

**25th ANNUAL EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISLAND CULTURES (“ISLANDS IN BETWEEN”) CONFERENCE
ON THE LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURES OF THE EASTERN AND GREATER CARIBBEAN**

THURSDAY 5 TO SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026 IN ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Co-organized by: The University of the West Indies Global Campus St. Vincent and the Grenadines; The University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras; and The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

Modality: Face-to-face

Venue: The University of the West Indies, Global Campus St Vincent and the Grenadines

Dates: Thursday, 5 November to Saturday, 7 November 2026

(Arrival: Wednesday, 4 November 2026. Departure: Sunday, 8 November 2026)

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR PRESENTATION INCLUDE, but are not limited to:

- Culture, Politics, Society, History, Law and Education in the Eastern Caribbean
- Caribbean Biodiversity and Current Environmental Challenges in the Eastern Caribbean
- Migrations, Diasporas and Connections in the Eastern Caribbean
- The Languages, Literatures and Cultures of the Eastern Caribbean
- Eastern Caribbean Drama, Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Cinema, Essays, Memoirs.
- Representations of Race, Gender, Class and Ethnicity in the Eastern Caribbean
- Creole Linguistics and the Creolization of Languages in the Eastern Caribbean
- Art, Music, Dance, Cuisine, and Popular Culture of the Eastern Caribbean
- Eastern Caribbean Carnival, Religions, Spiritualities, and Other Performance Traditions

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS:

EARLY DEADLINE FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF YOUR ABSTRACT: MONDAY 15 JUNE 2026

For extra-early consideration of your abstract for funding or visa purposes, please let us know.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR OTHER ABSTRACTS: TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

Please send your abstract to: islandsconference@gmail.com

Abstracts should be submitted within the text of an email, and NOT as an attachment

Along with the abstract, please include: 1) each authors' name, e-mail address, and home institution (if applicable) and 2) a brief biography for each author of 50 words or less

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words long (not including authors' names and bios)

Abstracts as well as papers presented at the conference may be in English, Spanish, French, Dutch, Portuguese or English-/French-/Iberian-lexifier Creole.

A selection of papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

Notifications of Acceptance of EARLY Abstracts: on or before Monday, 22 June 2026.

Notifications of Acceptance of OTHER Abstracts: on or before Tuesday, 22 September 2026.

For conference updates, please go to: <https://islandsinbetween.com/>

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES IN NOVEMBER 2026

Logistical Information and Preliminary Schedule

(UPDATED TO 23 MAY 2026)

25th Eastern Caribbean Island Cultures Conference
(Islands-in-Between Conference)

The University of the West Indies, Global Campus St
Vincent and the Grenadines (UWIGC SVG)
5-7 November 2026

1) Conference Venue, Schedule and Registration Fees:

The conference will be held at **The University of the West Indies, Global Campus St Vincent and the Grenadines (UWIGC SVG)** located in on Richmond Hill Road in the middle of Kingstown, the capital city of St Vincent and the Grenadines. The opening session on Thursday morning will take place in the Lecture Hall, and the paper sessions will take place in Conference Room 1 and Conference Room 2. All venues are accessible for those with mobility challenges.

The University of the West Indies, Global Campus St Vincent and the Grenadines is located on Richmond Hill Road in Kingstown, right in the city center area, and is easily accessible to many hotels, restaurants and shops. For those with no mobility challenges, moving to and from the conference venue in the morning and evenings as well as moving from the conference venue to restaurants for lunch and back can be easily managed on foot. There is also a public bus stop across from the campus on Richmond Hill Road. Please let us know if you have mobility challenges so that we can try our best to accommodate you.

For those staying out of walking distance to the conference venue or who have mobility challenges, buses (paid for by participants) may be organized to pick up participants from **the official Conference Hotel** Thursday at 7:50am and Friday and Saturday at 8:20am. After the conference sessions are over (around 5:30pm) these same buses will be available to take participants back to **the official Conference Hotel**. If you are staying elsewhere, and have no other transport, please make your way in the morning from your place of lodging to **the official Conference Hotel** by 8:00am and in the evening from the Official Conference Hotel to your place of lodging. On **Thursday or Friday evening** (Cultural Night), bus service will be available to and from **the official Conference Hotel** at specified times.

