs of the Caribbean region's public and private sectors for research, teaching, consultancy and training, concerning the region's

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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 the Institute's 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 2020 – 2021

Period: August 01st 2020 to July 31st 2021

DIRECTOR SUMMARY

Academic Year 2020/2021 has been a testing time for the Institute of International Relations (IIR) as indeed for the entire UWI. During Semester One 2020/2021, the St. Augustine Campus operated with a scaled down physical presence of staff and 100 percent virtual delivery of teaching and other academic services. During Semester Two, by May 15 2021, there was the reimposition of a public health state of emergency. While the IIR maintained an active digital presence and outreach, certain projects and initiatives were postponed to a more propitious time.

The IIR has faced a challenging financial situation with major reductions to its approved budget. Consultations and plans are underway to adjust operations and transition towards greater economic viability. This exercise has been rendered more complex in the pandemic environment. Despite the challenges in 2020/2021, the IIR maintained full delivery of all three academic programmes and the award of its postgraduate diploma, M.Sc. and PhD degrees. Notably one MPhil and four PhDs were awarded in the 2020/2021 period. There was an impressive number of high-quality public events, and in Semester Two, via digital technology, the IIR provided free access to all its in-course guest lectures, Diplomatic Dialogues, panel discussions and other webinars. There was an enthusiastic response from public officials, individuals, alumni and the Institute's regional and international networks. This gesture raised the IIR's visibility as a national and regional repository and distributor of knowledge, and helped to attract new local and international students in the following year.

The IIR also participated in a new international collaborative research project on Climate Change and Community Responses (via the work of Dr. Michelle Scobie) and contributed to a UWI STACIE capacity-building project with the Ministry of National Security (via the work of Professor Jessica Byron and Dr. Michal Pawinski). Also of note is its strategic partnership with the Caribbean Policy Consortium (CPC), a network of academics, policy advocates, public officials and private sector

representatives from North America and the Caribbean who work to strengthen United States-Caribbean relations and raise the visibility of Caribbean development concerns in the partnership. Two major webinars were organized by the IIR and the CPC in June and September 2021 respectively and the IIR had previously organized in December 2020 a webinar “The US Presidential Elections Outcome: Implications for the Caribbean” which attracted an audience of 164 regional and international viewers. The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean (DAOC) rolled out a series of webinars which explored significant developments in Caribbean international trade and diplomacy, and it offered a suite of new training modules on Consular Relations, Climate Change Negotiations and Risk Management for Natural Disasters. These innovations and the transition to digital delivery of its professional training modules led to a significant increase in the overall registration numbers and in the regional and international representation of participants in the DAOC programmes. Academic staff have continued to produce high quality and relevant academic and technical publications, and to partner with international organizations and other local and regional entities in preparing technical reports and policy briefs geared to address the multiple challenges facing the Caribbean and the global community. They have all contributed their expertise to a wide range of online discussions, public lectures and academic conferences.

In sum, the IIR is confronting the current era with determination, energy and a focus on innovation and renewal in all its activities. A Quality Review was completed in 2020/2021 and the Institute is currently working to implement the recommendations of the Review Report. Likewise, it is completing an extensive review, revision and updating of its academic programmes.

OVERVIEW

STAFF

Appointments, Promotions, Departures and Resignations

Staff Appointments and Departures

There were no new Full Time (FT) academic appointments during academic year 2020/2021. However, there were three new Part Time (PT) teaching appointments in Semester One to cover

gaps created by sabbaticals or longer term vacancies. Dr. Michelle Scobie acted as Director of the IIR for Semester Two in the absence of the Director who was overseas. Miss Wenda Rocke joined the IIR as Senior Administrative Assistant from January 1 2021 to May 2022. There were several temporary appointments of ATSS Staff.

Senior Lecturer Dr. Debbie Mohammed resigned in November 2020 while the Librarian of the Norman Girvan Library, Mrs. Cherill Farrell retired in July 2021, together with Ms. Joyce Reid, janitor. Both individuals had worked at the IIR for many years.

Promotions, Staff Training and Development

Drs. Georgina Chami and Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez were promoted above the Merit Bar in the Lecturer scale with effect from August 01 2020. Dr. Keron Niles was approved to cross the Merit Bar with effect from August 01 2021. Drs. Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez and Annita Montoute have been awarded indefinite tenure with effect from August 01 2021. Congratulations are in order for all these lecturers and for Dr. Michelle Scobie, who was promoted to Senior Lecturer with effect from August 01 2021.

Dr. Keron Niles commenced the UWI Post Graduate Diploma in University Teaching and Learning during 2020/2021. Several ATSS staff from the NGL Library and from the IIR Secretariat participated in training workshops that have been offered by the UWI STA Human Resources Division, or the Faculty of Social Sciences, or the Alma Jordan Library. These include workshops for the NGL Library staff in Chicago Manual of Style latest editions, the Turn It In programme, End Note X9, Entrepreneurship 101 workshops which have been attended by administrative and NGL staff, counselling workshops which some staff members have shown an interest in and web design and editing training which Secretariat staff have signed up for.

Staff Research Output and Scholarly Activity

During 2020/2021, eight full time academic staff members of the IIR produced a total of 34 publications, the details of which are contained in the table below.

