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Research Cluster Spotlight
Crime Prevention and Offender Management (CPOM)
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Vice-Chancellor’s Forum
Economic Transformation with Social Growth: W. Arthur Lewis’s Contribution

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles
Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies

The Hon. Bruce Golding
Former Prime Minister - Jamaica

Professor Mark Figueroa
Honorary Research Fellow at the UWI Museum and Archives

Dr Michael Witter
Senior Fellow - SALISES, UWI, Mona

Dr Samuel Braithwaite
Lecturer - Department of Economics, UWI, Mona

Section of the audience

Member of audience asks panel a question
Recent SALISES Publications / Articles

Publication produced by members of the Regional Integration Cluster

Pan-Caribbean Integration
Beyond CARICOM
Edited by Patsy Lewis, Brown University, USA, TerriAnn Gilbert-Roberts, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica and Jessica Byron, University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

International Feminist Journal of Politics
Volume 19, 2017 - Issue 4

Article by Aldrie Henry-Lee

Negotiating Gender, Policy and Politics in the Caribbean: Feminist Strategies, Masculinist Resistance and Transformational Possibilities, edited by Gabrielle Jamela Hosein and Jane Parpart

Commentary by Patsy Lewis (2017, September 12)
Here’s What America Can Do for the Post-Irma Caribbean
http://fortune.com/2017/09/12/hurricane-irma-damage-relief-caribbean-islands/

Storm damage from hurricane
Irma is seen in St. Martin, Sept. 7, 2017
Image by Dutch Defense Ministry
via www.voanews.com

Sponsored Research

SALISES is conducting Jamaica’s first Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Report (October – December 2017) led by Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee and Dr Arlene Bailey.

The institute is contracted to undertake a feasibility study led by Dr Jimmy Tindigarukayo on the implementation of a Global Jamaica Immigration Card (GJIC) for issuance to members of the Jamaican diaspora.

Support was provided by SALISES to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Proposal Writing on a Human Security Project led by Dr Arlene Bailey.

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Professor Melissa Leach
Director of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex

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Mounting levels of crime and violence pose a serious challenge to sustainable development, human rights and good governance not just in Jamaica but throughout Latin America, the Caribbean and the rest of the world. The converging of organised crime and terror groups with capabilities to compromise legitimate economies and maximise opportunities offered by globalisation through their transborder networks and diversified activities signal the need to adopt an equally adaptive, multi-layered and evidenced-based approach to the design and implementation of crime prevention strategies.

The criminal justice system alone cannot effectively construct such an approach or achieve the peaceful, inclusive, just and accountable society most countries envision for 2030. As such, civil society has a fundamental role to play. Much work needs to be done on advancing understanding of the structural and other forces that sustain desistance and the importance of research evidence to curbing the crime monster. With input from Professor Mark Figueroa vis-à-vis the most appropriate name for the grouping, the Crime Prevention and Offender Management (CPOM) SALISES Research Cluster was established in February 2017 with these purposes in mind.

Currently, the group consists of 13 pioneer members who are spread across the local community and four universities situated in four countries namely Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Wales and Japan. These are academics and practitioners who share a mutual interest in finding effective ways of promoting criminal justice reform through research and collaboration and preventing crime and recidivism. The activities of the cluster are centered on key thematic areas which include: situational crime prevention, data sharing and development, prison reform, crime desistance and sentencing policy and practice. It is the hope of our members that we will be able to transform our world through:

- Informing the policy process;
- Promoting education and public awareness about crime and criminal justice issues that impact on development and cross-border relations;
- Facilitating the sharing of expertise and the cross-pollination of ideas and good practices on crime prevention;
- Continuously developing a set of critical capabilities for national, regional and international leadership in the area;
- Forming strategic partnerships needed to achieve the United Nations’ (UN) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 and ensure the wider impact of the cluster’s research initiatives.

On the 22nd March 2017, CPOM was officially launched with a public forum entitled ‘Rejection of the UK Prison Deal: Implications for Crime Prevention and Control’. Featured as keynote speakers were Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, Senator the Honourable Pearnel Charles Jr and the then Opposition Spokesperson on National Security, Peter Bunting.

The audience represented a cross-section of civil society groups and the panel included Horace Levy, Executive Director of Jamaicans for Justice, Bert Samuels, a Pan-African Attorney-At-Law, Maria Carla Gulotta, Coordinator for Stand Up Jamaica and Italian Honorary Consulate in addition to Bernard Headley, Retired Professor of Criminology, Co-Founder and Board Chair of the National Organisation for Deported Migrants (NODM).

This event was followed by another public forum which was held at the Regional Headquarters of the University of the West Indies on the 27th September 2017 under the theme ‘Human Trafficking and the Murder of Youths in Jamaica’.
Michele Salmon, Acting Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions and Co-Chair (Human Trafficking, Human Rights, Intellectual Property and Sexual Offences Unit) and Herbert Gayle, Anthropologist in the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work were the keynote speakers.


