

Africana Studies

Lecture Series

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“Trading Places: Trinidad’s and Tobago’s Drive for Developed-Nation Status, 1974 - 2004”

In 2002 Trinidad and Tobago’s Prime Minister Patrick Manning, outlined Vision 2020, a road map for bringing the country to developed nation status by the year 2020. The Prime Minister’s expectations of the process and outcomes, however, appear to be in tension: first, Mr. Manning suggests that the process will imbue in each citizen a deep sense of nationalism (usually claimed by the country’s Afro-Trinidadians); and second, Mr. Manning asserts that Trinidad must broaden and deepen its participation in and commitment to the region’s trade organization Caricom (a position usually favored by the country’s Indo-Trinidadians). How can both goals be met? The discussion will focus on how realistic is the goal of developed nation status given that Trinidad is still a developing country and its domestic policies are designed and implemented within a context of zero-sum racial politics.

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

12:00 - 1:50 PM

Modern Languages 210

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

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