

Programme

Session 4. Multiple dependency

Speakers	Communications	
F.-A. Bellemare (CEREGMIA-UAG)	Roots of the brain drain in Caribbean contemporary plantation economies	04H40 p.m
R. Cruse (CEREGMIA-UWT)	Modifying Plantation economy in Suriname	05H00 p.m
C. Providence (CEREGMIA-UAG)	New dependency and NGO's: Limits of the development projects	05H20 p.m
F. Taglioni (Université de la Réunion)	Consequences of Plantation Economy outside the Caribbean : Melanesia and Indian ocean in question	5H40 p.m

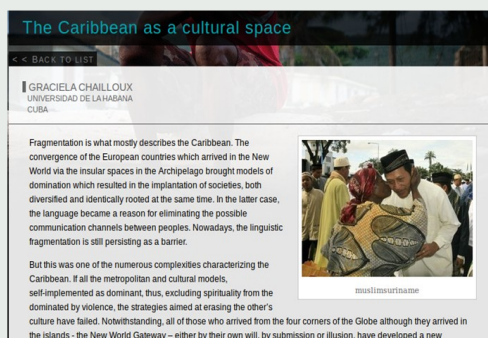
WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2012

9:00 – 12:30

Cartography Workshop and Discussion around the Online Caribbean Atlas Project developments

14:30 – 16:30

Prospects for research, development work and future collaborations



The Caribbean Atlas Project is a scholarly online resource with an array of information on the Caribbean, including maps, peer-reviewed articles, historical documents, photographs and artwork. The project – led by CEREGMIA researchers - is the result of cooperation between the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (UAG), the University of the West Indies, and many other regional Universities.

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Relevance of the Plantation Economy Theory in the Contemporary Caribbean

« *Underdevelopment is a highly developed state.* »
(L. Best)

The Theory of Plantation Economy was coined by Lloyd Best and Kari Levitt in the late 1960's. This economic theory is, in the words of the above mentioned authors « *a means of characterizing how Caribbean economies work, by reference to their historical origins. The theory explains why Caribbean economies undergo alternating cycles of 'boom' and 'bust', why periods of boom are not self-sustaining, and why adjustment during the bust does not free the economy from dependence on the 'plantation sector'—broadly defined as that which is foreign-owned and export-oriented. It is, in a sense, a theory of permanent dependence: of growth without development, of adjustment without structural change, of diversification without transformation* ».

According to Norman Girvan, « *for the better part of a decade it held intellectual sway in the social science departments at the University of the West Indies, from whence it had mainly originated. After this initial success its influence waned. In the 1980s it became one of the many casualties of the neoliberal counter-revolution in economics. Younger economists today hardly know of its existence. Most of the material on the theory was unpublished; and the rest was not easily accessible.* » (N. Girvan).

The aim of this workshop is to look at the Greater Caribbean half a century later and to understand how and why the Plantation Economy' is still the most relevant theory to explain the mainly issues faced by the region.

MONDAY 23 APRIL 2012

FIELDTRIP

Visit of the North of Martinica:

Historical site of Saint-Pierre
The Mount Pelée
Plantation agricultures
(sugar cane, banana, pineapple)
Slave's Channel



TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2012

Opening

Speakers	Communications	
R. Cruse (CEREGMIA-UWI)	Defining the Caribbean	9H30 a.m
M. Witter (University of the West Indies, Jamaica)	Relevance of Plantation Economy to Contemporary Caribbean Economics	9h50 a.m

Discussion

BREAK (20minutes)

Session 1. Plantation, Agriculture, Food issues

E. Berger (CEREGMIA-UAG)	The Spatio-social reorganization of present-day plantation dependent communities in Jamaica	11H20 a.m
D. Barker et K. Rhiney (UWI)	Exploring the Caribbean's Vulnerability to Global Economic and Environmental Change through the lense of Plantation Theory: Examples from Jamaica	11H40 a.m
J.-V. Marc (CEREGMIA-UAG)	Achieving food sovereignty: The urban backyard garden in the Lesser Antilles and the Self Sufficiency issue	12H00 a.m

Discussion

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Session 2. Tertiariation by invitation: the tourism sector in the Caribbean

C. Murat (CEREGMIA-UAG)	Dominica : dilemmas of tourism in a small independant island	2H10 p.m
D. Augier (CEREGMIA-UAG)	Marines Resources and Marine Protected Areas : for whose benefit ?	2H30 p.m
O. Dehoorne (CEREGMIA-UAG)	Mass Tourism vs. Alternative Tourism: Foundations and Strategies	2H50 p.m

Discussion

Session 3. Core of plantations : Haiti's experiences

N. Félix (CEREGMIA-UAG)	Haitian industry and exploitation of the agricultural sector	3H30 p.m
C. Granvorka (CEREGMIA-UAG)	Haiti : a modern plantation ?	3H50 p.m

Discussion

BREAK (20minutes)