



Caribbean Policy Consortium



THE GUYANA - VENEZUELA CONTROVERSY

THE ARGYLE DECLARATION & IMPLICATIONS FOR
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE CARIBBEAN

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PROGRAMME

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Annita Montoute

Moderator

Acting Director, Institute of International Relations,
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine
Campus

PANELLISTS PRESENTATIONS

Honourable Mr. Carl Greenidge

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana

*Navigating the Argyle Declaration Dispute: Current
Status and Future Prospects*

Professor Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith

Fellow, Caribbean Policy Consortium and Senior
Associate, Center for Strategic and International
Studies

The Argyle Declaration and Implications

PANELLISTS PRESENTATIONS

Professor Anthony T. Bryan

Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Caribbean Policy
Consortium & Professor Emeritus, University of
Miami

*Implications of the Guyana-Venezuela controversy for
the Caribbean in relation to gas deals and Petrocaribe*

Dr. Alicia Elias-Roberts

Dean, Faculty of Law, The University of the West
Indies, St. Augustine Campus

*International Law: Implications of the Guyana-Venezuela
controversy and the Argyle Declaration*

Ambassador (ret) Dr. Riyad Insanally

Fellow, Caribbean Policy Consortium and Non-
resident Senior Fellow, Adrienne Arsht Latin
American Center

*The Diplomatic dimensions/responses of the Guyana-
Venezuela controversy and the Argyle Declaration*

CLOSING REMARKS & VOTE OF THANKS



MEET THE PANELLISTS



Dr. Annita Montoute

Moderator

Annita Montoute holds a Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations (2009), a Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations (2003), a Bachelor of Arts degree in History (1996), from The University of the West Indies and a Certificate in Education from the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, St. Lucia (2002). She was a Research Fellow at the European Centre for Development and Policy Management in 2012. She has taught several courses at the graduate level (Post Graduate Diploma and Masters), including International History and Politics, Theory and Methodology of International Relations, Multilateralism and Global Governance, Political Economy of Development of International Organisations and International Relations of the Caribbean. Her research interests include civil society, development and democracy and relations between the African, Caribbean and Pacific group and the European Union.



Mr. Carl B. Greenidge

Carl B. Greenidge Esq. is a former Vice President of the Cooperative Republic and is currently the Advisor on Borders and Agent to the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the validity of the 1899 (Paris) Arbitral Award (Guyana vs Venezuela). He has been a Ministerial Spokesman as well as a lead negotiator of teams that successfully negotiated commodity protocols, cooperation, and development finance agreements on behalf of Guyana, Caricom and the African Caribbean and Pacific group of states (ACP). Prior to entering politics, he was a University Lecturer and has published numerous academic articles and monographs in Public Finance, Public Sector Economics, Agricultural Economics, Science and Technology as well as debt rescheduling and management. Mr Greenidge has held several key Ministerial portfolios such as Foreign Affairs, Finance and Planning as well as Trade. He has also served as the SG(a.i) of the ACP Group of States (Belgium), Director of the Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (Netherlands) and the Director of the CRNM (Barbados).



**Professor Ivelaw
Lloyd Griffith**

Professor Griffith is a Fellow with the Caribbean Policy Consortium and Global Americans and a Senior Associate with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. A widely-published Caribbean expert, his most recent book is *Challenged Sovereignty: The Impact of Drugs, Crime, Terrorism, and Cyber Threats in the Caribbean* (University of Illinois Press, 2024). He has testified before the U.S Congress and has been a Visiting Scholar at security institutes in the United States, Canada, and Germany. Ivelaw also has served as an academic leader, including as a Dean at Florida International University, provost at universities in Virginia and New York, president of Fort Valley State University, and Vice Chancellor of the University of Guyana. He is the recipient of the Perry Award for Excellence in Security and Defense Education, named in honor of former U.S. Defense Secretary Dr. William Perry and conferred by the Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at National Defense University.



**Professor Anthony T.
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Anthony T. Bryan is a Fellow with the Caribbean Policy Consortium, Professor and Senior fellow with the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. Professor Bryan, who received his Ph.D. in Latin American History from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, is a leading scholar and consultant on energy development, energy geopolitics in the Caribbean, and regional security. He has published widely in those fields and on the topic of Caribbean regional security with his most recent publication titled: “The Caribbean’s Blue Economy: Is there a future for the Oil and Gas sector?”, Ed Peter Clegg et al. During his academic career, Bryan was a tenured professor at the University of Rhode Island, and then at The University of the West Indies, in Trinidad and Tobago, where he served as professor and director of the Institute of International Relations. He later directed the Caribbean Studies Program at the North-South Center of the University of Miami.



Dr. Alicia Elia-Roberts

Dr. Alicia Elias-Roberts is the Dean of the Faculty of Law at the UWI St Augustine Campus in Trinidad and Tobago. She has over 20 years' experience as an international lawyer, and an energy and environmental law academic and consultant. She has done consultancies for several international organisations, including the CARICOM, and various governments in the Commonwealth Caribbean. She has written over 20 journal articles, chapters in books and edited books with reputable publishers. Dr. Elias-Roberts has a Law Degree from the University of Guyana, a Masters of Law (BCL) Degree from the University of Oxford (UK), and a LLM in Energy, Environment and Natural Resource Law from the University of Houston (Texas, USA). Dr. Elias-Roberts also has a PhD, focused on Energy Development Law in disputed maritime zones, from Queen's University (Canada). Dr. Elias-Roberts is a brilliant academic, award-winning scholar, international legal consultant and attorney at law admitted to practice law in Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and the USA. Dr. Elias-Roberts has Lectured for Public International Law for over 20 years.



**Ambassador (ret)
Dr. Riyadh Insanally**

Riyad Insanally, a retired career diplomat, last served as Guyana's Eighth Ambassador to the United States and Fourth Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, from September 2016 to June 2021. In a career spanning 31 years, he specialised in multilateral diplomacy, regional integration issues and Latin America-Caribbean relations. He received Guyana's third highest award, the Cacique's Crown of Honour, in the 2019 National Honours, for "long and distinguished service in the field of diplomacy and international relations". Ambassador Insanally is currently a Fellow with the Caribbean Policy Consortium, a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Caribbean Initiative of the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Center for Latin America, and the Senior Caribbean Advisor at Transnational Strategy Group in Washington, DC. Among other things, he served two terms as a member of the Board of the Institute of International Relations at The University of the West Indies – St. Augustine. He studied Modern Languages and Latin American Studies and holds MA and MPhil degrees from the University of Cambridge and a PhD from Harvard University.