

ABSTRACT

**International Drug Traffic Control
and the Real Addiction in the Capitalist World-System:
An Alternative Approach for the Analysis of
the Global Drug Traffic Crisis**

Gilbert A.N. James

Based on a **Neo-Radical Third World Perspective** on the study of **capitalist developmentalism**, this thesis examines the global drug traffic crisis within the **historic-cultural** context of the socio-economic requirements, and consequences, of capitalist development in the political economy of the capitalist world-system. The main proposition argued in the thesis is that the persistence of the global drug traffic crisis in the capitalist world is a direct feature of the logic and praxis of **capitalist developmentalism**.

Evidence from a number of case studies shows that the pursuit of **capitalist developmentalism** in the modern world has involved, among other things, the materialist dehumanization of industrialized societies, and the unconscionable exploitation of peripheral economies, giving rise to a host of interrelated global problematic issues, among which are, in recent times, and as necessary responses, the

massive demand market for narcotic drugs in the industrialized metropolises, and the cheap commercial production and export of narcotic drugs by peripheral economies.

The thesis therefore concludes that current international drug traffic control efforts will remain largely ineffective, as long as the **capitalist addiction**, endemic in the objectives and praxis of **capitalist developmentalism**, which generates the global drug traffic, as a **necessary** global capitalist enterprise, continues unchecked.

My sincere gratitude goes to all. However, irresistibly, I must mention a few names.

Dr. Herb Addo, indeed a profound and enigmatic pioneer-thinker, patiently supervised my formulation of this thesis, and, in the process, taught me to critique the "how" and "why" of my thoughts and curiosities in the intriguing field of the theory and praxis of political economy. His writings have undergirded the philosophy of the thesis. Mr. Anselm Francis, Dr. Andre Henry, Mr. Frank Bassotti, Dr. Peter Gonzales, Dr. Ramesh Decosaran, and Dr. Sahadeo Basdeo, through their lectures and occasional discussions at the Institute of International Relations, provided the academic stimulus in pursuing my research, while the technical support given by the secretariat and library staff at the Institute facilitated my research tremendously. Carol Mohon and Lucia Williams-Legall skillfully performed the tedious task of typing and processing the manuscript. My wife and children were, through it all, patient, accommodating and supportive.

Finally, and above all, I am grateful for the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom I owe all.