

**THE 21st ANNUAL EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISLAND CULTURES CONFERENCE  
'ISLANDS IN BETWEEN' UNIVERSITY OF ARUBA 15-17NOVEMBER, 2018**

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**OVERVIEW AND TIMETABLE FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> EASTERN CARIBBEAN  
ISLAND CULTURES CONFERENCE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF ARUBA (UA)**

**WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER: ARRIVAL DAY**

**6:30PM Informal Get-Together & Registration at Alfie's Bar and Kitchen. Address: Dominicanessenstraat 10, very near to UA, across from San Francisco de Asis Cathedral.**

**THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER: CONFERENCE DAY 1 (University of Aruba)**

**8:00AM-4:00PM: Registration (Right Garden)**  
**9:00-10:30AM: Opening and Keynote Address (AULA, University of Aruba)**  
**10:30-11:00AM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**  
**11:00AM-12:30PM: Parallel Sessions A (Room Garden 1) & B (Room Garden 2)**  
**12:30-2:00PM: Lunch (UA Cantina or nearby restaurants, at participants' expense)**  
**2:00-3:30PM: Parallel Sessions C (Room Garden 1) & D (Room Garden 2)**  
**3:30-4:00PM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**  
**4:00-5:30PM: Parallel Sessions E (Room Garden 1) & F (Room Garden 2)**  
**6:30PM: Dinner at Delimar Restaurant, Address: Wilhelminastraat 4, (fairly near to UA) behind Parlamento di Aruba (Parliament House), food and drinks at participants' expense.**

**FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER: CONFERENCE DAY 2 (University of Aruba)**

**8:00AM-4:00PM: Registration (Right Garden)**  
**9:00-10:30AM: Parallel Sessions G (Room Garden 1) & H (Room Garden 2)**  
**10:30-11:00AM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**  
**11:00AM-12:30PM: Parallel Sessions I (Room Garden 1), & J (Room Garden 2)**  
**12:30-2:00PM: Lunch (UA Cantina or nearby restaurants, at participants' expense)**  
**2:00-3:30PM: Parallel Sessions K (Room Garden 1) & L (Room Garden 2)**  
**3:30-4:00PM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**  
**4:00-5:30PM: Business Meeting and Book Launches (AULA)**  
**7:00PM: Cultural Night organized by UA, with a Special Address by Prof. Glenn Thodé, Rector of the University of Aruba, at FLOR DE ORIENTE Café. Address: Kerkstraat, near Panaderia Moderna and KFC. Light meals and drinks at participants' expense.**

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER: CONFERENCE DAY 3 (University of Aruba)**

**8:00AM-11:00AM: Registration (Right Garden)**  
**9:00-10:30AM: Parallel Sessions P (Garden 1), Q (Garden 2) & R (Zaal 3)**  
**10:30-11:00AM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**  
**11:00AM-12:30PM: Parallel Sessions S (Garden 1), T (Garden 2) & U (Zaal 3)**  
**2:00PM until EVENING: Island Tour, buses leave from UA at 2:00PM some costs at participants' expense**

## **DETAILED DAILY SCHEDULE:**

### **THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER:**

**8:00AM-4:00PM: Registration (Right Garden)**

**9:00-9:30AM: OPENING (AULA, UNIVERSITY OF ARUBA)**

Welcome from the University of Aruba: Drs. Eric Mijts

Short remarks from representatives of:

University of Puerto Rico: Prof. Dannabang Kuwabong

University of the West Indies: Prof. Peter Roberts

University of the Virgin Islands: Dr. Chenzira Davis Kahina

**9:30-10:30AM: KEYNOTE ADDRESS (AULA, UNIVERSITY OF ARUBA)**

Peter Roberts (The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados): Book Launch: *A Response to Enslavement: Playing their Way to Virtue*