In partnership with the Mayeltha and Gwendolyn Foundation and the 2017 Caribbean Child Research Conference (CCRC), the CPOM research cluster was able to offer a top-performing high school student with a scholarship valued at $100,000JMD. Applications were invited from participants of the CCRC Outstanding Child Researcher Competition, who were experiencing financial difficulties in their final year of study.

The successful candidate who is currently attending Westwood High School in Trelawny was required to write a personal statement on the everyday challenges encountered by a child living in difficult circumstances and how the scholarship would improve her educational outcomes and help her to contribute to her community’s development.

CPOM is therefore on track to fulfilling its first objective by 2020 when the cluster’s impact will be assessed. However, the other objectives, particularly Objective 4, requires more serious attention. Thanks to the University Director of SALISES, Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee for providing the cluster with seed money which enabled principal investigators Richard Leach, Manager of the SALISES Derek Gordon Databank and Dacia Leslie to conduct a pilot of ‘Data-Driven Crime Prevention in the Anglophone Caribbean’ in Jamaica and Saint Kitts and Nevis. This is a five-year study that is being undertaken throughout the Anglophone Caribbean and Ghana which seeks to determine capacity needs and how reliable, quality and timely data can be used to improve evidenced-based policy and practice in corrections. Other initiatives in the pipeline include grant writing, organisation of a regional crime prevention conference and contributing to the success of the USAID-funded Learning Network that the SALISES Youth cluster coordinates. We, therefore, welcome applications for membership from persons with similar interests who are willing to assist in the realisation of CPOM’s key objectives.

Dacia Leslie, Research Fellow and Chair of CPOM

For further information or to support the work of the cluster, please visit: https://www.cpomsalisesresearchcluster.org/become-a-cpom-member or send us an email at cpom.salisesresearchcluster@gmail.com
CPOM ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES


SALISES STAFF SEMINAR SERIES AND PUBLIC FORUM

2017

25/05/17

Maziki Thame
Research Fellow and Former MSc Coordinator - SALISES, Mona
Woman Out of Place: Portia Simpson Miller and Middle Class Politics in Jamaica

13/09/17

Kijan Bloomfield
Visiting Researcher - SALISES, Mona and PhD Student - Princeton University
In, But Not of the World: Conceptions of Space and Belonging for Women and Youth in Tivoli Gardens

25/10/17

José Andrés Fernández Montes de Oca
Visiting Researcher - SALISES, Mona and PhD Student - University of Pittsburgh

15/11/17

Amlata Persaud
Visiting Researcher - SALISES, Mona and PhD Student - Columbia University
Childhood Development Systems in the Commonwealth Caribbean: The Case of Jamaica
06/12/17

Thelma White
Librarian - SALISES, Mona
Squatting and the Effects on the Hellshire Beach Environment

20/12/17

Shamara Wyllie Alhassan
Visiting Researcher - SALISES, Mona and PhD Student - Brown University
Rastafari Women’s Intellectual History and Activism in Jamaica and Ghana

2018

31/01/18

Natalie Dietrich Jones
Research Fellow - SALISES, Mona
Against the Tide?: Assessing CARICOM Member States’ Compliance with International Agreements on Migrants and Refugees

06/03/18

Eric Strobl
Professorial Fellow - SALISES, St Augustine
Cross-Country Insurance and Hurricane Risk: A Fool’s Gold (Joint Staff Seminar with the Department of Economics)

14/03/18

Aldrie Henry-Lee, Rosalee Gage-Grey and Emma Bunting
Protecting the Nation’s Children: Challenges and Opportunities

04/04/18

Michael Witter
Economist and Senior Fellow - SALISES, Mona
Life and Debt – Critical Perspectives on Globalisation – The Case of Jamaica

18/04/18

Neville Duncan
Professor Emeritus and Former Director - SALISES, Mona (2000-2009)
Impending Global Catastrophic Events. Suggestions for Appropriate and Timely Responses of Jamaica and the Other CARICOM Countries.

30/05/18

Dacia Leslie and Richard Leach
Research Fellow - SALISES, Mona and Derek Gordon Databank Manager
Data-Driven Tertiary Crime Prevention in the Caribbean: The Case of Jamaica and St. Kitts & Nevis

13/06/18

Annie Paul
Head of Publications - SALISES, Mona
Nation Aroused and Open for Business? Jamaica Circa Early 21st Century
SALISES Publications Unit

In 2018 the following special issues of Social and Economic Studies will be produced:

Vol. 67: 1: “Maroon Legacies in the Caribbean”, guest edited by Fran Botkin and Paul Youngqvist

Vol. 67: 2&3 “Small Nations, Dislocations, Transformations” coming out of the SALISES, St Augustine conference held in April 2017, guest edited by Preeya Mohan

Vol. 67: 4 “Caribbean Development – The 2030 Agenda in Perspective” coming out of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Caribbean conference

We are also happy to announce a new initiative, The Sustainable Futures Policy Brief Series spearheaded by Dr. Pat Northover. The series is designed to offer an inter-disciplinary platform for academic, critical and public commentary on human, social, political, economic and environmental development policy challenges being faced in the 21st century, with special attention to the future for small states, vulnerable populations and spaces. It will respond to breaking issues as well as strengthen information sharing on strategies for action and policy options for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).

