

ABSTRACT.

Political Development and Foreign Affairs Of A Mini-State: A Case Study of St. Lucia 1979-1987.

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This thesis is a study of the foreign affairs of St. Lucia, in the context of severely restricted options and limitations. The research attempts to highlight the various difficulties and progress which St. Lucia has made since independence in 1979. In so doing, the research focused on statistical data, the foreign affairs establishment, and also newspaper articles, official documents and a series of interviews which were conducted between April and June 1988.

The research showed that not only do severe economic constraints pose a limiting factor on the capacity of the State to effectively conduct itself on the international arena - leading partly to a very passive approach towards foreign policy - but is simultaneously handicapped by the severe administrative inefficiencies.