**10:30-11:00AM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**

**11:00AM-12:30 PM (THURSDAY): Parallel Sessions A & B:**

**Session A (Room Garden 1): MUSIC AND POPULAR CULTURE (Chair: Chenzira Davis Kahina)**

**MINI-PANEL (J. Tiffe and K. Justus): COMMUNITY, COMPOSITION, AND CRITICAL LITERACY IN PAN CULTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Janine Tiffe (Kent State University) Musicking, community, and quality of life: Pans de León in Tallahassee, Florida, USA

Kayleen Justus (Kennesaw State University) *We kinda music' is not 'we ting*: Challenging musical formulas in Trinidad's Panorama competition

Humphrey A. Regis (Texas Southern University) Oneness, vs. We an Dem, the two-cradle thesis, and analyses of the texts of the Reggae Revolution

**Session B (Room Garden 2): CARIBBEAN LINGUISTICS (Chair: Maritza Stanchich)**

Jason Siegel (The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados) and Iyabo Osiapem (College of William and Mary, Virginia) Developing a multilingual linguistic atlas of the Caribbean

Jenny Lozano (University of Aruba) Insights into linguistic fieldwork: Conducting perceptual dialectology research in the Caribbean

Melissa Angus (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) Deafness in Jamaican and Trinidadian Print Media

**12:30-2:00PM: Lunch (UA Cantina or nearby restaurants, at participants' expense)**

**2:00-3:30PM (THURSDAY): Parallel Sessions C & D:**

**Session C (Room Garden 1): PLACE AND BELONGING (Chair: Jason Siegel)**

**Kerry-Jane Wallart** (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris-Sorbonne) Place and the postcolonial predicament

**Mark Andrews** (Vassar College) Cascading effects: The place of chaos in the Caribbean imaginary

**Angelo Luidens** (Independent Scholar, Curaçao) Transgenerational trauma in Caribbean education ecosystems

**Session D (Room Garden 2): SOCIETY AND GOVERNANCE IN THE ABC**

**ISLANDS (Chair: Melissa Angus)**

**Helmut Vink** (University of Aruba) Capacity building for nonprofit organizations in Aruba

**Sinthya Ridderstaat** (University of Aruba) Developing sustainable cultural policies in Aruba

**Frans Koenraadt** (University of Curaçao) A special measure for mentally challenged offenders in criminal law: TBS in different jurisdictions

**3:30-4:00PM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**

**4:00-5:30PM (THURSDAY): Parallel Sessions E & F**

**Session E (Room Garden 1): THE INDIGENOUS CARIBBEAN (Chair: Jason Siegel)**

**MINI-PANEL (E. Edwards and M. Maxwell): INDIGENOUS NAVIGATION AND EXTRAORDINARY CONTACTS**

**Eva de Lourdes Edwards** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) Indigenous Caribbean sailing in Pre-Columbian times

**Melinda Maxwell-Gibb** (Interamerican University Metropolitan Campus) Georgia connections: The possibility of Caribbean Indigenous presence and influence on the Native American confederacies of the Southeastern United States

**ChenziRa Davis Kahina** (University of the Virgin Islands) Indigenous Native Amerindians: Culture, heritage and identity in the Virgin Islands Caribbean

**Session F (Room Garden 2): CROSSING ABILITY, GENDER AND RELIGIOUS BORDERS (Chair: Melissa Angus)**

**Mieke de Droog** (University of Aruba) Visually challenged people in Aruba: Shifting networks, identity, respect, and the importance of leverage figures

**Gabriel E. Suárez** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) Dramaturgia de Abniel Marat: Discurso mariconil frente a Dios en Occidente

**Kevin Kelly-Cooke** (University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo) *Espiritismo puertorriqueño*: Prismatic intersections of European, African, and Indigenous spiritual beliefs

**6:30PM (THURSDAY): DINNER:** At 6:30pm those who wish to can join the others at DELIMAR RESTAURANT (seafood, meat, vegetarian dishes and ceviche). Address: Wilhelminastraat 4, (near UA) behind Parlamento di Aruba, food and drinks at participants' expense.. Participants will pay for their own dinners and drinks and then will arrange their own transport back to their hotels.

