

6th Annual
**CARIBBEAN
SOCIOLOGICAL
ASSOCIATION**
CONFERENCE

SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIETIES IN TRANSITION

Exploring Tensions between
Stability and Change

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2026

PROGRAMME



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UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

September 23

Day 1

1:30 p.m	Registration - The Sattaur and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose Auditorium
2:00 – 3:25 p.m.	Presidential Round Table Talk - The Sattaur and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose Auditorium Topic - Man Trouble? Interrogating Masculinity and Sustainable Development Panelists: Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard, Mr. Adel Lilly, Phillip Clarke, Ian Bethell-Bennett Moderator: Ms. Toni-Marie Cornwall
3:30 – 4:55 p.m	Youth Panel - The Sattaur and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose Auditorium Topic - Transition and Transformation: The Youth Navigating a Changing Caribbean Panelists: CAPE Sociology Students Moderator: Dr. Jewel Thomas



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Day 1

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Opening Ceremony - The Sattaur and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose Auditorium

Chairperson:

Dr. Duane Edwards, President Caribbean Sociological Association
and
Director, Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Guyana

Greetings:

- Prof. Stafford Griffith – Chair, Transitional Management Team, University of Guyana
- Dr. Dianna DaSilva-Glasgow, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Guyana
- Prof. Livingston Smith, Immediate Past President, CASA

Cultural Presentation:

Ms. Tirishatha Semple, President UGSS

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:

Keynote Address: *Thriving Through Disruption: Technology, Fear and Resilient Futures* - Prof. Paloma Mohamed-Martin, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Guyana

Vote of Thanks: Sociology Student

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Day 2

9:00 – 9:30 a.m	Registration- The Sattaur and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose Auditorium
9:40 - 11:10 a.m.	The Sattaur and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose Auditorium PLENARY PANEL Theme: Challenges faced, progress made in the social welfare sector since Guyana's economic transition Moderator: Ms. Debbie Hopkinson Panelists: - Dr. Vindhya Persaud , Minister of Human Services and Social Security - Mrs. Trenetta Elliot - Ms. Samantha Craig - Ms. Concheeta Gray

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Day 2

11: 20 a.m. -
12:50 p.m

The Sattaur and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose Auditorium

PLENARY PANEL

Theme: The inequity of Caribbean spaces and designed places:
Race, Class, and Gender

Moderator: Dr. Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper

Debris, violence, and the Coloniality of Displacement – **Mr. Ian Bethell Bennett**

Social and Spatial (In)Justice Tropical Paradise and Dispossession Narrative. Race, Class, and Gender - **Jessica Minnis**

Fluid Place and Space: The Politics of Inclusion – **Dr. Mayuri Deka**
Caribbean Liberal Legal Ideology: Repression, Modernity, and Rupture - **Michael Stevenson**

So you went to Convent: Education, Social Mobility, and Civil Society – **Dr. Alison Mc Letchie**

**LUNCH 1:00- 2:00 - The Sattaur
and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose
Auditorium**

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Day 2

2:00 - 3:00 p.m

CONCURRENT PANELS

Panel 1 – CIT Zoom Room 1

Theme: Race, Colourism, and Domestic Violence

Moderator: Dr Antoinette Gayle

Skin Color and Asset Ownership: Intra-racial Stratification in the Anglophone Caribbean – Dr. Monique D.A. Kelly

Negotiating the Blue Glass Ceiling: Women Police Officers Lived Experiences of Leadership in Policing in Trinidad and Tobago – Dr. Wendell C. Wallace

Panel 2 - CIT Zoom Room 2

Theme: Role and Future of Caribbean Small Developing States

Moderator: Rachel Taylor

The Resource Curse Revisited: Caribbean Intellectual Perspectives on Oil Development and the Future of Small States – Prof. Livingston Smith

Livingston Smith

On the Reification of Urbanisation – Prescribing a Role for Sociology in Caribbean Small Developing States – Dr. Godfrey St Bernard

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3:15 - 4:45 p.m

CONCURRENT PANELS

Panel 3 - CIT Zoom Room 1

Theme: Community wellness in a post-disaster World

Moderator: Ms. Dionne Frank

Assessing Acute Mental Health Status Post-Hurricane Melissa, in Westmoreland, Jamaica – **Angelleath James, Kimberley Foster, Avi Kenny, Novie Younger, Winston De La Haye, Caitlyn Sams, Jonathan Robinson, Rose Ann Smith and Rupika Delgoda**
Green Crimes and Gold Mines: Harms to the Surinamese Amazon - **Esmée Hubbard van den Driest**

Panel 4 - CIT Zoom Room 2

Theme: Negotiating Change in the Cayman Islands: Migration, Education, and Community Adaptation

Moderator: Dr. Alison Mc Letchie

Transforming STEM Education in the Cayman Islands: Youth Engagement, Teacher Development, and Community-driven Innovation – **Dr. Antoinette Gayle**
Social Impact and Pedagogical Responses: Adapting to Pandemic Engineered Realities – **Dr. Erica Gordon**
"The More Things Change the More They Remain the Same": Literary Interrogation of Migration in the Cayman Context – **Dr. Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper**



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5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**CASA Annual Business Meeting -
Education Lecture Theatre**



