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**Obeah and Other Powers: The Politics  
of Caribbean Religion and Healing.  
Newcastle University, U.K., July 16-18, 2008.**

**This interdisciplinary conference will bring together scholars who are interested in the connections between religion and power in the Caribbean: the power of colonial and postcolonial states, of ruling elites, of subaltern communities, of nationalism, of ritual specialists, and of the spirits, lwas, orishas, and ancestors. We situate Caribbean religions within their broad historical and social contexts and are particularly interested in work relating to those communities, practices and belief systems that have been stigmatized or even outlawed, most of which have been symbolically connected to Africa. These include obeah, quimbois, santería/ regla de ocha, vodou, Rastafari, kali mai puri, the Spiritual Baptist religion / the Converted, brujería, palo monte, Orisha, pocomania/ pukkumina, winti, and Revival Zion.**



**Paper titles and abstracts (approximately 200-500 words) should be sent to Diana Paton or Maarit Forde by 31 October 2007 at the latest. Papers will be circulated in advance of the conference. Learn more at the conference web site:<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/historical/history/Obeahconference>.**