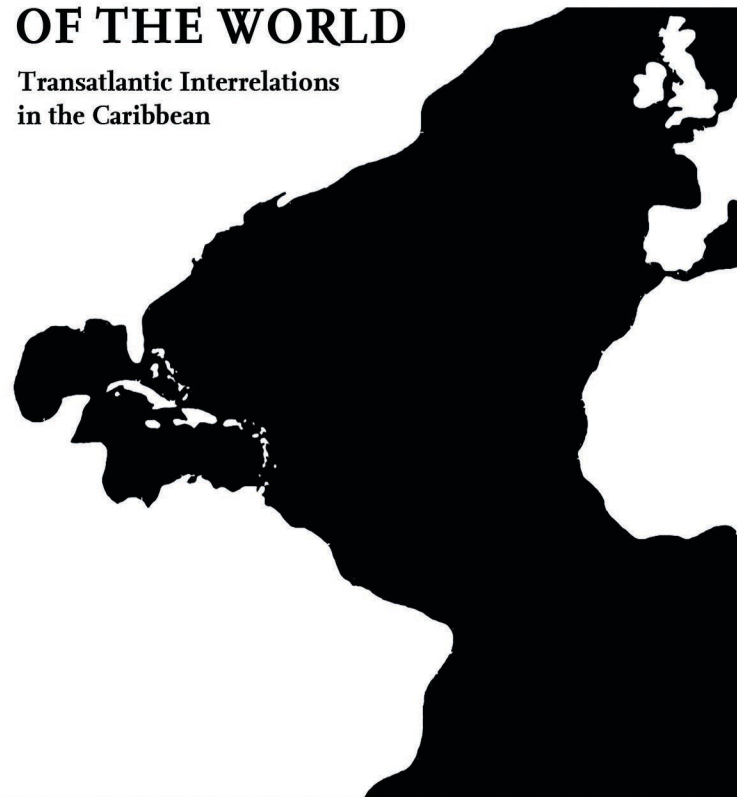


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Transatlantic Interrelations
in the Caribbean



Crossroads of the World Transatlantic Interrelations in the Caribbean

International Conference at the Institute for Latin American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, July 2 and 3, 2012

The Institute for Latin American Studies of the Free University of Berlin is pleased to host this interdisciplinary conference with the aim to assess current trends and encourage new approaches in the research on the Caribbean from anthropology, history, sociology, political science and other disciplines.

As a highly globalized region which is tremendously shaped by multiple paths of migration since European colonization in the 15th century and the transatlantic slave trade, the Caribbean is often described as a paradigm or master symbol of “modernity” and globalization. A myriad of different cultures, languages, religions, ideas and practices have not only influenced and formed the Caribbean, but the respective Caribbean dynamics, in return, have profoundly reshaped other parts of the world. However, not all of the multiple interrelations between the Caribbean, North and South America, Africa, Europe and Asia have received equal attention or have been viewed from a historical perspective. The transatlantic networks of a range of actors such as religious mediators, labor migrants, traveling entertainers and other specialized professionals as well as political ideologues such as transnationally active radical nationalists still remain to be explored. Their “Live Dialogue” (J. Lorand Matory) – their long-term weaving of connections through travel back and forth over the Atlantic – has contributed in specific ways to shape daily culture and religious practices, social movements as well as national and transnational political images. The multiple transatlantic interrelations are therefore not just viewed as legacies of the past, but as actively and continuously renewed practices in colonial and post-colonial contexts. Thus, we aim to assess the value of a transatlantic approach towards the Caribbean, to analyze its role in the study of the Americas and to explore future directions for research.

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Monday, July 2, 2012

09:00 Registration
09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:00 Keynote Speech:
J. Lorand Matory (Duke University)
Survival/Creolization/Dialogue: How Tropes
Remake the African Diaspora
11:00 Coffee Break

Panel 1: Protagonists and Practices of Transatlantic Live Dialogue

Chair: Ingrid Kummels (Freie Universität Berlin)

11:30 **Christine Hatzky** (Leibniz Universität Hannover)
Cubans in Angola: Renewed Practices in Post-Colonial Contexts

12:00 **Félix Ayoh'Omidire** (Obafemi Awolowo University of Ile-Ife)
The Position of Chávez's Socialist Venezuela within the Yoruba Atlantic Diaspora: New Perspectives on Ifá/Orisa Identity in Contemporary Latin-America and the Caribbean

12:30 **Michael Zeuske** (Universität zu Köln)
Global Islands: the Caribbean in World History, Atlantization, and Transculturation