Edited Book	Peer Reviewed Book Chapter	Refereed Journal Article	Non-Refereed Journal Article	Tech. Report	Encyclo. Entry	Research Blog	Guest Edited Journal Issue	Total
2	5	13	1	3	6	2	2	34

Members of the academic staff also delivered **38** presentations at local and international public events, meetings of national and international institutions and scholarly gatherings. These included guest lectures, webinars, conference panels, round tables, information sessions and public consultations.

Journals - Refereed

Chami, Georgina, Brown, Christopher and Nalanda Roy, 2020. "The securitization of Post-9/11 reception patterns of refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants: deconstructing the Venezuelan Exodus (A case study). " *Migration and Development* 10 (2), 23 August 2020.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/21632324.2020.1809280>

Montoute, Annita and Georgina Chami (Guest editors) 2020. "The Life and Legacy of Kofi Atta Annan: Global Statesman, Diplomat and Peacemaker Extraordinaire," *Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy* 5 (2), September 2020.

<https://journals.sta.uwi.edu/iir/index.asp>

Montoute, Annita, Gonzalez-Vicente Ruben. 2020. "A Caribbean Perspective on China-Caribbean Relations: Global IR, Dependency and the Post-Colonial Condition" *Third World Quarterly* 42 (4) DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2020.1834841.

A. Montoute

Montoute Annita and Georgina Chami (2020). Introduction, Special Issue of the Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy: *The Legacy of Kofi Annan, Global Statesman, Diplomat and Peacemaker Extraordinaire*, vol 5, no. 2, pp. 1- 30.

A. Montoute

Montoute Annita 2020. *Civil Society Responses to Trade Liberalisation: The Case of the Banana Industry in St. Lucia*, Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies vol. 44, no. 3, December, pp. 78-114

A. Montoute

Richards Joel and Annita Montoute (2020). The Global South Still Needs Development: Can the Belt and Road Deliver? UWI-GLOBAL Belt and Road Research Network Magazine: *Making the Belt and Road Initiative Work for the Caribbean*, issue no. 2, September, pp. 9 – 12.

A. Montoute

Guest editors: Hinds Kristina and Annita Montoute, 2020. Special Issue of the Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies: *Demystifying Civil Society* vol. 44, no. 3, December.

A. Montoute

Hinds Kristina and Annita Montoute, Guest Editorial 2020. Special Issue of the Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies: *Demystifying Civil Society* vol. 44, no. 3, December, pp. 1 – 8.

Jessica Byron, Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez, Annita Montoute & Keron Niles, 2021. "Impacts of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth Caribbean: key lessons", *The Round Table*, 110:1, (February 2021), pp. 99-119, DOI: 10.1080/00358533.2021.18756942

Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez, 2020. "25 años de la creación de la Asociación de Estados del Caribe: Balance y retos a la integración regional" *Caribbean Studies*, V.48, N.2., July - December, pp. 145-168. DOI 10.1353/crb.2020.0017.

Shah, Kalim U., Sashwat Roy, Wei-Ming Chen, **Keron Niles**, and Dinesh Surroop, 2020. "Application of an Institutional Assessment and Design (IAD)-Enhanced Integrated Regional Energy Policy and Planning (IREPP) Framework to Island States." *Sustainability* 12, no. 7 (2020): 2765. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su12072765>.

Chan, Sander, Idil Boran, Harro van Asselt, Paula Ellinger, Miriam Garcia, Thomas Hale, Lukas Hermwille, Kennedy Liti Mbeva, Ayşem Mert, Charles B. Roger, Amy Weinfurter, Oscar Widerberg, Paulette Bynoe, Victoria Chengo, Ayman Cherkaoui, Todd Edwards, Malin Gütschow, Angel Hsu, Nathan Hultman, David Levaï, Saffran Mihnar, Sara Posa, Mark Roelfsema, Bryce Rudyk, **Michelle Scobie**, and Manish Kumar Shrivastava. 2021. "Climate Ambition and Sustainable Development for a New Decade: A Catalytic Framework." *Global Policy* n/a (n/a). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.12932>.

Pihl, Erik, Eva Alfredsson, Magnus Bengtsson, Kathryn J Bowen, Vanesa Castan Broto, Kuei Tien Chou, Helen Cleugh, Kristie Ebi, Clea M Edwards, Eleanor Fisher, and **M. Scobie**. 2021. 10 New Insights in Climate Science 2020-a Horizon Scan. Lawrence Livermore National Lab. (LLNL), Livermore, CA (United States).

Scobie, Michelle, and Afiya France. 2020. "Child marriage, human rights and international norms: the case of legislative reform in Trinidad and Tobago." *Third World Quarterly* 41 (10):1687-1706. doi: 10.1080/01436597.2020.1780908.

Griggs, David, Mark Stafford-Smith, David Warrilow, Roger Street, Carolina Vera, **Michelle Scobie**, and Youba Sokona. 2020. "Use of weather and climate information essential for SDG implementation." *Nature Reviews Earth & Environment*. doi: 10.1038/s43017-020-00126-8.

Encyclopaedic Entries

Byron, J. 2020 Updated political and economic reviews for Guadeloupe, French Guyane, Martinique in *Europa Regional Surveys of the World: South America, Central America and the Caribbean*. London: Routledge.