The Argyle International Airport (SVD or TVSA) is the main airport and is located about 15 kilometers (10 miles) from the center of Kingstown. From the Argyle airport to Kingstown, airport transfer vehicles are available and the estimated cost from Argyle airport to Kingstown is around **USD \$40 for a** single person in a shared taxi (subject to change). UBER and other ride share services are not available. The least expensive form of transport (less than USD \$5 per person per ride within Kingstown, and less than USD \$10 per ride between the Airport and Kingstown) are private minibuses (with license plates that begin with the letter "H") that pick up passengers along all of the major roads, but have no fixed schedules. There are minibus routes that go from

just outside Argyle airport to Kingstown. These may not be a viable in the evening or at night, if you are unwilling to walk from the airport to the main road and/or if you have much luggage.

Conference sessions are scheduled for Thursday 5 November (9am to 5:30pm), Friday 6 November (9am to 5:30pm), and Saturday 7 November (9am to 12noon). Arrival day is Wednesday 4 November. An informal Early Registration and Meet & Greet event (drinks and food at participants' expense) will be held on Wednesday evening before the conference at a location to be specified, from 5:30pm until. A Cultural Night event will be held on Thursday or Friday evening from 7pm until at a location to be specified. A Dinner event will be held from 7pm on Thursday or Friday evening at a location to be specified. An Island Tour (paid for by participants at the registration tables) will be scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Tour busses depart at 2pm from UWIGC St Vincent and the Grenadines. Departure day is Sunday.

Registration fees are US \$80 for non-students and US \$40 for students, payable in CASH ONLY. Payment can be made at the registration table which will be available during the Meet and Greet activity on Wednesday evening, or at the registration table at the Conference itself, on Thursday and Friday from 8:00am to 12:00noon and on Saturday morning 9:00am-11:00am. Residents of St Vincent and the Grenadines who are attending and/or presenting may do so free of charge. Those doing performances and those working on the local organizing committee in St Vincent and the Grenadines are also exempt from paying fees. All of those who are non-residents must pay the registration fee, whether they are presenting or not.

2) Information for Presenters:

We are likely to have a significant number of accepted abstracts to schedule over the three days of the conference. We would therefore greatly appreciate your cooperation, flexibility and patience in this process.

Each individual or co-authored presentation (including each individual presentation which is part of a panel) will be allotted approximately 20 to 25 minutes for the paper and approximately 5 to 10 minutes for questions, for a total of 30 minutes for each presentation (including questions). All rooms will be equipped with projectors and/or a laptop plus projector into either of which a USB drive can be inserted.

Please get your presentation to your session chair WELL BEFORE your session begins. Please try to practice your presentation beforehand to make sure that it fits into the allotted time. Please notify us as soon as possible if you need sound or an internet connection for your presentation.

If there are certain days of the conference during which you cannot present, please let us know.

3) Visas, Departure Tax and a SPECIAL NOTE ON DRIVING AND CROSSING ROADS IN ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

For holders of CARICOM, Commonwealth (except Nigeria), Canadian, US, and EU passports, no visa is required to enter St Vincent and the Grenadines, just a valid passport that will not expire within 6 months and with a blank page for the stamp. Those with Haitian, Dominican Republic, Nigerian and Chinese passports need a visa and may be asked to show a departing ticket and/or proof of financial resources. Please check with the St Vincent and the Grenadines government website (<https://www.gov.vc/index.php/visitors/23-visitors/visa-requirements/7-visa-requirements>) if you hold any other passport, check to see if a visa is required. There is a

Departure Tax of approximately USD\$40 (as of April 2026) for departures by air. The tax is often included in an air ticket. If you plan to transit any point in the USA, Puerto Rico or the US Virgin Islands on your way to (and/or back from) St Vincent, you will need a US passport or a US visa /US online ESTA visa waiver to do so. No vaccinations or other special health requirements are necessary for entry into St Vincent and the Grenadines, unless one is coming from a country where there is a health issue (for example, yellow fever).

