

Conference Announcement

29th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THIRD WORLD STUDIES 20-23 November 2011 Salvador da Bahia, Brazil

THEME: Global Change, Shifting Dynamics and the Third World

The 29th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) will be held at the Hotel Pestana in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil from 20 to 23 November 2011. The theme is "Global Change, Shifting Dynamics and the Third World." Local arrangements will be provided by Condor Travel. Condor Travel has created a website where conference participants can make hotel reservations, sign-up for airport/hotel transfers, local tours, and pre- and post-conference tours. There is also information about visas and Brazil available on the page.

Click on the following to view the Condor Travel page:

http://www.opcotours.com/events/atws/index_ing.htm

For questions regarding logistics and site activities, contact Michael Hall

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To register for the conference and submit paper/panel proposals, please go to the link listed below. We will be using the Regonline service. It should be available by 15 March 2011.

<http://www.gsw.edu/~atws/>

Early registration (before 1 July 2011) is \$135. Late registration (before 1 September 2011) is \$150. The registration fee must accompany your paper or panel proposal submission. If your paper proposal is declined, ATWS will refund your registration fee if you wish. Cost for extra banquet tickets for guests is \$50 and is payable to ATWS at the time of registration. When proposing a paper or panel and registering please indicate if you would be willing to chair a panel. For further information, contact Lauren Eastwood

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1. Air Travel and Passport Info

Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements. *ALL US CITIZENS REQUIRE A BRAZILIAN VISA* that must be obtained prior to travel. The most convenient and inexpensive flight option to Salvador da Bahia (SSA) is American Airlines #980 out of Miami (MIA). They offer non-stop service and the cost is about \$1000. For participants who depart on Saturday 19 November at 9 p.m. and arrive in Salvador at 7 a.m. on Sunday there will be transfer to hotel service available for \$20. This allows you to participate in one of two optional day tours on Sunday and attend the opening ceremony dinner theater. A \$20 shuttle will also be available for those arriving at 7 a.m. on Monday. Departure flights American #980 back to Miami (with a touchdown in Recife) on Wednesday and Thursday morning will also have shuttle service for \$20 per person. You can book the airport/hotel Condor Travel shuttle service when you make your hotel reservation with Condor Travel. People arriving on any other flight are responsible for finding their own transport to the hotel.

2. Conference Site and Hotel

Participants must make their hotel reservations for the Hotel Pestana directly with Condor Travel before 1 September 2010 to get the special rate of \$150 (which includes all taxes and a lavish breakfast available until 10:30). The rate is good for one or two people in the room. Please check out the hotel's website to see the amenities that the hotel offers and does not offer. Internet access is not included in the room price. The hotel does not provide free shuttle service to the airport. All panels on Monday and Tuesday will be held at the hotel: 8:30-10:00, 10:15-11:45, 2:30-4:00; and 4:15-5:45. All four panel rooms will include power-point machines and large viewing screens. You should, however, bring your own laptop computer.

There will also be afternoon coffee and snack breaks on Monday and Tuesday. The Opening Cocktail Reception on Sunday night and the Awards Banquet with entertainment on Tuesday night will be held at the hotel and the cost is included in your registration fee. On Sunday night immediately following the opening reception cocktail at the hotel there is an optional Folklore show and dinner at Coliseo with transportation provided. The price, including taxes and transport, is \$88. The show is a manifestation of Afro-Brazilian culture, which includes Candomble, Maculelê, Puxada de Rede, Dana do Caboclo, Samba de Roda and Capoeira. It is a spectacular experience not to be missed. You must make your reservations and pay for this event with Condor Travel.

3. Cultural Activities and Tours

A choice of two different tours will be available to participants on Sunday and Wednesday. All choices include lunch. On both days, there is the Upper City Salvador Tour. On Sunday, there is the Lower City Salvador Tour. On Wednesday, there is the Cachoiera Tour. Space is limited. In addition, Condor offers the Dinner Theater Folklore Show on Sunday night. In addition, Condor has made available pre- and post-conference tours at special rates. These tours will be tailor-made for interested people and are discussed on the Condor website. Listed below are the local tours.

Upper City Tour with Lunch (Sunday and Wednesday)



Discover the sights of the Upper City tracing the development of the city from its beginnings to what is now the third largest city in Brazil. Visit the mouth of the immense Bay of All Saints before arriving in the Pelourinho, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest complex of colonial architecture in the South America. Especially interesting is the church of São Francisco with its exuberant gold-leafed Baroque interior. A traditional Bahian lunch of African-infused cuisine at the Gastronomic Museum is a highlight of the tour.

Lower City Tour with Lunch (Sunday)



The Lower City tour takes us to the quiet waters of the Itapagipe Peninsula. Fishermen fish from dug out canoes. We visit the famous Bonfim Church, one of the most important churches of pilgrimage in Brazil and deeply syncretised with the Candomblé faith. We continue to the Monserrat district with its panoramic view of the city and on to the Mercado Modelo, a thriving market for local artifacts and souvenirs. A traditional Brazilian rodizio (barbeque) lunch is a highlight of the tour.

Cachoeira - A Day in the Heartland with Lunch (Wednesday)



We leave the city behind to explore the farming hinterland of sugarcane plantations, peaceful colonial towns, and busy country markets. Essentially, a day of insights into the life in rural Brazil. We stop at the busy country market town of Sao Amaro. We continue through rolling hills to Cachoeira, nestled in the deep valley of the Paraguaçu River. After a traditional hinterland lunch we take a walking tour of the town, with an opportunity to browse in some local wood carvers' stores. Candomblé plays an integral part in the life of the town, epitomised by the Sisterhood of the Boa Morte, a sorority which traces its origins back to the time of slavery. We cross to the western bank of the slow moving river and visit the Danemann Cultural Center where we can also see world class cigars being expertly rolled.

4. Conference Program

Sunday 20 November

Registration
2 Optional Day Tours
Small Cocktail Reception in Hotel
Optional Coliseo Folklore Show and Dinner

Monday 21 November

Registration
Session 1 at 8:30 to 9:45
Session 2 at 10:00 to 11:30
Executive Council Meeting – noon
Session 3 at 2:30 to 4:00
PM Coffee Break 3:45 to 4:30
Session 4 at 4:15 to 5:45
Africa Council Meeting – 5:45 to 7:00

Tuesday 22 November

Session 1 at 8:30 to 9:45
Session 2 at 10:00 to 11:30
Session 3 at 2:30 to 4:00
PM Coffee Break 3:45 to 4:30
Session 4 at 4:14 to 5:45
Awards Banquet and entertainment – 7:00

Wednesday 23 November

2 Optional Day Tours