Technical Reports

Byron J., Laguardia Martínez J. 2020. *Evaluation of South-South Cooperation in Selected Caribbean Countries: Barbados and Jamaica*. ECLAC Working Document LC/OR.2020/DDR/2 December 1 20-00909, Original: English 20-00904.

Keron Niles, Bertelsmann Stiftung, BTI 2021 Country Report (Editor) — Trinidad and Tobago. Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Stiftung, 2020.

Bardouille Nand. 2020. "The Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Caribbean: Economic, Governance and Political Contexts" *SRC Working Paper* Shridath Ramphal Centre, UWI Cave Hill, August 25 2020.

Blogs

Bardouille Nand "Towards a post-BREXIT UK-Caribbean Relationship" *SRC Trading Thoughts Blog* Shridath Ramphal Centre, UWI Cave Hill, March 30 2021.

Chami, Georgina and Florence Seemungal. "Rising Refugee Crisis in the Covid-19 pandemic: Venezuelan Refugees and Economic Migrants in Trinidad and Tobago." Blog, *Border Criminologies*, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford. 9th April, 2021.

<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/centre-criminology/centreborder-criminologies/blog/2021/04/venezuelan>

Peer-Reviewed Books

Edited Collections

Briguglio L., **Byron J.**, Moncada S., Veenendaal W. eds. 2020. *Handbook on Governance in Small States* London: Routledge ISBN 9780367183998

Peer-Reviewed Book chapters

Laguardia-Martinez Jacqueline 2021. ‘Notas sobre economía en la Cuba contemporánea in *(Post) colonialismo a prueba. Cuba, Puerto Rico y las Filipinas desde una perspectiva comparada*, Hans Burchardt [Ed.], Editorial Gedisa: Ciudad de México, pp. 111 – 138 ISBN 978-84-18525-65-0.

Laguardia-Martinez Jacqueline 2021. ‘Cuba’s Response to Climate Change: Mitigation Lessons from Caribbean SIDS’, in *Handbook of Climate Change Management: Research, Leadership, Transformation*, edited book by Walter Leal Filho, Johannes M. Luetz and Desalegn Yayeh Aya, Springer Nature’s “Climate Change Management Series”. DOI https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-22759-3_89-1

Laguardia-Martinez Jacqueline 2020. ‘Los efectos del cambio climático en los PEID caribeños. Propuestas de política para su enfrentamiento’, in *Cambio climático y sus impactos en el Gran Caribe/ Jacqueline Laguardia Martínez* [Ed.], CLACSO: Buenos Aires, pp. 29 – 52. ISBN 978-987-722-658-4.

Montoute Annita 2020. Walter Rodney: A Pan-African Martyrdom, pp. 237 – 250, in *The Pan-African Pantheon: Prophets, Poets and Philosophers*, edited by Adekeye Adebajo, Johannesburg: Jacana.

Staff Conferences/Workshops/Seminars/Public Lectures

J. Byron

Guest lecture delivered August 14 2020 to staff of the Jamaica Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, “COVID-19 and a Changing Global Order: Challenges for Diplomatic Practice”.

J. Byron and J. Laguardia Martinez

Presentation, ECLAC Expert Group Meeting on the Evaluation of South-South Cooperation in the Caribbean in the Context of the Post-Pandemic Recovery, December 11 2020.

J. Byron

Presentation on the Caribbean situation, Canadian Council for the Americas “*Annual Economic and Political Outlook for the Americas*” January 12 2021.

J. Byron

Panellist in Caribbean Policy Consortium webinar “*The Importance of the Caribbean: Challenges and Opportunities*” January 14 2021.

J. Byron

Guest lecture delivered January 25 2021 to St Lucia Ministry of Foreign Affairs “*Challenges of 21st Century International Relations: The Outlook for Small Island Developing States*”.

J. Byron

Panellist in University of Malta Small States Institute book launch for *Handbook of Governance in Small States*, March 04 2021.

J. Byron

Presentation on the experience of the UWI, in Caribbean Universities (UNICA) Round Table “*Joint Degree Programmes, their Strategic Importance for Fostering Regional Cohesion and Collaboration*” March 26 2021.

J. Byron

Lecturer/facilitator, session on “*Caribbean Geopolitics and the case of Trinidad and Tobago*”, Government of Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of National Security ITAC Analysts’ Training Workshop, May 17 2021.

J. Byron

Discussant in FLACSO Dominican Republic inaugural lecture in virtual conference series

“Impacto del COVID-19 en el Caribe”, May 27 2021.

J. Byron

Moderator and presenter, IIR Round Table *“COVID-19 and its impact on the Commonwealth Caribbean: Lessons for the Future”* Latin American Studies Association Virtual Congress, Quito, Ecuador, May28 2021.

J. Byron

Virtual lecture delivered to local and overseas staff of the St. Kitts and Nevis Ministry of Foreign Affairs *“Challenges of 21st Century International Relations and the post-COVID recovery context: The Current Diplomatic and Policy Challenges facing St Kitts and Nevis”*, June 02 2021.

J. Byron

Guest lecture on *“Security in the Caribbean Islands”*, Foreign Area Officers Southern Command Seminar, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University USA, June 25 2021.

Moderator for University of Geneva Centre for Children’s Rights Summer School Round Table discussion *“Children’s Rights Debates in the CARICOM Region”* June 30 2021.

