

**38th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association
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**Theme:
Caribbean Spaces and Institutions: Contesting Paradigms of
“Development” in the 21st Century**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 38th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) invites scholars, activists, practitioners, allied professionals and commentators to interrogate the notion of “development” in as holistic a manner as possible. The CSA prides itself as a premier community of scholars, activists and practitioners whose experiential knowledge and critical social engagements offer novel insights in shaping and re-shaping the evolution of “development” as a concept and its value as a manifestation of well being. The setting of Grenada provides a worthy Caribbean space for the CSA to seriously confront the pathways and processes that have shaped the “development” agenda.

Several sovereign states within the Caribbean Sub-Region have subscribed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) orchestrated by the UNDP to attain specific development targets by 2015. At this time, the MDGs as a paradigm geared towards facilitating “development” process ought to be evaluated and assessed in accordance with multi-disciplinarian and inter-disciplinarian insights. The 38th Annual Conference sets the stage for a re-examination of varied disciplinary philosophical frameworks, and dissecting past practices of developmental approaches facilitating critical advancement with regard to the corpus of knowledge and practices pertaining to situation and change in the context of development processes in myriad Caribbean spaces.



In accordance with the MDGs, several key substantive themes are reflected in the targets that permit efforts to gauge national achievements with regard to the mandate set for 2015. These include poverty, health focusing specifically on infant and child health, maternal health, public health especially HIV/AIDS, education, information and communications technology, public participation, food security, regional and international relations, and the preservation of the environment. Cross-cutting themes that reflect social inequality whether predicated upon gender mainstreaming, age and agism, social class and classism and the various manifestations of citizenship are critical in evaluating these major themes. Panelists are encouraged to embrace additional themes that expand the scope of the discourses.



Some questions that are likely to be raised in accordance with this **Call for Abstracts** include, but are not restricted to the following:

- How do language, literature, performance, film and the arts inform “development” as a concept and its manifestation in the realm of activities that have evolved and will continue to evolve in different human spaces in the Caribbean Region and in the Caribbean Diaspora?
- How have theory, claims to knowledge, methodology and policy agendas impacted “development” as a process hitherto and their likely impact upon the fate of such processes for the futures of different human spaces in the Caribbean Region and the Caribbean Diaspora?
- What have been the role and contribution of the following in shaping the “development” fortunes within the Caribbean Region and the Caribbean Diaspora contemporaneously and determining prospects for the future?
 - finance, banking and trade,
 - social systems such as education, health, labour services, legal, politics and governance, culture including religion, national security, social security, ICT, communications media,

- social and natural environment,
- international relations,
- differences and in particular, hierarchies that are predicated upon nativity, gender, age, social class, sexual orientation, disability status,
- biomedical research and medical sciences,
- engineering and the physical sciences,
- nutrition, food production and food security.



Guidelines for Abstracts of Panel/Paper Submissions

- The three main languages of the CSA are English, French and Spanish.
- Abstracts proposing panels and papers should be submitted using the appropriate forms that have been designed for each of the two kinds of submissions. In order to obtain the appropriate forms, please go to the following website: www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org
- Preference will be given to Abstracts proposing panels which should also contain the Abstracts of all papers including the title of the papers and the respective author(s).
- Proposed panels should have a minimum of three (3) paper presentations or a maximum of four (4) paper presentations. Each panel **must** have a Chairperson who should be named when the panel is submitted.

- Graduate students and young scholars are encouraged to submit abstracts for papers and be included in panels with senior scholars, academics, activists and practitioners.
- Titles of panels and papers should be kept short and it is strongly recommended that such titles be presented in the three (3) main languages of the CSA.
- It is strongly recommended that Abstracts for panels/papers be submitted in at least two (2) main languages of the CSA.
- All panelists must either be a member of the CSA or become a member in order to participate in the conference and/or present a paper. To become a member, one has to pay membership fees in accordance with the schedule posted on the CSA website: www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org
- Abstracts for panels should not exceed 500 words.
- Abstracts for papers should not exceed 250 words.
- All abstracts must be sent via email to the Program Chair by the proposed deadline.
- The deadline for receipt of all abstracts is **Monday 16th December 2012**.

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