



The Institute of International Relations, & the Caribbean Policy Consortium

Present

"Latin America-Caribbean relations in a multipolar world"

Thursday 30th November 2023 | 5-7pm Atlantic Standard Time.

PROGRAMME

<p>Chair Opening Remarks</p>		<p>Professor Jessica Byron Fellow, Caribbean Policy Consortium and Former Director, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies</p>	
<p>Welcome Remarks</p>		<p>Dr. Annita Montoute Interim Director, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies</p>	
<p>Introduction of Panelists PANEL PRESENTATIONS</p>	<p>Presenter</p>		<p>Topic</p>
	<p>Dr. Andrés Serbín</p>		<p>Latin America and the Caribbean in the emerging global order.</p>
	<p>Dr Stacy Richards-Kennedy</p>		<p>Promoting regional integration and sustainable development in a multi-polar world: the role of international financial institutions</p>
	<p>Dr Mark Kirton</p>		<p>CARICOM at 50 : Strategic regional repositioning in relation to Latin America</p>
	<p>Dr Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez</p>		<p>Latin American-Caribbean regional integration : the experience of CELAC</p>
	<p>Dr. Lancelot Cowie</p>		<p>Promoting Latin American – Caribbean cultural relations in a new era</p>
<p>Mr Michael Hendrickson</p>		<p>Fostering social and economic development, trade and investment relations between Latin America and the Caribbean</p>	
<p>Questions and Answers</p>			
<p>Concluding Remarks and Closing</p>		<p>Professor Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith Fellow, Caribbean Policy Consortium</p>	

MEET THE PANELISTS



Dr. Andrés Serbín

**Chair, Academic Council of the
Coodinadora Regional de
Investigaciones Económicas y
Sociales**

Andrés Serbin is an anthropologist who holds a Doctorate in Political Science (UCV, 1987). Chair of the Academic Council of the Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES) and Former Executive President of CRIES he recently received the Global South Distinguished Scholar Award of International Studies Association (ISA). . He is a member of several Academic Boards (Post-Graduate Program on BRICS, State University of St. Petersburg; USAL and UCA in Argentina). He is a founding member and former Chair of The International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP) and of Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), former President of the Caribbean Studies Association. He is a founding member and current President Emeritus of the Venezuelan Institute of Social and Economic Research (INVESEP). He retired as Full Professor of the Central University of Venezuela and since 1990, is Emeritus Researcher at the Venezuelan National Council of Science and Technology. He has been a Visiting Professor at several universities in the U.K. (Warwick), the United States (Harvard, FIU, Wharton School), France (Aix-en-Provence, Sorbonne III) and Brazil (UNESP), and currently is teaching at UCA. He also served as Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Venezuela (1991-1993; 1998); Director of Caribbean Affairs with the Latin America Economic System (SELA)(1995-1997), and as a consultant to several regional and international organizations. He has authored several books in Spanish, English and Russian, edited more than 30 collective volumes both in English and Spanish, and published more than 200 academic articles in Spanish, English, French, German and Russian. His most recent book - War and Global Transition - was published in Spanish in 2022. Since 1997 he is the director of the trilingual academic journal Pensamiento Propio.



Dr Stacy Richards-Kennedy

**Regional Manager for the
Caribbean,
CAF- Development Bank of
Latin America and the
Caribbean**

Dr. Richards-Kennedy has over 25 years' experience in multilateral negotiations, development management and international finance. Her diverse experience includes forging strategic partnerships, leading multi-disciplinary teams and marshalling resources for the successful execution of projects in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. In November 2022, CAF – Development Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean – officially launched its Regional Management Office for the Caribbean located in Port of Spain, Trinidad and headed by Dr. Stacy Richards-Kennedy. Dr. Richards-Kennedy formerly served as Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global Affairs at The University of the West Indies. She also has extensive experience working in multilateral development agencies. She was Assistant Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Trinidad and Tobago, Aruba, Curaçao and St Maarten; Chief Technical Advisor, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); Consultant, The World Bank, Washington DC and Programme Specialist, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris. Dr. Richards-Kennedy holds a Doctorate in Education from The University of Sheffield, an MSc in Development Management from American University (Washington DC), an MBA specializing in International Finance from American University (Washington DC) as well as a Postgraduate Diploma (International Relations) and Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages, both from The University of the West Indies (St. Augustine, Trinidad). Dr. Richards-Kennedy has served on several national as well as international boards and committees and has received various awards.