Presenter in the Matias Romero Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mexico virtual seminar on Caribbean International Relations, July 08 2021.

G. Chami

Moderator, *Strategies to Help Boys who are being Abused and Bullied*. Featured Speaker: Mr. Bertrand Moses. Session hosted by NALIS Port of Spain Adult Library (POSAL) in collaboration with International Men's Day Trinidad and Tobago (IMDTT). November 18, 2020, 11am - 12:30pm.

G. Chami

Moderator, *Human Security in the 21st Century and The Impact of COVID 19 on the Global Order*. Panel Discussion hosted by University of Southern Caribbean. November 12, 2020, 10am-12noon.

J. Laguardia Martinez

"El New World Group en el pensamiento y la acción decoloniales de los años 60: su relevancia en el Caribe actual", paper presented at the Congreso Latinoamericano *Crisis Mundial y Geopolítica. Pensar y construir el multipolarismo y el pluriversalismo para un nuevo orden mundial*, organized by the Centro de Investigaciones en Política y Economía (CIEPE) and the Observatorio Internacional de la Crisis, Argentina, December 7, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

"Los retos del Caribe Insular ante la COVID-19 ¿crisis u oportunidad?", paper presented at the XIV International Conference of Caribbean Studies *La crisis como oportunidad de transformación*, organized by the Cátedra de Estudios del Caribe 'Norman Girvan', Havana, December, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

"Les impacts des élections aux États Unis Le cas de Cuba", paper presented at the Webinar BIDEN/HARRIS. Quelle perspective pour la Caraïbe?, organized by the association Contacts Research Caribbean (CO.RE.CA), November 27, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

Guest Lecturer on *La CARICOM y la AEC: una mirada a las relaciones internacionales del Caribe* at the Seminar "El estudio de las políticas exteriores de América Latina y el Caribe" organized by the Centro de Investigaciones sobre América Latina y el Caribe CIALC-UNAM, México, November 20, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

"Acciones de solidaridad y cooperación de Cuba con los PEIDS caribeños en tiempos de pandemia", paper presented at the Coloquio Internacional *El Gran Caribe: Geopolítica, integración y pandemia*, organized by the Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos FCPyS-UNAM, November 18, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

Guest Lecturer on *Regional Organizations in the Caribbean: CARICOM and the OECS* for the course Geopolitics and International Relations of the Caribbean at the Center for Advanced Studies of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (CEAPRC), Puerto Rico, November 7, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

Guest Lecturer on *Impacts of COVID-19 in Caribbean SIDS*, Ciclo de Conferencias Caribeñas 27, at the Institute of Caribbean Studies, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, October 22, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

Keynote speaker at the VIII Coloquio Internacional of Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos (CELA) UNAM on *Los retos del Caribe Insular ante la COVID-19 ¿crisis u oportunidad?*, Mexico, October 15, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

Guest Lecturer on *Caribbean regional integration after IIWW* for the PhD program on Caribbean History from the Centro de Estudios Caribeños at the Pontifica Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), Dominican Republic, September 3, 2020.

J. Laguardia Martinez

Lecturer at the CLACSO Seminar “Marxismos negros: raza y clase en el pensamiento crítico afrodescendiente y africano”, organized by the *Crisis, Respuestas y Alternativas en el Gran Caribe* of the Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO), May – August 2020.

A. Montoute

Moderator, “One Vision, Two Missions” by Dr. Patrick Mendis, Diplomacy and Sustainable Development Virtual Lecture Series, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, the Department of External Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade and Civil Aviation and iDERA, February, 2021.

K. Niles

“COVID-19 & Climate Change: realities of the Anthropocene. Renegotiating our approach to the environment.” Roundtable Panel entitled “The English-speaking Caribbean and COVID-19. Crisis as an opportunity for transformation” at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress. 28 May 2020.

K. Niles

“Climate Solutions for the Caribbean”. Presented at “Solve Climate 2030”: the Global Climate Dialogue Webinar, hosted by the University of the West Indies in collaboration with Bard College. 7 April 2021.

K. Niles

“Resilience within the context of an urgent Energy Transition.” Presented at the 24th Annual (Virtual) Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) Conference. Hosted by the American Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago. 20 October 2020.

M. Scobie

April 2021. Speaker at the Environmental Studies Section of the International Studies Association- ESS Distinguished Scholar Roundtable honouring Professor Frank Biermann.

M. Scobie

April 2021. Presentation - International Studies Association- Panel on: The BBNJ Treaty – At the Finishing Line of a New Treaty. Presentation: Does the Global South have voice in the BBNJ negotiations.

M. Scobie

April 2021. Presentation - International Studies Association- Panel on: The Sustainable Development Goals: Assessing the 2030 Agenda. Presentation: Sustainable Development Goals: norms, implementation pathways and Small Island Developing States.

M. Scobie

November 2020. Webinar on the Future of Biodiversity in Latin America and the Caribbean. Presentation: Biodiversity and the Caribbean SIDS. Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation & Ecological Society of America.

D. Seerattan

An Optimal Strategy for Financing Growth in the Caribbean by Dave Seerattan. Forthcoming in *The Caribbean on the Edge: Rising Above the Orthodoxy of Development Thinking*, Ian Randle, 2021.

