



# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Mona, Kingston 7  
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Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies  
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## S/RAD Public Advocacy Series overview 2021

THE SUSTAINABLE RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
RESEARCH CLUSTER- (S/RAD)  
SALISES, UWI, Mona

Web: <http://salises-srad.com/about.php>  
SRAD Focal SDG's: # SDG 2, 3, 8,  
Supporting SDGs: #SDG 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

- ✓ S/RAD Speaker series (ZOOM-webinars) aim:
  - **Title: *COVID 19 discourses on Fleeing the Plantation: A Modern Marronage for Sustainable Food Systems***
  - *Framed by the COVID-19 and other crises, the SALISES rural research cluster seeks to advance critical and decolonial rethinking for a paradigm reset in order to realize secure rural futures and authentic development pathways. Through this speaker series, we will engage rural stakeholders in the region and elsewhere for realizing the SDG goals, vital to this cluster, of zero hunger, good health and wellbeing, plus decent work and growth in the context of the Plantationocene*
  - **Time line MAY- DEC 2021**
  - **Schedule monthly**, every first Wednesday of the month.
  
- ✓ **First 4 talks scheduled**
  - ***Food Systems in Crises: Contradictions and Vital Imperatives***  
Patricia Northover- Chair: S/RAD, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, SALISES, The University of the West Indies, (UWI),  
Mona, Jamaica  
Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021  
1 pm EST  
<https://youtu.be/ovMPMIOkmv8>

- ***Afrodescendant Seed Infrastructures: From Dispossession to Reparatory Justice***  
Marisa Wilson (University of Edinburgh), Sylvia Mitchell, Pat Northover,  
Talia Esnard (The University of the West Indies), Hugh Johnson (State of  
the African Diaspora)  
Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021  
9 am EST
  
- ***COVID-19 and Food Security in Jamaica- A Farmer's perspective***  
Errol Grant, Bernard Lodge Farmers Group, Jamaica  
Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 2021  
1pm EST
  
- ***Positioning Biotechnology To Better Serve Afrodescendant Farmers  
And Rural Development In The Caribbean***  
Sylvia Mitchell, Medicinal Plant Research Group, The Biotechnology  
Center, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
1 pm, EST