13:00 Lunch Break

Panel 2: Weaving Identities and Belongings, Creating Diaspora

Chair: Heike Drotbohm (HU Berlin, Univ. Freiburg)

14:30 **Hauke Dorsch** (Universität Mainz)
Trans-Atlantic Rites of Passage? Mozambican Students in Cuba and Their Reintegration at Home

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15:00 **Everard Phillips** (Trinidad & Tobago)
The Inequality Problematic - Speaking Truth to Power Through Caribbean Musical Art-Forms

15:30 **Patrick Helber** (Universität Heidelberg)
The Role of the Reggae Studies Unit in the Controversy About Homophobic Contents in Jamaican Dancehall Music

16:00 Coffee Break

Panel 2: Weaving Identities and Belongings, Creating Diaspora (Continuation)

Chair: Ralph Buchenhorst (Universität Halle)

16:30 **Gesine Müller** (Universität Potsdam)
Processes of Cultural Transfer in 19th-Century: Francophone and hispanophone Literatures of the Caribbean

17:00 **Sandra Colly-Durand** (Université Cergy Pontoise)
English as a First Language - Creole as a First Identity

17:30 Coffee Break

Panel 2: Weaving Identities and Belongings, Creating Diaspora (Continuation)

Chair: Manuela Boatcă (Freie Universität Berlin)

18:00 **Francesca Meloni** (McGill University)
Navigating Multiple Identities: Belongings and Identity Among Caribbean Immigrant Youth Without Status

18:30 **Maja Horn** (Barnard College of Columbia University)
Theorizing Dominican Modernity: 20th and 21st Century Dominican Political Culture and the Postcolonial Lexicon

19:00 Network Meeting with all Participants

20:30 Buffet at the LAI

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

Panel 3: Making History: Interrelations of Race and Nation

Chair: Nikolaus Böttcher (Freie Universität Berlin)

09:00 **Stefan Rinke** (Freie Universität Berlin)
1492: The Day of Guanahani in Global Perspective

09:30 **Mélanie Lamotte** (University of Cambridge)
Colour Prejudice in Early Modern Guadeloupe Archipelago, c. 1635-1769

10:00 Coffee Break

Panel 3: Making History: Interrelations of Race and Nation (Continuation)

Chair: Conrad James (University of Birmingham)

10:30 **Birte Timm** (Freie Universität Berlin)
Transnational Roots of Anticolonial Nationalism in Jamaica

11:00 **Rochelle Rowe** (University of Essex)
Glorifying the Jamaican Girl: The Ten Types - One People' Beauty Competition, 1955-63

11:30 **Katrin Hansing** (Baruch College, CUNY)
Rasta, Race, and Revolution: Rastafari in Socialist Cuba

12:00 Lunch Break

Panel 4: Migration, Cultural Transfers and Politics of Exclusion

Chair: Diana Bocarejo (Universidad del Rosario, Colombia)

13:30 **Kristen S. Childers** (University of Pennsylvania)
Migration Flows and the Politics of Exclusion in the French Antilles

14:00 **Hannes Warnecke** (Universität Leipzig)
Different and Yet Alike? The Causes of Violent Forms in El Salvador and Jamaica

14:30 **Sean Gill** (York University)
Economic Crisis, Migrant Labour, and the Dilemma of Citizenship in the Cayman Islands

15:00 **Lirio Gutiérrez Rivera** (Freie Universität Berlin)
Capital Expansion and Elite Formation in the Caribbean Region: The Case of Palestinian Entrepreneurs in Honduras

15:30 Coffee Break

Panel 4: Migration, Cultural Transfers and Politics of Exclusion (Continuation)

Chair: Stefanie Kron (Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Wien)

16:00 **Nadine Fernandez** (State University of New York)
Cuban Husbands in Scandinavia: Rethinking Transnational Sex & Masculinity in the Context of Cuban Marriage Migration

16:30 **Ingrid Kummels** (Freie Universität Berlin)
Tourism and the Transnationalization of Couplehood, Family and Friendship Relations in the Caribbean

17:00 **Claudia Rauhut** (Freie Universität Berlin)
Contested Religious Traditions in Transatlantic Networks in Cuban Santería

17:30 **Lioba Rossbach de Olmos** (Philipps Universität Marburg)
CaribBerlin: Multiple Tracks in the Religious Biography of a German Oricha-Priest

18:00 Coffee Break

18:30 Keynote Speech:
Matthew J. Smith (University of West Indies, Jamaica)
Transient Histories: Memory and Movements within the Nineteenth Century Caribbean

19:30 Dinner

