The Faculty of Social Sciences

Presents

A Special Public Lecture
In celebration of its 40th Anniversary

entitled

“The Faculty of the Social Sciences at Cave Hill and Forty Years of Caribbean Economic, Social and Political Development: A Critical Appraisal”

By

The Hon. Ralph Gonsalves
Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The Errol Barrow Center for Creative Imagination
UWI, Cave Hill Campus
Dr. The Hon. Ralph Gonsalves

Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Ralph Everard Gonsalves (born 8 August 1946) is the Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and leader of the Unity Labour Party (ULP).

He became Prime Minister after his party won a majority government in the 2001 general election. He is the first Prime Minister from the newly constructed ULP, following a merger of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Labour Party and the Movement for National Unity.

Prime Minister Gonsalves has been a Member of Parliament (MP) for the constituency of North Central Windward since 1994. In 1994, upon the formation of the Unity Labour Party he became deputy leader, and became leader of the party in 1998.

He attended Colonarie Roman Catholic School, and later the St Vincent Grammar School. Gonsalves then enrolled at the University of the West Indies, where he completed a bachelor's degree in economics. He later returned there to earn a master's degree in government, which he completed in 1971. In 1974 he completed a PhD in government at the University of Manchester. Gonsalves was called to the degree of utter barrister at Gray’s Inn in London in 1981. He taught Political Science from August 01, 1976 to July 31, 1979 at the Department of Government and Sociology, Cave Hill, Barbados.

He has written and published on a range of matters including the Caribbean, Africa, trade unionism, comparative political economy, and developmental issues generally.

Prime Minister Gonsalves has been married twice, currently he is married to Eloise Harris. He has two sons by his first marriage Camillo and Adam, and one by his second wife Storm, and two daughters, Isis and Soleil.

PROGRAMME

Chair: Mrs. Sonia Mahon, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

Welcome Remarks: Dr. Justin Robinson, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

Comments: Dr. Troy Lorde, Chair, The 40th Anniversary Committee

A Song: Mr. Jermaine Bourne

Introduction of Speaker: Mrs. Sonia Mahon, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

Keynote Lecture: Dr. The Hon. Ralph Gonsalves
Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

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DISCUSSION

Vote of thanks: Mrs. Sonia Mahon, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

Reception