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The Institute for Gender and Development Studies  
invites the Campus community  
to the upcoming

## **Graduate Research Seminar**

for

## **Amilcar Sanatan**

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**Monday 9 February 2015**

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

IGDS Seminar Room

The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

## **CARNIVAL CAPITALISM: GENDER, FEMINIZATION AND COMMODITIZATION**

This study examines the production and consumption of gender, and particularly classed and racialised femininities, in “All-Inclusive” Carnival fetes. It particularly focuses on how these fetes draw on and reproduce the discourse of “Carnival is Woman” by creating a feminized experience of Carnival through the number of women, the gendered ideologies and stereotypes that shape the experience as part of a capitalist production of the fete, crowds (participants), women and Carnival as cultural products. Primarily, it proposes to use the concepts of feminization and commoditization to understand Carnival as both culture and commodity in Trinidad and Tobago. This study therefore aims to fill a gap in the feminist scholarship on Carnival by interrogating the gendered political economy of the festival. This is because All-Inclusive fetes particularly enable the examination of the intersection of gender and capitalism. This unveils the economic infrastructure that helps explain the positioning of bodies in Carnival along gender, race and class hierarchies.

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