## **FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER:**

**8:00AM-4:00PM: Registration (Right Garden)**

**9:00-10:30AM (FRIDAY): Parallel Sessions G & H:**

### **Session G (Room Garden 1): EDUCATION AND INNOVATION IN THE ABC ISLANDS (Chair: Maritza Stanchich)**

**Eric Mijts** (University of Aruba) Observing and reporting translanguaging practices as an educational tool in the multilingual classroom: Student exchange and research across colonial boundaries

**Clementia Eugene** (University of Aruba) Integrating mindfulness practices in teaching the course 'Inter- and Intra-Personal Development' to social work students

**Janneke Beerman** (University of Curaçao), **Adrienne Fernandes** (University of Curaçao), and **Leendert Pengel** (University of Curaçao) Use of technology in Dutch Caribbean classrooms

### **Session H (Room Garden 2): PANEL: FRACTURED HEARTS AND STIFLED SOULS: TRAUMA IN CARIBBEAN NARRATIVES (Chair: Chenzira Davis Kahina)**

**Agnes A. Sastre Rivera** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) Christianity and sexual trauma in Nigel H Thomas' *Return to Arcadia*

**Michelle Ramos Rodríguez** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) Psychosocial cyclones: Reading Gisèle Pineau's *Macadam Dreams* as a post-disaster dystopia

**Dannabang Kuwabong** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) Of fractured hearts and stifled souls: Narrative witnessing as healing praxis in Lasana M Sekou's "The Wake."

**10:30-11:00AM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**

**11:00AM-12:30 PM (FRIDAY): Parallel Sessions I & J:**

### **Session I (Room Garden 1): PUERTO RICAN SOCIETY (Chair: Dannabang Kuwabong)**

**Maritza Stanchich** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) Puerto Rico: From crisis to catastrophe in a U.S. Colony

**Patria López de Victoria** (University of Puerto Rico, Cayey) Resilience after Hurricane María: A look at lived experience and the *Puerto Rico Se Levanta* campaign in older adults

**Petra Barreras** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) and **Hilda Silva** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) - Musician and Revolutionary: '*Filiberto una historia clandestina*'

**Session J (Room Garden 2): LANGUAGE, POLITICS AND SOCIETY (Chair: Chenzira Davis Kahina)**

**Nadia Gabriela Dresscher-Lambertus** (University of Aruba) - Aruban political Facebook pages during the 2013 elections

**Laëtitia Saint-Loubert** (Université de La Réunion) - The role of small independent publishers in the circulation of Eastern Caribbean literature in the Caribbean and beyond

**Marlene Aponte** (University of Puerto Rico, Inter American University, Pan American Language Institute) - An English Proficiency Requirement for Governorship: Have Language Attitudes Finally Changed in Puerto Rico?

**12:30-2:00PM: Lunch** (UA Cantina or nearby restaurants, at participants' expense)

**2:00-3:30PM (FRIDAY): Parallel Sessions K & L:**

**Session K (Room Garden 1): CARIBBEAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES (Chair: Dannabang Kuwabong)**

**Gregory Richardson** (Instituto Pedagógico Arubano) English lexifier Creole and culture in Aruba

**Michelle Rodríguez** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) and **Keishla González** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) An analysis of René Pérez's song, 'Hijos del Cañaveral'

**Nicholas Faraclas** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras), **Micah Corum** (Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, San Germán Campus) and **Don Walicek** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) - The decolonization of Linguistics in the Caribbean and beyond

**Session L (Room Garden 2): PANEL: PAPIAMENTO AND MULTILINGUALISM IN ARUBAN EDUCATION (Chair: Edgar Nieves)**

**Régine Croes** (Instituto Pedagógico Arubano) Papiamento in higher education

**Merlynne Williams** (Instituto Pedagógico Arubano) Empowering teachers through the *Shimarucu* metaphor

**Zuleika Fernandes** (University of Aruba) Papiamento at the University of Aruba: A first step

**3:30-4:00PM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**

**4:00-5:30PM (FRIDAY): BUSINESS MEETING & BOOK LAUNCHES (AULA, UA)**

**7:00PM (FRIDAY): CULTURAL NIGHT & SPECIAL ADDRESS by the Rector of the**

**University of Aruba Dr. Glenn Thodé**: The Cultural Night is organized by UA at FLOR DE ORIENTE Café. Address: on Kerkstraat (near UA), near Panaderia Moderna and KFC. The cultural acts will start at 8PM. Flor de Oriente also serves food for those who would like to arrive early and have dinner there as well. Participants will pay for their own food and drinks and then will arrange their own transport back to their hotels.

