

ABSTRACT

**TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE TRINIDADIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY:
CARONI, STATE INTERVENTION AND THE SUGAR SUB-SECTOR IN
TRINIDAD
1970-2005**

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This dissertation examines the fact that by 1970 Caroni (1975) Limited constituted the core of the Trinidadian sugar sub-sector. During 1970s the government of Trinidad and Tobago acquired ownership of the company from its British owners Tate and Lyle, in the midst of massive increases in oil revenues. The emergence of the state as the owner and controller of the company during a period of unprecedented largesse profoundly impacted upon the subsequent history of the sugar company because it tied the exigencies of Caroni (1975) Limited to the imperatives of the state. One central consequence of this was that thereafter all of the attempts to transform the company and thus the sugar industry in Trinidad were determined by the state and were guided mainly by one central factor which was the relative economic wealth of the nation to the clear detriment of the company and the industry in Trinidad.

Keywords

Caroni, transformation, Lomé Sugar Protocols, diversification, usine, export raws, Trinidad, Community, Tate and Lyle, sugar quotas.