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Climate Change, Global Imperialism and the Caribbean: Existential Threats or Developmental Crossroads?

Hurricanes Irma and Maria have demonstrated the vulnerability of the Caribbean to the impacts of extreme weather events. There is a growing sentiment that this vulnerability is partly linked to a legacy of centuries of colonialism which saw the region's forceful insertion into a highly exploitative and vastly unequal global imperialist capitalist system. This presentation is intended to shed light on the shifting nature of the Caribbean's development policy agenda over the last two decades—a shift that is premised on the transformational, if not apocalyptic, implications that climate change seems to pose for the region. Dr. Rhiney will specifically explore the extent to which global climate change poses a genuine 'existential threat' to the Caribbean, amidst its potential to erode or even reverse whatever developmental gains the region has achieved since independence and its own state of readiness to respond to the current climate problem. These include questions around sovereignty, post-colonial relations, and climate justice.

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4:00 pm, SSC 2050

Refreshments provided by the CSO at 3:30pm

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