The Sustainable Futures Policy Brief Series will also provide a platform for leading professionals, critical thinkers, public policy analysts and development scholars to speak to matters of global public interest. As such, it allows for a general audience and policy makers to become informed of the comparative research evidence on significant policy issues or be alerted to pertinent recommendations for policy practice to better engage with the challenges facing LAC countries and beyond. Additionally, the Series offers contributors an opportunity to clarify contesting positions, and deepen the democratisation of the policy formation process. In some instances, such interventions may act to influence policy at a time when decisions are being made by governments and regional organisations.

Annie Paul,
Senior Publications Officer
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TEACHING

SALISES has a diverse cohort of students in both the MSc and MPhil/PhD programmes. At the start of the 2017/2018 academic year, 15 students registered in the MSc Development Studies programme from Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America and the United Kingdom. Students registered in the MPhil/PhD programme for the same period are from Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago; the registration by concentration is listed below:

**Economic Development Policy**  
MPhil – 5  PhD – 3  
**Governance and Public Policy**  
MPhil – 10  PhD – 1  
**Social Policy**  
MPhil – 7  PhD – 3

Rushana Mighty,  
Acting Administrative Officer

Students Field Day

Elizabeth Emanuel, head of the Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat, engages students from SALI6023, the newly established Monitoring and Evaluation course. The Information Sharing & Sensitisation Workshop entitled, “Understanding Monitoring and Evaluation - A Case Study of Vision 2030 Jamaica National Development Plan” provided students with information on the monitoring and evaluation framework of the Vision 2030 Jamaica and alignment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
The DataBank is a repository for a wide array of micro-data sets from the Caribbean region covering socio-economic issues. These data sets are accessible for academic research and teaching. For this issue of the Newsletter, the Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions (JSLC) will be featured.

The JSLC is an annual survey undertaken by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) and the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) dating back to 1988. To date, the JSLC 2015 is the latest in the series. There was a break in the series in 2011 due to the administering of the Jamaica Population and Housing Census.

The JSLC collects household and individual data from a subset of the population covered by the Jamaica Labour Force Survey (JLFS). Information is collected on demographic characteristics, health, education, nutrition, housing, consumption and the Food Stamp Programme. The main purpose of the survey is to provide the government with information for policy development and planning. Although adopted from the World Bank’s Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) household surveys, it has a narrower focus and greater emphasis on policy impact.

Richard Leach, Manager
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Distinguished Alumni

SALISES takes pride in being an institute which excels in research and teaching. A few of our prestigious graduates include:

- The Most Honourable Andrew Holness
  Prime Minister, Jamaica

- Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee
  University Director and SALISES Mona Director

- Miss Yaneek Page
  Entrepreneur

Visit the Norman Girvan Documentation Centre and view the display of other distinguished graduates.
Towards the end of the 2016-17 academic year, the entrance to the Norman Girvan Documentation Centre and the main Reading Room were renovated to a newly improved, modern and practical space for students to achieve academic success. The renovation lasted approximately three weeks due to the movement of the heavy furniture and shelves. The major improvement was the removal of the worn out, dusty carpet to contemporary acoustic tiles. The Reading Room that was once packed with bookshelves, now provides a more open learning space. The new reception area now houses the Reference Desk, a display and seating area. A glass door was placed at the grilled entrance which enhances the entryway providing a modern look and feel.

Future plans for the Documentation Centre include new and more functional furniture, electric outlets at each table for students to plug in their electronic devices, more modern lighting fixtures to complement the natural light and easy access to laptops. Students have provided valuable feedback on the new design which will assist the staff with implementing the changes. The transformation is a part of the overall upgrade of the facilities at SALISES. Plans are being discussed to install a lift to the main Conference Room and build an additional restroom on the first floor for convenience. Once the funds are secured it is hoped that these changes can become a reality.

Nadine Newman, Librarian
Norman Girvan Documentation Centre
The day’s activities included exhibitions, presentations (by alumni and Research Fellows among others) and giveaways.
Employee of the Semester
– Semester 2 2016/2017

Romeo Williams has been at SALISES for 27 years. He is a quiet and reliable person who is always ready to lend a hand. A diligent worker and team player, Romeo is supportive and ready to go at the drop of a hat. Married for 18 years, a father of 2 children and grandfather of 3, Romeo applies his paternal instincts to situations when necessary; a true friend to all.

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