D. Seerattan

The Caribbean Regional Financial Stability Report by Dave Seerattan. Report presented at the 56th Meeting of CARICOM Central Bank Governors, June 4, 2021.

D. Seerattan

Teleconference on the theme *Financial Stability, Macro-prudential Regulation and International Capital Flows*. Hosted by UNCTAD/ECLAC April 15-16, 2021.

D. Seerattan

Attended The IADB's 53rd Meeting of the Network of Central Banks and Finance Ministries of Latin America and the Caribbean April 7-9, 2021.

D. Seerattan

Presented on the theme *Foreign Exchange Challenges in Trinidad and Tobago*. Webinar hosted by the Department of Economics, UWI, St. Augustine on April 6, 2021.

D. Seerattan

The Impact of COVID 19 on Financial Stability in the Caribbean by Dave Seerattan. Presented at the 55th Meeting of CARICOM Central Bank Governors, December 4, 2020.

D. Seerattan

Presented on the theme *Foreign Exchange Management in Trinidad and Tobago* at the *Post Budget Forum*. Hosted by the Department of Economics, UWI, St. Augustine on October 8, 2020.

D. Seerattan

CGB-IADB Joint Seminar on the theme *Better Banking Policies to Blunt the COVID 19 Crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean*, held on September 16, 2020.

STUDENT MATTERS

Achievements & Awards, Enrolment, Graduation

It is of note that between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, some ten percent of the student body at the IIR consists of international and regional students. This marks some progress in the drive towards boosting the IIR's re-internationalization.

The IIR engaged in a very successful online Summer School collaboration with the University of Geneva Centre for Children's Rights from June 21 – July 02, 2021, "*Children at the Heart of Human Rights*". Four scholarships were awarded to UWI students and young professionals to participate in this Summer School. The recipients were Kobina Wilson and Melissa Dassrath from the IIR, and Mala Ramesar and Tracy-Ann King from the Faculty of Social Sciences Departments of Behavioural Sciences Sociology and Psychology programmes. The IIR collaborated with the University of Geneva Centre in organizing and chairing a webinar session on Children's Rights in the Contemporary Caribbean, and in facilitating a UWI Mona SALISES session on Budgeting for Children's Rights and the Attainment of SDGs in the Caribbean delivered by Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee.

2020 2021 Awarded Degrees.

Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations

No.	Year	Last Name	First Name
1	2020	ABRAHAM**	Ryan
2	2020	BENJAMIN	Janelle
3	2020	CHAITRAM	Ria
4	2020	DE CHI	Troy
5	2020	ELLIS	Nadine
6	2020	GRAHAM	Adanma
7	2020	LALL **	Karleen
8	2020	NORVILLE	Kernnesha

9	2020	RAGOONANAN**	Kashika
10	2021	RAMBHARAT	Radica

** Three of the ten successful students graduated with Distinction from the Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations programme

MSc in Global Studies

No.	Year	Last Name	First Name
1	2020	ALBERT**	Shaian
2	2020	DIAZ**	Nikita
3	2020	DURHAM	Avery
4	2020	LAWKARAN**	Ananda
5	2020	NURSE	Megan
6	2020	SEEPERSAD	Travis
9	2021	ARCHER**	Isiah
11	2021	BETHEL**	Tiffany
12	2021	BHAGWANDEEN	Amanda
13	2021	DUNCAN	CHANTELLE
14	2021	NANCOO	KELSIE
15	2021	PETERS**	BRITTNI

** Six of the fifteen successful students graduated with Distinction from the MSc in Global Studies programme.

MPhil in International Relations

No.	Year	Last Name	First Name
1	2020	LALLA	Natasha

PhD in International Relations

No.	Year	Last Name	First Name
1	2020	JAFAR	Faies
2	2020	PHILLIP-DURHAM	Genève
3	2020	MARAJH	Priya

Registration and Throughput

Registration numbers have been affected by lower recruitment, and by throughput issues. One fallout of the pandemic and its associated social and economic pressures has been that some students have been obliged to take time out from their programmes or switch to part-time registration. Several students engaged in MPhil or PhD research or in the preparation of M.Sc. Research papers have experienced delays and have requested extensions of time to complete their projects. In 2020/2021, ten PG Diploma candidates were awarded their degrees, three with Distinction. Fifteen M.Sc. Global Studies candidates were awarded their degrees, six with Distinction. There was one MPhil award of degree and three PhD awards. Throughput in the MPhil/PhD programme continues to move in a favourable direction, with three MPhil registrations having been upgraded to PhD registrations during 2020/2021, and two PhD dissertations currently going through the examination process.

PROGRAMMES

Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean. The Diplomatic Academy has complemented the work of the IIR by offering its own series of webinars during 2020/2021, all of which were very focused on priority policy themes for Caribbean states. All were well attended and received very favourable feedback. The materials generated for the webinars constitute a significant learning resource that remains on the DAOC's website as a repository for consultation by students and the general public.

