



**Society for Caribbean Studies (SCS) Newsletter**  
**Year 2021-2022**  
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**CHAIR'S NOTE**

Dear Society for Caribbean Studies members:

Our Executive Committee have accepted 110 paper/presentation proposals (including 6 co-authored works and papers in ten pre-organized panels) into the 2022 SCS Conference program in July 5-9, 2022. The official acceptance notifications will be sent shortly with instructions on how to register for the event and update membership.

The preliminary conference program is quite diverse in terms of disciplines, topics, Caribbean geographies in focus, scholars' home bases, and academic contexts. Some numbers in this regard are shared in a separate section of the newsletter.

SCS will be sponsoring three different artistic acts in the 2022 Conference as part of the yearly Bridget Jones Award to Caribbean Artists initiative: poetry from Barbados, graphic arts and educational comics from multicultural Sint Marteen/Saint Martin, and a film collective from the French Caribbean. They will be featured in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

The awardee of the David Nicholls Memorial Prize for outstanding post graduate Caribbean Studies scholarship

has also been selected. This prize to the best post graduate paper during our previous conference (2021 SCS Conference) will be featured in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

Before we meet in July, there are other opportunities for scholarly exchange within the upcoming weeks. SCS is co-sponsor/organizer of an event by The UWI Museum (Jamaica) that will be offering reflections on the ways emancipation is commemorated across the various linguistic Caribbean subregions. Likewise, SCS joined the Socialist History Society and The Institute of Commonwealth Studies in coordinating a webinar series on historical perspectives of socialism in the English-speaking Caribbean. More details will be found in this newsletter.

We continue to find ways to fully take advantage of the virtual world on behalf of our UK and global network of scholars. See you soon.

Kind and enthusiastic regards,  
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The UWI Museum in collaboration with  
The Caribbean Heritage Network, Society for Caribbean Studies (UK)  
Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe and Local Voices  
present

# EMANCIPATION DAY MATTERS?

## MATERIALITY & CULTURAL CONTESTATION IN THE DUTCH, FRENCH AND SPANISH CARIBBEAN

Meet Our Speakers

DATE

February 24, 2022

TIME

12 P.M. (JA) | 1 P.M. (AST)



Professor Juan Angel Giusti Cordero  
University of Puerto Rico



Ms. Katarina Jacobson  
Edgar Clerc Museum &  
Local Voices



Professor Rose-Mary Allen  
University of Curacao

MODERATED BY



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Join us via The UWI Museum Facebook Live: <https://fb.me/e/1PmfA8ZER>

**EMANCIPATION DAY MATTERS?**  
**AN EVENT BY THE UWI MUSEUM / CO-SPONSORED BY SCS**

PANEL VIA FACEBOOK LIVE: <https://fb.me/e/23M0qqKFt>

**EMANCIPATION DAY MATTERS?**

Materiality & Cultural Contestation in the Dutch, French & Spanish Caribbean

This is the final panel discussion in the three-part series exploring the contemporary issues surrounding Emancipation Day celebrations. Defining Emancipation Day as a process rather than a 'Day' in history, panel three explores Emancipation Day celebrations in the Dutch, French and Spanish Caribbean.

Thursday, February 24, 2022

12 PM Jamaica time

1 PM Puerto Rico, Guadeloupe, Curaçao time

5 PM UK time

ORGANIZER: The UWI Museum

**CO-SPONSORS:**

The Caribbean Heritage Network

Society for Caribbean Studies (UK)

Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe

Local Voices (Guadeloupe)

**PREVIOUS PANELS**

**\* Panel 1:**

Emancipation Day Matters?

Materiality and Cultural Contestation in Jamaica

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiumCVuxmH0&ab\\_channel=UWIMuseum](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiumCVuxmH0&ab_channel=UWIMuseum)

**\* Panel 2:**

Emancipation Day Matters?

Materiality and Cultural Contestation in the English-Speaking Caribbean (St. Lucia, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ix8flarPjqY&t=1s&ab\\_channel=UWIMuseum](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ix8flarPjqY&t=1s&ab_channel=UWIMuseum)

**SOCIALISM IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN**  
**AN EVENT BY THE SOCIALIST HISTORY SOCIETY / CO-SPONSORED BY SCS**

WEBINAR SERIES

Socialism in the English-Speaking Caribbean

The Socialist History Society, The Institute of Commonwealth Studies and The Society for Caribbean Studies will be holding a series of online research seminars.

The participants have been invited to submit written papers in advance of the seminars. These will be available to everyone who registers.

Attendance is free, but advance registration is necessary.

You can download the programme and the abstracts of the presentations here...

<http://www.socialisthistorysociety.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/programme.pdf>

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16th March – register here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rd-vqTgoGdbtgRcXT2iQMtBrSmDvk\\_Wu](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rd-vqTgoGdbtgRcXT2iQMtBrSmDvk_Wu)

- Ozzi Warwick / History of Socialism in the English-Speaking Caribbean
- Valentine Smith / The New Left and the Black Power Movement in Trinidad and Tobago
- Ben Gowland / Black Power and Socialism in the West Indies

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23rd March – register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlucOyopzqwHtYXc9zcGRNv2lKnpSzFjRuc>

- Michael Niblett & Chris Campbell / Caribbean Socialism, Revolutionary Literature, and the Education of Feeling
- Loraine Thomas / Politics and Caribbean Literature: The Case of St Vincent and the Grenadines in the Era of Independence
- Tennyson Joseph / The Caribbean Left since the Collapse of the Grenada Revolution

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30th March – register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0oc-srDwoGdPcbCS9vISPeSE49e9Lnm2R>

- Matthew Myers / 'Jamaica – Britain – One Struggle!': Transnational Socialisms and Black Workers' Newspapers between the Caribbean and Britain (Flame, 1975-1979)
- Marsha Hinds / Woman and Caribbean Socialism
- Anne'el Bain / Under the Eagle's Eye: Cooperation as a Survival Mechanism among Leftist Cuba, Grenada, and Nicaragua, 1979-1990

## PRELIMINARY SCS CONFERENCE PROGRAM IN NUMBERS

110 papers/presentations have been accepted for the 2022 SCS Conference to be held in July.

### *Distribution by Home Base of Main Paper/Presentation Proponent*

#### View One

- UK → 34
- Island Caribbean (including Belize and Guianas) → 30
- USA & Canada → 20
- Non-UK Europe → 12
- Continental Latin America → 10
- Asia → 4

#### View Two

- 31 from England
- 18 from USA
- 6 each from Cuba and Trinidad & Tobago
- 5 from Dominican Republic
- 4 each from Guadeloupe and Netherlands
- 3 each from Italy, Japan, Mexico, and Scotland
- 2 each from Canada, Curaçao, Haiti, and Puerto Rico
- 1 each from Argentina, Aruba, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, France, Guyana, Ireland, Sint Marteen, Spain, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela

### *Distribution by Academic Context of Main Paper/Presentation Proponent*

- PhD Holder → 74
- PhD Student → 25
- Master's Holder → 8
- Practitioner/Artist → 3