

## **Dialogue with the South**

**October 15 – 17, 2007**

### **“Knowledge Production in a World Perspective”**

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#### **Ideaaz. Platform for Intercultural and Comparative Research.**

The program “Dialogue with the South” is aiming to provide a bringing-together of academics, intellectuals, and cultural workers from the „South” and the industrialised countries in the North. The intention is to offer a space that can serve as a truly translocal and transnational place of critical and self-critical ideas, projects and perspectives.

From October 15th to 17th 2007 Ideaaz organized in cooperation with The International University a meeting on the topic “Knowledge Production in a World-Perspective”. The aim of the meeting was to promote an innovative understanding of global issues, to broaden current themes through new perspectives, and to strengthen the mutual understanding of cultures.

#### **Program**

Monday, Oct. 15

10 a.m. - Invited Lecture - Auditorium, The International University  
“Socio-Political Thought in the English and French-Speaking Caribbean”, Prof. Anthony Maingot, Department of Sociology, Florida International University, Miami, USA

Wednesday, Oct. 17

10 a.m. – Invited Lecture - Auditorium, The International University  
“One World and Ten Thousand Cultures: The Light from the East, the Genetics of Knowledge and the World Today”, Baker al-Hiyari, Deputy Director, The Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS), Amman, Jordan

5 p.m. - Keynote speech - Auditorium, The International University  
“Cuba´s Role in the World”, Prof. Anthony Maingot, Florida International University, Miami, USA

## **About our speakers**

### *Baker al- Hiyari*

A Jordanian national Baker al-Hiyari joined the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS) in Amman – Jordan ([www.riifs.org](http://www.riifs.org)) in 1994, and currently serves as its Deputy Director. RIIFS is an academic institution that provides a venue in the Arab world for the interdisciplinary study and rational discussion of religion and religious issues, with particular reference to Christianity in Arab and Islamic society.

Mr. al-Hiyari is member of several international projects and initiatives. He is a member of the International Youth Committee of the World Conference on Religions for Peace, advisor to the young think tank of the Club of Rome (tt30), Associate Member of the Club of Rome, member of the World Future Society and the Free Thought Forum Jordan.

### *Anthony Maingot*

A Trinidadian national Anthony Maingot is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Florida International University in Miami and has been the recipient of the Carnegie, Rockefeller, and Mellon Foundation grants in Caribbean Studies. Prof. Maingot is author of *A Short History of the West Indies*, now in a fourth edition; *Small Country Development and International Labor Flows: Experiences in the Caribbean*; *The United States and the Caribbean: Transforming Hegemony and Sovereignty*, London: Routledge, 2004) (together with Wilfredo Lozano) and *The United States and The Caribbean: Challenges of an Asymmetrical Relationship* (London, Macmillan and Boulder, Westview, 1994).

Prof. Maingot has been a professor at Yale and was a member of the Constitutional Reform Commission of Trinidad and Tobago; a visiting scholar at the Institute of Developing Economies in Tokyo, Japan; a visiting scholar at the Institute d'Études Politiques at the Université d'Aix en Provence in France; and a visiting senior social scientist at the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica.

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