

Editorial Note

This issue of *History in Action* comes in the wake of the retirement of its last editor, Dr Claudius Kelvin Fergus, from the Department of History at The UWI, St. Augustine, and with the challenge of maintaining the standards set through the invaluable contribution of Professor Basil Reid, the founder of the journal. Established primarily to encourage the publication of history through various level of collaboration between students and lecturers, the journal reflects the wide variety of historical programmes, themes and interests that characterizes the orientation of the History Department of The UWI and its awareness of the interrelatedness of global historical developments.

The stage is set by Scott Timcke's exploration of twentieth-century Western linguistic philosophy, aspects of which remain critically relevant to the understanding and application of historical theory and methodology. Liazzat Bonarte's article on the Portuguese treatment of Islamic law in Mozambique is an insightful study of the relationship between imperial authority and the religion of indigenes within the framework of the functionality of compromise. The collaborative effort of Amílcar Sanatan, Raegan Gibbings and Shalinee Bahadur is aimed at foregrounding the contribution of a key female figure in the Grenada Revolution, against the background of the general absence of discussions of Caribbean women's involvement in the revolutionary Left in that region. Vidra Madoo's article focuses on an internationally recognized Caribbean academic with a long and distinguished career as an educator and education administrator at the tertiary level.

The last two contributions are book reviews. The volumes examined relate significantly to diasporic communities in the Americas. Firstly, Gelien Matthews offers an incisive critique of Jerome Teelucksingh's welcome study of the experience of African-American migrants in Canada in the turbulent nineteenth century. Brinsley Samaroo examines the significance of Ferne Louanne Regis' text for greater understanding of the *Douglas*, the offspring of the miscegenation of 'Afric' and 'Indic' arrivals in Trinidad and, by implication, the Caribbean and wider world.

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