



Cátedra de Estudios del Caribe "Norman Girvan"
Universidad de La Habana



I Colloquium Identity, Culture, and Sustainable Development in a World in Crisis: The Challenges of the Caribbean. May 26-29, 2025

The University of Havana convenes the International Scientific Convention Saber UH 2025, to be held next year on May 26-30 in this higher education institution. Within that framework, the «Norman Girvan» Chair of Caribbean Studies calls for participation in the First Colloquium Identity, Culture, and Sustainable Development in a World in Crisis: The Challenges of the Caribbean.

The event promotes a vision of the Caribbean as a place of relations in the modern-colonial project about contemporary global conflicts. In this context, the debates and challenges to integration and development are reinforced through the will for a culture of Peace, through a critical, intersectional, and reflexive approach as a legacy for future generations. The alternative to contemporary problems is based on the identification of conflicts, their challenges, and the dangers they pose to our populations, cultures, and spiritualities.

The Caribbean is understood as a space of confluences, crossings, and confrontations derived from legitimate, manifold identity and cultural practices. This complex panorama of historical times has brought together successive displacements and migrations; epistemic violence and multi-metropolitan fragmentations; patriarchal exercises of power that survive in the traces of coloniality, bearing their environmental, economic, and social scars; or creative resistances as the mobilizing essence of a Calibanesque will to exist.

Hence, decolonial thought becomes an interpretative paradigm for a multidisciplinary re-examination of the region, where the creative capacity converges with the desire for a sustainable development that challenges traditional conventions in pluriverse scenarios, such as the Caribbean and its diasporas. The Colloquium will dedicate a special segment to the 50th anniversary of the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA), a prestigious non-profit organization that promotes scientific thought on the Caribbean and integrates the international community of Caribbeanists.

The Colloquium will be a face-to-face meeting; proposals for papers and other forms of participation will be accepted in French, English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

The Colloquium will be organized by means of scientific and cultural activities, such as panels, conferences, an audiovisual forum, presentations of books and journals on the Caribbean, as well as workshops. The event will promote the meeting of Caribbean students in Cuba and of Cuban undergraduate and graduate researchers on the Caribbean.

Theme areas:

- Environmental crisis, climate change, and resilience: the multidimensional problem of development in the Caribbean.
- The Caribbean in its international relations: integration or frontier of empires?
- Caribbean migrations and diasporas: imaginaries and contemporary challenges.
- Intersectional perspectives: thought, history, arts and culture.

Proposals for participation in the colloquium must be submitted with an abstract. If proposing a panel, each member must register his or her individual paper and indicate the panel to which he or she belongs.

- Abstracts will be received until March 10, 2025, in Word format, single paragraph not exceeding 250 words, through the website www.eventos.uh.cu.
- Include title, authors (first and last name, underline the presenting author), e-mail of the presenter, affiliation and institution of origin of the authors.
- Format of the abstract: background, objectives, results, and conclusions.
- For more information on the abstract format, visit the convention's webpage.

The Academic Committee will decide on the acceptance of proposals and will notify its decision no later than April 12, 2025.

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Important deadlines

Abstract submission deadline	March 10, 2025
Notification of acceptance	April 12, 2025
Early-bird registration payment deadline	April 25, 2025
Registration payment deadline	May 10, 2025
On-site registration	May 26, 2025
Opening ceremony	May 26, 2025
Closing ceremony	May 30, 2025

Registration rates

Participant	Category	Before April 25	April 25 through May 10
Cubans	Delegate	\$ 3500 CUP	\$ 4000 CUP
	Undergraduate student	\$ 1200 CUP	\$ 1500 CUP
Foreign	Delegate	US\$ 180.00	US\$ 200.00
	Undergraduate student	US\$ 90.00	US\$ 100.00
	Non-presenter	US\$ 72.00	US\$ 80.00

Undergraduate students must provide an official letter from their respective university to certify their status.