Date	Webinar
September 22, 2020	The Caribbean and the Coronavirus Crisis: Big Problems for Small States.
December 15, 2020	The Caribbean and the post COVID-19 Recovery: The Role of the UN in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
March 31, 2021	BREXIT: Implications for the Caribbean and the Future of UK-Caribbean Relations

UWI STA Model UN Club

Dr. Georgina Chami of the IIR continues to provide faculty leadership for this co-curricular student activity at the UWI STA Campus. Bi-weekly meetings of the Club were held via Zoom for 2020/2021. The meetings not only provided updates on club developments, they also engaged the membership and the wider student body in a series of webinars and discussions on human rights, global health issues, food security issues, Climate Change, gender issues, trade and economic development themes. The Club participated in a Virtual Guild Fest in September 2020 and organized webinars, often in collaboration with other student and national youth organizations throughout the rest of the academic year 2020/2021.

OUTREACH

Public Outreach & Collaborative Events

PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS

As part of the push to raise the Institute's visibility, increase national and regional awareness of its considerable value as a repository of knowledge, expertise and learning resources, and to boost the marketing of its programmes, the IIR decided in Semester II, 2020/2021 to throw our virtual doors open, and to offer the general public digital access to a number of our in-course guest lectures. This is in line with Axis One - ACCESS of the UWI Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022. We received a very favourable response in terms of interest and participation. By way of illustration, the Ministry of National Security requested access for over thirty employees to the guest lectures on Caribbean and National Security themes organized by Dr. Michal Pawinski in the Specialized Seminar on Caribbean Security Issues. The IIR Open Lecture series included topics on Global Governance and the Emerging Powers, International Trade and Development, Global Health and Pandemics, Climate Change and Food Security, CARICOM Regional Integration and many more contemporary themes and issues. The lectures took place between March 04 and April 08, 2021.

In addition to the Open Lecture series, the IIR offered its usual rich menu of public lectures, diplomatic dialogues and webinars. The switch to digital delivery of these events tremendously boosted local and international attendance, participation and visibility of the IIR. During Semester

I, 2020/2021, the Diplomatic Dialogues and lectures had an estimated average attendance of 30 – 60 people while attendance at the webinars held in both semesters fluctuated at between 164 and 70 attendees.

The IIR, working in collaboration with the Caribbean Policy Consortium has staged two webinars, the first on June 17 2021, *“Governance and Electoral Continuity and Change in the Caribbean: Retrospect and Prospect”* and the second as our inaugural public event for our students and the UWI community for AY 2021/2022. It was held on September 9, 2021 and the topic was *“US-Caribbean relations: Opportunities for Strategic Engagement”*. The first event attracted an audience of approximately 60 people and the September webinar had an audience of approximately 100 persons.

Visiting Guest Lecturers 2020-2021

Event	Date	Speaker(s)	Topic	Attendees
Virtual Special Guest Lecture	October 14 2020	Dr. Kusha Haraksingh, Honorary Consultant to the UWI Vice Chancellery	The revised Georgetown Agreement and the Reconfiguration of the ACP Group	N/A
Virtual Diplomatic Dialogue	October 25 2020	Ambassador P.I. Gomes, Former Secretary-General of the African Caribbean and Pacific States Group	ACP-EU Relations and the negotiation of the Post-Cotonou Partnership Agreement	N/A
Virtual Diplomatic Dialogue	November 11 2020	H.E. Xoliswa Ngwevela, High Commissioner of South Africa to Trinidad and Tobago	South Africa’s Foreign Policy and Global Relations	N/A

Virtual Public lecture	November 27 2020	Professor Alison Brysk, Mellichamp Professor of Global Governance, University of California, Santa Barbara	The Future of Human Rights	N/A
Webinar	December 1 2020	Director as Chair and seven presenters/discussants	US Elections Outcome: Implications for Caribbean	164 attendees
Webinar	March 3 2021	Dr Scobie - Chair and six presenters/discussants	CARICOM/Regional Action on Disaster Risk Reduction	151 attendees
SRC Cave Hill/IIR St Augustine Inaugural Henry Gill Memorial Lecture	March 17 2021	Ambassador Pascal Lamy, former WTO Director-General	The Doha Development Round Negotiations Twenty years On: Reflections on Trade and Development	N/A
Webinar	April 14 2021	Dr Scobie and four presenters	Achieving the SDGs on Health and Climate Change	70 attendees
Virtual Diplomatic Dialogue	April 21 2021	Ambassador Ransford Smith, former Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat	The Commonwealth: Its History and Contemporary Relevance	66 attendees

STRATEGY REVIEW

Operational Strategy

Background and context: In the IIR Annual Report for 2019/2020, the following objectives were set for the period 2020/2022:

Curriculum and Pedagogical Reform:

Approval of the revised PG Diploma and M.Sc. Global Studies Curricula; Preparation and approval of three new courses; A 40% expansion in virtual delivery of teaching by 2020-2021.

Research and Publications:

2 – 3 publications per FT academic staff member; 4 – 5 PhD completions by the MPhil/PhD student cohort.

Climate/Environmental Conservation Engagement:

A minimum of two activities per academic year

Public Outreach:

4-5 Diplomatic Dialogues in 2020/2021; 4 panel discussions 2020/2022; 2 public guest lectures 2020 – 2021.

Institutional Collaboration:

2 – 4 collaborative projects per annum.

Alumni Engagement:

The inauguration of an UWI IIR Alumni professional sub-chapter by 2022.

Increased Student Recruitment:

Increased marketing of programmes in IIR and DAOC with the aim of increasing enrolment by 10 percent by 2022.