Those from the US, the EU, Puerto Rico and other right-hand driving territories in the Caribbean and elsewhere should take extra care when driving, entering vehicles in traffic and crossing streets and roads in St Vincent and the Grenadines. Traffic in St Vincent and the Grenadines follows the left side of the road, the same as in the UK and opposite to the US, Canada, the EU and much of the rest of the Caribbean. That said, most vehicles in St Vincent and the Grenadines are made or marketed in Japan and Europe and have the driver's seat on the right-hand side.

4) WiFi, Currency, Electricity, and Time Zone:

The University of the West Indies, Global Campus St Vincent and the Grenadines **has WiFi which will be available to all conference participants on site.** The local currency is the Eastern Caribbean Dollar (XCD) (as of 14 April 2026, 1 US dollar = 2.7 Eastern Caribbean dollars, subject to change). US dollars and Euros are also accepted in most tourist areas. You can use your ATM card to get cash in Eastern Caribbean dollars at ATMs throughout the island. St Vincent and the Grenadines is in the Atlantic time zone, as is Puerto Rico and the rest of the Eastern Caribbean. Electric sockets take UK-style plugs (type G) and carry 230v and 50hz current. For this reason, you will probably need an adaptor plug for your phone charger and computer. **Warning: US 110-120 volt appliances (other than laptops and cell phones) may be used only if the location is able to accommodate them.**

5) Flights to and from St Vincent:

As of April 2026 (fares are unusually high at this time due to the price of oil and hopefully they will be more reasonable by November: please re-check all of the information below before you book), there are multiple airlines that will be operating to/from the Argyle International Airport (SVD). For a stay of from 4 to 8 November 2026: 1) Puerto Rico round trip around US\$700 per person; 2) Miami round trip around US\$600 per person; 3) New York round trip around US\$300 per person; 4) Trinidad round trip around US\$450 per person; 5) Barbados round trip around US\$300 per person; 6) Jamaica round trip around US\$1000 per person; and London round trip around US\$900 per person. A number of other options are available and can be found on any flight booking site.

6) Ground Transportation:

The least expensive form of transport (less than USD \$5 per person per ride within Kingstown, and less than USD \$10 per ride between the Airport and Kingstown) are private minibusses that pick up passengers along all of the major roads, but have no fixed schedules.

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Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for all of their ground transport. Despite being a relatively small island, St Vincent has plenty of cars, and there may be some traffic congestion during rush hours. If you are staying some distance from The University of the West Indies, Global Campus, give yourself plenty of time to get there in the morning.

Taxi fares from the airport to the various hotels or The University of the West Indies, Global Campus as well as to and from hotels and The University of the West Indies, Global Campus range between **USD\$XX-USD\$XX** one way for a single passenger. There are car rental companies with offices at the airport.

7) Coffee Breaks, Lunch and other Meals:

Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for all of their meals and drinks. Two coffee breaks on Thursday and two coffee breaks on Friday will be provided free of charge to participants by the conference hosts at The University of the West Indies, Global Campus St Vincent and the Grenadines. During lunch breaks, local restaurants are easily accessible by foot from The University of the West Indies, Global Campus. There will be a Dinner on **Thursday or Friday night** at **to be specified** from 7pm onward (all food and drinks paid for by participants).

8) Accommodation:

The official Conference Hotel is **to be specified**. The special rate at this hotel for conference participants is as follows:

Single occupancy: **to be specified**

Double occupancy: **to be specified**

Booking code is: **to be specified**

In order to avoid long rides to and from the conference venue try as much as possible to book at accommodation as close to The University of the West Indies, Global Campus St Vincent and the Grenadines as possible.

If you prefer not to stay at the official Conference Hotel, we recommend that you consult Booking.com, airbnb or similar websites to check and compare locations, prices and specific accommodation preferences.

As of April 2026, there were a number of apartments available in Kingstown within walking distance or a short minibus ride from The University of the West Indies, Global Campus at between USD \$50.00 and \$75.00 per person per night, or even less if accommodation is shared.

ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES Conference Program Structure ‘Shell’ 260413:

25th ECICC CONFERENCE: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES GLOBAL CAMPUS ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES 5-7 NOVEMBER, 2026 PRELIMINARY VERSION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)				
	WEDNESDAY 04/11	THURSDAY 05/11	FRIDAY 06/11	SATURDAY 07/11
Registration	Meet and Greet at TBA 5:30pm until	Registration 8am – 12noon	Registration 8am -12noon	Registration 9am – 11am
9:00-10:30		OPENING and	PAPERS	PAPERS BLOCK

		KEYNOTE	BLOCK 4	7
10:30-11:00		Coffee	Coffee	9:00am-11:00am
11:00-12:30		PLENARIES	PAPERS BLOCK 5	PAPERS BLOCK 8
12:30-2:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00-3:30		PAPERS BLOCK 2	PAPERS BLOCK 6	Island Tour 2:00 - Evening
3:30-4:00		Coffee	Coffee	
4:00-5:30		PAPERS BLOCK 3	Business Mtg.	
Evening	Meet and Greet at TBA 5:30pm until	Cultural Nigh or Dinnert at TBA 7pm	Cultural Nigh or Dinnert at TBA 7pm	

WEDNESDAY 04/11 Evening only (5:30pm until...): Meet and Greet and Registration at xxxx (address): Food, drinks and transport at participants' expense.

THURSDAY 05/11			
9:00-9:45	OPENING (Lecture Hall) - Official Speeches		
9:45-10:30	Keynote (Lecture Hall): Speaker(s) TBA		
10:30-11:00	Coffee: Provided by UWI Global Campus St Vincent and the Grenadines (venue TBA)		
11:00-12:30	BLOCK 1 (Conference Rooms 1 & 2)	Session A: Conference Room 1	SESSION B: Conference Room 2
		Paper A1	Paper B1
		Paper A2	Paper B2
		Paper A3	Paper B3
12:30-2:00	Lunch at participants' expense (local restaurants)		
2:00-3:30	BLOCK 2 (Conference Rooms 1 & 2)	SESSION C: Conference Room 1	SESSION D: Conference Room 2
		Paper C1	Paper D1
		Paper C2	Paper D2
		Paper C3	Paper D3
3:30-4:00	Coffee: Provided by UWIGC SVG (venue TBA)		
4:00-5:30	BLOCK 3 (Conference Rooms 1 & 2)	SESSION E: Conference Room 1	SESSION F: Conference Room 2
		Paper E1:	Paper F1
		Paper E2:	Paper F2
		Paper E3	Paper F3
Evening	Cultural Night or Dinner at TBA (Cultural Night: Participants transported to TBA)		

FRIDAY 06/11			
9:00-10:30	BLOCK 4 (Conference Rooms 1 & 2)	SESSION G: Conference Room 1	SESSION H: Conference Room 2
		Paper G1	Paper H1
		Paper G2	Paper H2
		Paper G3	Paper H3
10:30-11:00	Coffee: Provided by UWIGC SVG (venue TBA)		
11:00-12:30	BLOCK 5 (Conference Rooms 1 & 2)	SESSION I: Conference Room 1	SESSION J: Conference Room 2
		Paper I1	Paper J1
		Paper I2	Paper J2
		Paper I3	Paper J3

12:30-2:00	Lunch at participants' expense (local restaurants)		
2:00-3:30	BLOCK 6 (Conference Rooms 1 & 2)	SESSION K: Conference Room 1	SESSION L: Conference Room 2
		Paper K1	Paper L1
		Paper K2	Paper L2
		Paper K3	Paper L3
3:30-4:00	Coffee: Provided by UWIGC SVG (venue TBA)		
4:00-5:30	BUSINESS MEETING AND BOOK LAUNCHES (Conference Room 1)		
Evening	Cultural Night or Dinner at TBA (Cultural Night: Participants transported to TBA)		

SATURDAY 07/11			
9:00-12:00	BLOCK 7 and 8 (Conference Rooms 1 & 2)	SESSION M: Conference Room 1	SESSION N: Conference Room 2
		Paper M1	Paper N1
		Paper M2	Paper N2
		Paper M3	Paper N3
		Paper M4	Paper N4
	BLOCK 8 (Conference Rooms 1 & 2)	SESSION P: Conference Room 1	SESSION Q: Conference Room 2
		Paper P1	Paper Q1
		Paper P2	Paper Q2
		Paper P3	Paper Q3
		Paper P4	Paper Q4
12:00-2:00	Lunch at participants' expense (local restaurants)		
2:00-Evening	ISLAND TOUR: Pick up at UWIGC SVG, paid for by participants		