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Future*





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Day 3

9:00 – 10:00 a.m

The Sattaur and Ameena Gafoor Multipurpose Auditorium

Author Spotlight on the book, “Guyana at a Crossroads:
Diversity, Vulnerable Sub-Groups and the Promise of
Development”

*Featuring Sydney Armstrong, Louisa Daggers, Duane Edwards
and Dianna Dasilva-Glasgow*

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10:15 - 11:15
a.m

CONCURRENT PANELS

Panel 5 - CIT Zoom Room 1

Theme: Covid-19 and Cybersecurity - Impact on Education and Everyday Practice

Moderator: Ms. Shonell Smith-Enoe

A Sociology of Children in the News Before, During and After the COVID – 19 Pandemic in Jamaica – Prof. Aldrie Henry-Lee, Toni-Marie Cornwall

The Sociology of Security: Cybersecurity - Good on Paper but not good in Practice – Ms. Audrey E. Benn

Panel 6 - CIT Zoom Room 2

Theme: Surnames, Dual Citizenship, and Shared Governance

Moderator: Prof. Livingston Smith

Beyond the Surname: A Comparative Analysis of Political Dynasties and Democratic Transition in the Dutch and Anglophone Caribbean – Ahmet Talan

Diaspora, Dual Citizenship, and Shared Governance in Guyana: Constitutional Stability and Social Transition in a Transnational Age – Prof. Courtney Abel

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a.m**

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Panel 7 – Education Lecture Theatre

Theme: Cross Border Migration, Fertility and Ageing

Moderator: Dr. Godfrey St Bernard

Intra-Caribbean migration and cross border activities: implications for policy intervention and sustainable development within the Caribbean Community – Dr. Oral Robinson
How Fertility, Ageing and Migration Intersect to Impact Guyana's Social Development – Dr. Marlon A. Bristol, Dr. Duane Edwards

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11:25 a.m. - 12:55 p.m	CONCURRENT PANELS Panel 8 – CIT Zoom Room 1 Roundtable Discussion: "Expecting Difference in Knowledge Creation: Lessons from Disability Justice in the Caribbean". Ruth Rodney Dr. Kendra-Ann Pitt Rosemarie Ramitt Rachel Taylor Salima Bacchus-Hinds
	Panel 9 – CIT Zoom Room 2 Theme: CARICOM navigates geopolitical realities and ponders its future Moderator: Ian Bethel-Bennett <i>Contested Care? Trump 2.0, Cuban Medical Diplomacy, and Jamaica's Struggle for Health Sovereignty - Aieka Yasheva Smith</i> <i>Digital Transformation, Cultural Identity and Creative Agency in the Caribbean – Phillip Clarke</i> <i>Nationalism, Sovereignty, and the Future of CARICOM – Oliver Benoit</i>

**LUNCH 1:00- 2:30 - The Sattaur
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1:00 p.m. – 2:30
p.m

LUNCH PANEL - Guyana Students' Voices

Theme: Guyana's Socioeconomic transitions – Poverty, Employability, Health, Crime and Education

Moderator: Dr. Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper

Factors Affecting Poverty in Guyana: Evidence from a Multidimensional Capability Approach – Denzel DeSouza
Labour Market Effects of Guyana's Pathway Program in Mahaica-Berbice – Ashana Webster
Relationship Between Police Expenditure on Serious Crime and Public Safety in Guyana: Evidence from Fiscal and Crime Data (2015-2025) – Naudia Critchlow
The Role of Telemedicine in Healthcare Outcomes, and Health System Efficiency in Guyana's Hinterland Regions: An Economic Analysis – Toneshia Peters
The Impact of TVET on Employment Outcomes in Guyana: A Case Study of Guyanese Emigrants – Raquel Reid

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2:35 - 4:05 p.m

CONCURRENT PANELS

Panel 11 – CIT Zoom Room 1

Transitions in sociological theories of Inclusion, Dependency, and Decolonisation

Moderator: Dr. Erica Gordon

Access is Not Belonging: Reframing Inclusion in Caribbean Societies in Transition – **Dr. Ato Kenya Rockcliffe**

The Decolonization of Sociological Theory at the UWI Mona Campus – Jamaica – **Michael Barrett**

AI Governance Dependency: Rethinking Dependency Theory in the Age of Artificial Intelligence – **Prof. Livingston Smith**

Panel 12 – CIT Zoom Room 2

Theme: AI, Digital Agency and Education's Digital Transition

Moderator: Ms. Toni-Marie Cornwall

Interrogating the Assistive Capacity of Artificial Intelligence for Welfare Administration Systems: SDG #1 - No Poverty and the Case of CARICOM Member States – **Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard and Dr Hafeeza Hosein Shah**

Artificial Intelligence, Digital Capital, and Educational Inequality: Reimagining Assessment for Caribbean Higher Education in a Time of Digital Transition – **Dr. Oral Robinson**

How Do Artificial Intelligence Applications Affect the Roles, Responsibilities, and Professional Development of Legal Support Staff in the Legal Profession in Trinidad and Tobago? – **Tavornna Nelson**

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Closing session- 4:10 – 4:30 p.m.

CITY TOUR – 4:30 – 6:30

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