



## The University of the West Indies

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### CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS 1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE

**Beyond the boundary: Creating new epistemologies in tourism**

**8-11 December 2009, Bridgetown (Barbados)**

Conference Organiser:  
The Department of Management Studies  
The University of the West Indies  
Cave Hill Campus  
Barbados

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#### **Rationale**

Since the latter half of the twentieth century, the world has witnessed unparalleled change at both global and local levels with issues such as terrorism, globalisation, sustainability, climate change, poverty alleviation and migration assuming centre stage. The demise of the Soviet Union almost two decades ago seemed to sound the death knell of socialist experiments but the recent collapse of international and national financial markets have also brought capitalist systems into question. In this context it is clear that traditional ways of seeing and knowing no longer provide adequate explanations for the rapid pace of global and local change. Tourism, which represents the largest voluntary movement of

people across international boundaries, has not been untouched by these changes. While there have been some notable contributions with respect to critical approaches to tourism knowledge, there appears to still be a predominance of normative discourses and practices within tourism which fail to take account of, or even provide explanations of tourism within the context of rapid global and local change.

It is therefore becoming increasingly evident that there is a need to look 'beyond the boundary' of normative discourses and practices of tourism by embracing cross disciplinary perspectives which can provide more plausible explanations for tourism phenomena within the context of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Aim**

Against this background, this conference seeks to cross the disciplinary divide and invites colleagues and students from the widest array of disciplines to explore tourism phenomena through new methodological, ontological and epistemological lenses. Ultimately it is hoped that this conference will in some way contribute to cross-disciplinary dialogues in tourism which can advance tourism knowledge and practice.

### **Conference Tracks**

Areas of interest for the conference include but are not limited to papers which look 'beyond the boundary' between:

- Tourism and Geography
- Tourism and Anthropology
- Tourism and Demography
- Tourism and Sociology
- Tourism and Economics
- Tourism and the Environment
- Tourism and Cultural Studies
- Tourism and the Media
- Tourism and Political Science
- Tourism and Health
- Tourism and Gender
- Tourism and Management
- Tourism and History
- Tourism and International Relations
- Tourism and Sexuality
- Tourism and Poverty alleviation
- Tourism and Disability
- Tourism and Education
- Tourism and Accounting

### Submission Guidelines:

- Selection of papers will be based on abstract submissions. Working papers will also be accepted. Abstracts should not exceed 500 words, 1.5 space, typed pages.
- Indicate the author's name, affiliation and contact information (phone number and email address) only on the cover page of the abstract. Only the primary author will be notified regarding the outcome of the paper review process.
- Submit abstracts to the Conference Co-ordinator, Dr. Sherma Roberts, by email:  
[sherma.roberts@cavehill.uwi.edu](mailto:sherma.roberts@cavehill.uwi.edu)
- Only original manuscripts not previously published or presented at another conference/forum should be submitted
- For all accepted paper presentations, at least one (1) of the authors must register for and present the paper at the conference

### Conference Deadlines

Submission of Abstracts	6 March 2009
Notification of Acceptance/rejection	27 March 2009
Full Paper submission	8 May 2009