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Anti-Imperialism in the Twentieth Century Caribbean
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Special Issue Description

European imperial states ruled the Caribbean for close to five centuries. The dispossession and near extermination of the native populations, the enslavement of Africans and later the indentureship of labor from other parts of the various European empires facilitated the emergence of the modern world and the underlying structures of accumulation and exploitation. It also turned the Caribbean into the home of the world's first truly global people, precursors to, and at the center of, modernity. The long struggle by the people of the Caribbean to end imperial control, stretched over many centuries, with the twentieth century marking a turning point. But the end of empire – with some important and major exceptions – is barely half a century long.

The question of empire, and the Caribbean's engagement with it, thus has a bearing and interest for the rest of the world. More specifically, the role that the anti-imperialist idea, as organizing principle, as ideological glue, as mobilizing tool, played in the overthrow of empire, and in the formation of the post-imperial order, has never been sufficiently historicized or critically problematized. A gap exists in the literature/scholarship on this vitally important issue.

The special issue intends to re-examine, rethink and recover anti-imperialism in the Caribbean as it was shaped by powerful social, intellectual, cultural, economic and political forces, and as anti-imperialism grew and transformed the region in uneven and contradictory ways, over the course of the twentieth century. Theorizing and problematizing anti-imperialism in the Caribbean during the twentieth century allows us to complicate our understanding of what was a complex interplay of historical forces which continue to have resonance, and to move forward with the scholarly conversation on empire and its discontents in the twenty-first century.

The papers will focus on the period between World War I and the decade immediately following the 1983 U.S. invasion that ended the Grenadian Revolution. In other words, they will chart the end of the European imperial systems that had emerged in the aftermath of slave emancipation, and the multifaceted outcomes that followed in the wake of the major upheavals throughout all the territories of the region in

the mid-twentieth century, including Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and the Lesser Antilles, inclusive of the French, Dutch and English colonies.

Papers for this special issue may address (but are not limited to) the following topics/core questions:

- Local elites and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- The colonial state and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- The psychology of anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- The political economy of anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- The politics of anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Gender and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Sexuality and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Race, ethnicity and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- The United States and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Linguistic identity and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Citizenship and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Nationalism and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Popular Protest and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Labor and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Popular Culture and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- The Law and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Pan-Africanism and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- The Arts and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- Religion and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean
- The Middle-classes and anti-imperialism in the Caribbean

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