



Methods and Theories in Caribbean Studies Digital Interdisciplinary socare Junior Conference

The Society of Caribbean Research (Socare) biennial Junior Conference will take place from **October 28 - 30th, 2021** – this year in digital form due to the COVID pandemic. Entitled "Methods and Theories in Caribbean Studies," the interdisciplinary conference is aimed at PhD students as well as pre- and post-docs whose research topics are related to the Caribbean.

In accordance with its programmatic title, the aim of the conference is to discuss the participants' research projects from a methodological or theoretical perspective. This meta-reflection will serve to discuss the logic and structure of the various projects, while at the same time providing an opportunity to address ethical implications and to illuminate the relevance of the chosen research approach with regard to current discourses in the respective disciplines. Thereby, the focus will always be on interdisciplinary exchange. On all three days of the conference, there will also be keynotes or short workshops on questions of digital research, archival work in/on the Caribbean or from Germany, and/or relevant current discussions in individual disciplines.

The Junior Conference is explicitly addressed to researchers of all disciplines, ranging from the social, historical, political and geographic sciences to linguistics and literary studies, as well as educational, natural, and theater sciences, whose research deals with the Caribbean region or its diaspora.

Interested applicants are asked to apply by July 31, 2021, to the email address junioresearch@caribbeanresearch.net, with an academic CV, working title and a half- to full-page presentation of the methodological and theoretical reflection of their research project that they would like to present at the conference. Presentations should be limited to approximately 15 minutes to allow sufficient time for subsequent discussion. For further planning, please also mention which languages you understand and in which languages you could give your presentation. Possible topics include:

- Discussion of the chosen research design
- Discussion of design, structure, corpus
- Literary theoretical considerations, sociology of literature, etc.
- Specific methodological and / or theoretical problems
- Research ethics, own positioning as a researcher
- etc.

It might also be possible to participate in the conference without a presentation of your own; please equally signal your interest of this option via email by July 31, 2021. We are looking forward to receiving your applications!

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