Dr. Raymond Mark Kirton

**Honorary Senior Fellow,
Institute for International
Relations,
The University of the West
Indies**

Dr. Mark Kirton is a citizen of Guyana and the holder of the Bachelor of Arts (Distinction) from the University of Guyana, Master of Science (M.Sc) from Georgetown University, Washington D.C. and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) from The University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A. His professional experience spans more than four decades of university teaching, research and administration. At the University of Guyana, he served as Senior Lecturer and Head, Department of Political Science and Law (later becoming the Department of Government and International Affairs), Head of the Graduate School of the Social Sciences, and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Dr Kirton later joined the University of the West Indies and served as Director (ag.) Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad from where he retired. Dr. Kirton’s current research interests include regional integration, Latin American politics and government and migration and human security.



Dr. Jacqueline Laguardia

**Senior Lecturer and
MPhil/PhD coordinator,
Institute of International
Relations,
The University of the West
Indies**

Dr. Jacqueline Laguardia Martinez joined the Institute of International Relations as a lecturer in March 2014. She teaches courses on Small States in the Global System, the International Relations of Latin America and the Caribbean, International Political Economy, World Economic History and Cuban History. Previously she served as Associate Professor at the University of Havana, Cuba from 1999-2014. Dr Laguardia holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Havana (2013), an M.Sc. in Economic Policy Management from the University of Auvergne, France (2002), and an M.Sc. in International Economics from the University of Havana, Cuba. She has earned three BSc’s, in Economics (1999), History (2004), and Cultural Studies (2012), all from the University of Havana, Cuba. At present, Dr. Laguardia is also the coordinator of the MPhil/PhD in International Relations programme at the Institute of International Relations. Hailing from Cuba, Dr. Laguardia’s mother tongue is Spanish, and she is fluent in English and French.



Professor Lancelot Cowie

**Honorary Professor of Latin
American Studies, Institute of
International Relations,
The University of the West
Indies**

Dr. Lancelot Cowie is a graduate of the University of the West Indies, Mona Jamaica. He is Founder and Director of the Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean (CENLAC) at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago (2003-2016). He lectured for 30 years in Spanish and Latin American studies at the same University. His articles and books encompass social and cultural Latin American topics giving prominence to a comparative perspective of the Greater Caribbean region. His writings focus on guerrilla movements in Argentina, México, Venezuela, Perú and Bolivia, petroleum issues in Venezuela and its social impact, migration to/from Latin America and West Indian diaspora among other themes. He has been a keynote speaker in international conferences in Asia and Europe as well as in several Latin American Universities including México, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Argentina, Panamá, Perú, among others. He was also Consultant and Project Director at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) at the Port of Spain Branch. From 2016 to 2021 Dr. Cowie served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in Havana, Cuba. Dr. Cowie has been appointed Honorary Professor attached to the Latin American Studies Programme at the Institute of International Relations, UWI, St. Augustine.



Mr Michael Hendrickson

**Economic Affairs Officer,
Economic Development Unit,
The United Nations Economic
Commission for Latin America
and the Caribbean**

Michael is an Economic Affairs Officer with The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC). He has over 29 years of experience working on development issues in the region. Michael has been a longstanding member of ECLAC's Disaster Assessment Team which assesses the socio-economic impacts of natural disasters in the region and proposes strategies for building resilience. In addition, at ECLAC he works on a range of issues, including sector studies, trade and integration and the impact of fiscal policy and debt on sustainable development in the region. Michael is interested in how the region can promote economic growth that benefits the mass of citizens, while protecting its environmental and cultural resources. He is also concerned about the need for greater policy space to pursue strategies that can advance socioeconomic resilience. Michael was trained in economics at the University of the West Indies and in economics and law at the University of London.

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