The following table represents the progress made towards achieving these objectives in 2020/2021.

Operational Strategy/Annual Report 2020/2021

Strategic Objective	Achievements 2020/2021	Challenges	Current Initiatives for 2021/2022
AC1, AC2, AC3: Quality Assurance Review	QAR Review completed, report received. IIR is preparing Action Plan, Implementation Report for presentation to IIR Board and Academic Board during semester Two 2021/2022.	Delays in receipt of report and in follow-up action due to general operational challenges of pandemic.	Continued follow-up on recommendations in QAR Report.
AC1, AC2, AC3: M.Sc./PG Dip. Curriculum review and revision.	CPR documents completed, endorsed by FSS, currently being reviewed by CETL and OGSR, in preparation for review by Campus Cttee for Graduate Studies Semester Two 2021/2022.	Delays in receipt of report and in follow-up action due to general operational challenges of pandemic.	Continued efforts to follow up and complete approval and introduction of revised PG Dip/M.Sc. Curricula for AY 2022/2023.
AC1, AC2, AC3: CPR - New course/module development:	(1) Updated PG Dip. Specialised Seminar on Security Studies developed and delivered; Delivery of 1 new M.Sc. course	Delays in receipt of report and in follow-up action due to general operational challenges of pandemic.	Preparation of three new or revised M.Sc. courses for 2022/2023.

	(2) Three new modules developed and launched by Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean in 2020/2021.		
AC1, AC2, AC3: Switch to virtual teaching and learning delivery	<p>In 2020/2021, the IIR PG.Dip and M.Sc. programmes, likewise M.Phil/PhD seminars and vivas were 100% virtually conducted.</p> <p>Likewise, the Norman Girvan Library serviced the needs of its users primarily by remote means supplemented by pick-up arrangements for some materials.</p>	Delays in receipt of report and in follow-up action due to general operational challenges of pandemic.	Preparation of three new or revised M.Sc. courses for 2022/2023.
AC3, AC4: Research and Publication	34 publications by 8 FT academic staff members in 2020/2021 (i.e. mean of over 4.0 publications per staff member), in contrast to 27 publications by 9 FT staff in 2019/2020 (mean of		

	3.0 publications per staff member). 1 MPhil award of degree and 4 PhD awards for 2020/2021.		
AC1,AC2, AC3: Alumni Engagement	Preparation of action plan for alumni engagement; updating of alumni records		Establishment of Alumni Steering Committee; outreach to alumni with objective of establishing IIR professional sub-chapter of UWI AA St. Augustine chapter 2021 - 2023.
AC1, AC2: Increased marketing, student recruitment	Increased investment in marketing of IIR and DAOC programmes, modules: evidence of significant increase in DAOC module enrolments with expanded curriculum and virtual delivery (registration meeting or significantly exceeding minimum budgetary	Despite successful remote delivery of IIR programmes, and new digital marketing initiative, prevailing social and economic pandemic conditions 2020/2021 produced decline in overall student registration.	Continued focus on marketing and outreach to regional/ international markets, likewise on strengthening remote technologies for engagement with all students in 2021/2023.

	<p>requirements, international/ regional registration ranging from 90 – 50% of total numbers); evidence of increased regional and international student registration in IIR PGDip and M.Sc. programmes with virtualization of programme delivery (M.Sc. 7% regional/ international students, PhD. 66% regional/ international students).</p>		
<p>AC1, AC2, AC4: Climate Change/ Environmental Conservation Engagement</p>	<p>(1) 2 DAOC modules were launched 2020/2021 on Climate Change Diplomacy, and on Natural Disasters and Risk Management; (2) IIR participation via UWI Principal Investigator Dr. Michelle Scobie in CCEHN Project Community Collective Action to Respond to</p>	<p>Planned CLACSO/IIR workshop on Environment and Climate Change postponed due to pandemic challenges and constraints.</p>	<p>CLACSO/IIR workshop expected to take place in 2021/2022.</p>

	Climate Change influencing Environment-Health Nexus.		
AC1; AC2; AC3;AC4: Public Outreach Events	Targets exceeded for outreach events: 11 Open Lectures; 6 Diplomatic Dialogues and guest lectures; 3 IIR webinars and 3 DAOC webinars;		
AC2; AC4; AG 1	(1) Under 2020 MOU with University of Geneva, IIR collaborated with UNIGE Child Rights Centre on organization of UNIGE Summer School on Children's Rights June 25 – July 4 2021, contributing segment on Childrens Rights in the Caribbean. Four scholarships provided to UWI students to participate in Summer School.		Exploration of ongoing collaboration with UNIGE 2021/2023

AC2, AC4, AG	<p>(2) Participation in Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Research Project on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, production case studies of Barbados and Jamaica, presentation at ECLAC Sth-Sth Committee meeting December 9 2020.</p> <p>(3) Participation in UWI STACIE project with T&T Ministry of National Security Capacity-Building Project on Future Threat Assessment: IIR organization of Strategic Threat Assessment Workshop and supervision of policy</p>		
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	<p>paper preparation April – July 2021</p> <p>(4) IIR contribution to CCEHN research project;</p> <p>(5) IIR/CPC collaboration on webinars 2021;</p> <p>(6) DAOC/IIR collaboration with Embassy of Mexico and Mexican Diplomatic Academy on diplomatic training opportunities and Mexico- Caribbean cooperation academic events.</p>		<p>DAOC ongoing exploratory talks on collaboration with other diplomatic training entities 2021/2023.</p>
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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The IIR has in 2020/2021 hosted (virtually) 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:

