CALL FOR PAPERS
EXTENDED DEADLINE

CONFERENCE

THE GRENADA REVOLUTION 40 YEARS AFTER:
COMMEMORATION, CELEBRATION & CRITIQUE

May 27th - May 29th 2019
St. George’s University
True Blue, Grenada

As part of activities to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the making of the Grenada Revolution and the 75th anniversary of the birth of the revolutionary leader Maurice Bishop on 29th May, The University of the West Indies and St. George’s University in collaboration with the Grenada Revolution Memorial Foundation (GREMFO) are pleased to issue this call for papers with the theme: *The Grenada Revolution 40 Years After: Commemoration, Celebration and Critique.*

March 13th 1979 was a watershed moment in the political history of the Commonwealth Caribbean. It was on that day that the New Jewel Movement (NJM) seized power from the Eric Gairy-led government in Grenada. The making of the Grenada Revolution had far-reaching implications within Grenada, throughout the Caribbean region and internationally.
The broad objective of the People’s Revolutionary Government (PRG) was to promote social and economic transformation and a just society. During the period of the Grenada Revolution (1979-83) there were many notable achievements, which included: construction of an international airport; emergence of avenues for participatory democracy, such as parish and zonal councils; educational transformation through the adult literacy programmes, overseas scholarships for Grenadians in diverse fields; revolutionising the agricultural sector with the introduction of agro-industries, fisheries development and the Marketing and National Importing Board (MNIB); the establishment of the National Insurance Scheme; the Grenada Resorts Corporation; and importantly, women and youth empowerment.

Although a Grenadian affair, the Grenada Revolution had a long genesis in the Caribbean’s search for meaningful independence and genuine freedom. Consequently, the Grenada Revolution was simultaneously a bastion for the Caribbean Left and progressive forces in Latin America and the then “Third World”, and a source of tension for opposing forces. The Caribbean in the period 1979-1983 revolved around deep solidarity with or antagonism against the Grenada Revolution.

The revolution placed Grenada on the global map and opened up spaces for revolutionary possibilities throughout the then “Third World”. It was the immense external pressure on the Grenada Revolution combined with internal contradictions that ultimately led to the split among the revolutionaries; to the tragic

The main objectives of the conference is to foster greater resilience within the Caribbean region through commemorating the achievements of the Grenada Revolution, celebrating its national, regional and global significance and critiquing its contradictions to glean lessons for the future. The conference is intended to create an intellectual space for the younger generation to better understand and appreciate the significance of the Grenada Revolution to Grenadian and Caribbean political history.

**Using the Grenada Revolution and lessons therefrom as the point of departure**, papers are invited on the following broad-themes:

- The Grenada Revolution, revolutionary thought and the contemporary Caribbean
- Life and Legacy of Maurice Bishop
- The NJM and experiences of Caribbean left movements
- Grenada Revolution - history, memory, reconciliation and healing
- Rethinking “development” for societal transformation
- Education for liberation
- Arts and Culture
- Women, youth and community empowerment
- Democracy, the rule of law and human rights
- Regionalism: Challenges and prospects
- International Relations and Foreign policy
Panel submissions are strongly encouraged. Students and youth are also encouraged to participate by presenting electronic posters or papers.

Abstracts of 200 words or less should be sent to: Dr. Wendy C Grenade at wendy.grenade@gmail.com and Professor Ian Baptiste at ibaptist@sgu.edu.

Extended Deadline for submitting abstracts: March 22, 2019
Extended date for notification of acceptance of abstract: March 29, 2019

Registration fee:

- Overseas participants: US$100.00
- Local participants: EC$100.00 (for the entire 3 days)
- Local participants: EC$40 per day (to include break)
- Local Students: Free

Conference enquiries should be directed to the Programme Co-Chairs:

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