## **SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER:**

**8:00-11:00AM: Registration (Right Garden)**

**9:00-10:30AM (SATURDAY): Parallel Sessions P, Q & R:**

### **Session P (Room Garden 1): PAPIAMENTO (Chair: Melinda Maxwell)**

**Ellen-Petra Kester** (Utrecht University) and **Ariadna Timp** (University of Curaçao)  
Language attitudes among students in Bonaire

**Milly Koolman** (University of Curaçao) and **Merlynne Williams** (Instituto Pedagógico Arubano) E balor impactante di musica y vocabulario den e obra 'Piká i mi pueblo' di Rudolf Crispulo

**Hélène Garrett** (Retired from Kings University, Alberta, Canada) Ode to *Mi Nigrita Papiamentu*

### **Session Q (Room Garden 2): POLITICS (Chair: Jenny Lozano-Cosme)**

**Elizabeth Rezende** (University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix, US Park Service) Civil rights awareness follows the transfer of the Danish West Indies to the US in 1917

**Frank Flanagan** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) *Dog Whistling* the Caribbean: Trump's racially coded speech

**Donald Saint Patrick Taylor** (University of Aruba) Law, tourism and property rights in British Caribbean States

### **Session R (Zaal 3): EDUCATION (Chair: Michelle Rodriguez)**

**Carlos Rodríguez-Iglesias** (University of Aruba) Attitudes and actions towards English Creoles in Central American higher education

**Michelle Lewis** (University of Guyana, Berbice Campus) and **Pamela Rose** (University of Guyana, Berbice Campus) Improving literacy in schools: Teachers' perception of a literacy hour programme

**Ray Chatterpaul** (University of Guyana, Berbice Campus) and **Pamela Rose** (University of Guyana, Berbice Campus) Reforms in English Language classrooms in the Caribbean: Lessons for the future

**10:30-11:00AM: Tea Break (In front of the AULA)**

**11:00AM-12:30 PM (SATURDAY): Parallel Sessions S, T & U:**

**Session S (Room Garden 1): GENDER (Chair: Melinda Maxwell)**

**Norma L. Rodríguez Santiago** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) The contemporary Caribbean woman in female-directed family drama film

**Krystal Calero** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) Discursive practices and women in Puerto Rico

**Nicholas Faraclas** and other members of the Research Group on the Role of Marginalized Peoples in the Emergence of the Creole Languages and Cultures of the Afro-Atlantic (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) A critical analysis of neo-colonial discourse promoting homophobia in the Anglophone countries of the Caribbean and Africa

**Session T (Room Garden 2): LITERATURE (Chair: Jenny Lozano-Cosme)**

**Ramón Soto** (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) - The Leeward Islands and archipelagic trash fictions

**Edgar J. Nieves López** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) - Toward a self-governed Caribbean: Memory and identity in Tobias S. Buckell's *Crystal Rain*

**Jo Robles** (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras) - The right choice: A look at ideology and reason in Maryse Condé's *Heremakhonon*

**Session U (Zaal 3): UA STUDENTS' PANEL (Chair: Carlos Rodriguez)**

**2:00PM to Evening (SATURDAY): ISLAND TOUR.** Buses departing from UA at 2:00PM will take participants to San Nicolaas, with a stop at Parke Nacional Arikok at around 4pm, before heading back to Oranjestad at 5:30pm for a tour of Fort Zoutman. Pre-registration is required. A small contribution may be required to cover transportation expenses. More details will be provided at a later date.