His Excellency Juan Aníbal Barria

Ambassador

Embassy of Chile

His Excellency Dr. Richard Bernal

Former Pro Vice-Chancellor Global Affairs

The UWI

His Excellency Dr. Patrick Ignatius Gomes

Ambassador (ret'd) and Former Secretary-General

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)

His Excellency Errol Humphrey

International Trade and Development Consultant

His Excellency David Francisco Malaga Ego Aguirre

Ambassador

Embassy of Peru

South Africa's Foreign Policy and its Global Relations.

Her Excellency Xoliswa Ngwevela

High Commissioner

High Commission for the Republic of South Africa

His Excellency Arun Kumar Sahu

High Commissioner

High Commission for the Republic India to Trinidad and Tobago

His Excellency Ransford Smith

Former Deputy Secretary-General

Commonwealth Secretariat

His Excellency Rodrigo do Amaral Souza

Ambassador

Embassy for the Federative Republic of Brazil to Trinidad and Tobago

Professor Alison Brysk

Mellichamp Professor of Global Governance

Global and International Studies Program

University of California, Santa Barbara

Professor Andy Knight

Professor

University of Alberta, Canada

Professor Patsy Lewis

Visiting Professor, International and Public Affairs

Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

Brown University, United States of America

Professor Iván Ogando Lora

Director

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales,

Programa República Dominicana (FLACSO-RD)

Professor Emilio Pantojas García

Senior Researcher and Director

Institute of Caribbean Studies

Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

Prof. Donald Simeon

Director

Caribbean Centre for Health Systems Research and Development (CCHSRD),
The UWI

Dr. Samantha Chaitram

Research Manager

Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS)

Dr. Don Charles

Economic Research Consultant; Policy Development Specialist,
Ministry of Trade and Industry, GORTT

Dr. Fabrice R. Fontaine

Scientific Director

Volcanological and Seismological Observatory of Martinique (OVSM-IPGP)

Dr. Cary Fraser

Associate Professor of Government and Justice Studies
Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina

Dr. Anthony P. Gonzales

Senior Honorary Fellow

IIR

Dr. Kusha Haraksingh

Honorary Consultant

Office of the Vice-Chancellery, The UWI

Dr. Martin Hughes

Lecturer

Department of Food Production,
The UWI, St Augustine

Dr. Erouscilla Joseph

Director

The UWI Seismic Research Centre

Dr. Joan Latchman

Seismologist

The UWI Seismic Research Centre

Dr. Taraleen Malcolm

Advisor, NCDs and Mental Health

Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)

Dr. Roberto Moretti

Scientific Director

Volcanological and Seismological Observatory of Guadeloupe (OVSG-IPGP)

Dr. Joy St. John

Executive Director

Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

Ms. Vashti Guyadeen

Chief Executive Officer

Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries (TTCISI)

Mr. Sheridan Martin Hill

Attorney-at-Law, Police Officer

Trinidad and Tobago Police Service

Mr. Ronald Jackson

Head

Disaster Risk Reduction & Recovery Team for Building Resilience

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Mr. Callixtus Joseph

Regional Crime and Security Strategy Coordinator

CARICOM Implantation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)

Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh

Multilateral Environmental Agreements Unit,

Government of Trinidad and Tobago

Ms. Megumi Maekawa

Second Secretary, Politics

Embassy of Japan

Mr. Alain Ponce Blancas

Research and Communication Officer

The Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL)

Mr. Leo Titus Preville

Programme Manager

CARICOM Single Market and Economy Unit,

CARICOM Secretariat

Mr. Joel Richards

International Trade Consultant, Senior Advisor

Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

Ms. Elizabeth Riley

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Ms. Kay Sealy

Director

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade,

Barbados

Mr. Sanjin Soldatić

Political Officer

European Union Delegation to Trinidad and Tobago

Ms. Alana Wheeler

Director

Counter-Trafficking Unit, Ministry of National Security

Ms. Natalia Zhurina

Research and Education Officer

The Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL)

IIR ACADEMIC STAFF PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

J. BYRON

- 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

J. LAGUARDIA MARTÍNEZ

- 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-)
- Associate Researcher of the Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES).
- Member of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER).
- Member of the Cuba Research Forum, University of Nottingham, UK.
- Member of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
- Member of the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA).

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
- Member, Latin American Studies Association
- Member, International Society for Third Sector Research
- Member, International Studies Association and Caribbean Studies Association
- Board member, A Place in the Sun Foundation
- Board member, Lennox Pierre Foundation

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, Member, BP Advisory Council

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-)

M. SCOBIE

- 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

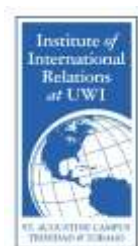
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¹ The Earth System Governance Lead Faculty is a small group of scientists of highest international reputation who take (shared) responsibility for the development of research on analytical problems or crosscutting themes. Membership is by invitation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

- 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

PICTURES FROM KEY EVENTS (ELECTRONIC FILE ATTACHED)

[Pictures from Key Events](#)



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