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EDITORIAL

This newsletter gives you an update about the 18th *Islands of the World* Conference happening in June 2022 in Zadar.

You will also be introduced to the new ISISA Newsletter Editor who will be taking my place as of July 2022.

Anyone who has something to say or share about islands and Island Studies, or can submit a review about a suitable book, is welcome to send them over Prof Anica Čuka: (acuka@unizd.hr) to be considered for the next issue of the ISISA Newsletter.

Kindly send over material for the July 2022 Newsletter by not later than June 15, 2022.

18th Islands of the World Conference:

'Nature and Culture'

**13th to 17th June 2022, Zadar
Croatia and surrounding islands
Ugljan, Pag and Dugi otok**

ISISA 2022 is soon upon us, and the Organizing Committee continues to gain momentum! We are excited to announce four keynote speakers to introduce the main topic and sub-topics of the conference. Two are Croatian scholars who have spent decades researching and consulting on Croatian and other European island topics: economist Nenad Starc and geographer Josip Faričić. Our other two speakers are Jonathan Pugh and Beatte Ratter, two prominent island scholars and ISISA members that require little introduction.

Registration for the conference begins on **February 1, 2022**, and ends on **April 1, 2022**. This is a firm deadline to ensure an accurate count for conference activities with travel by bus and boat within the Zadar urban archipelago. The Zadar peninsula and surrounding islands are bustling tourism sites during the summer, so we recommend that you book your accommodations soon after registration, in or nearby the old city centre. Attendees will find plenty of options for travel to Zadar. Zadar International Airport can be accessed through various air carriers, and the town itself falls within a well-established coastal network of bus transportation. Attendees can also utilize local taxi services, which are organized for increased summer arrivals. There are no railway connections.

While we work out logistics, secure venues, and manage day-to-day conference planning obstacles and occurrences, we have also put time and care into reviewing and selecting the abstracts at the core of our conference. Since July, we have received 115 abstracts from all over the world, 25 of which cover Croatian island topics. All were sent out to our Scientific Committee for double-blind reviews, and authors can anticipate a decision on their abstract by **January 15, 2022**. The presentation structure is still taking shape. However, given the number of applications and the vast array of topics they cover, we feel confident the title, **Nature and Culture**, will be fully realized with rich and informative content for our attendees.

For more information visit: <https://conference.unizd.hr/isisaislands/>

See you there!

Organizing Committee

12 Scholarships for ISISA 2022 @ Zadar, Croatia

The organisers of the ISISA June 2022 Conference at the University of Zadar, Croatia, in association with ISISA, have the pleasure to announce 12 scholarships, each with a cash value of 500 euros, available to postgraduate (master's and doctoral) students, who have had an abstract *submitted and accepted* for the Conference, *and* who plan to travel physically to Zadar for the event. The scholarships are intended to help cover some of the costs that students will incur (travel, accommodation, conference fee...) to attend the Conference.

To apply for such scholarships, please download:

<http://conference.unizd.hr/isisaislands/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2021/06/ISISA-Student-Scholarships-2022.pdf>

Applications, by email only, should be sent to the ISISA Secretary, Dr Laurie Brinklow, at brinklow@upei.ca by January 25, 2022.

The scholarship announcement is also available on the 2022 Conference webpage, here:
- <https://conference.unizd.hr/isisaislands/menu6/>

Details about the acceptance of abstracts will be announced on January 15, 2022.



ELECTION to the ISISA Executive Committee (2022-2026)

According to Article 5 of the ISISA Charter, the President and members of the Executive Committee of ISISA – who are responsible for the daily operation of the Association – shall be elected at the ISISA General Meeting and shall serve for four years.

The last election for the Executive Committee took place in Terschelling, The Netherlands, in 2018. This means that an election is due next year and will be held during the 18th *‘Islands of the World’* Conference in Zadar in June 2022.

Article 5.4 of the ISISA Charter states that “The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than six and not more than nine members. These include the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, along with up to five, other, elected ordinary members.”

Nominations for these (up to nine) positions are now **open**.

Anyone interested in contesting for a position on the ISISA Executive Committee must be a paid-up member or a life member of the Association.

Those interested in being considered for election are to submit their name, as well as the position they wish to contest¹, via e-mail to Gerard Persoon at: persoonga@fsw.leidenuniv.nl by Monday, June 13th, 2022.

¹ These being: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Ordinary Member. One may seek election to more than one position on the ISISA Executive.

Islands and Sustainability (ISLANDS)

Announcement of a new Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters international programme with full scholarships (subject to grant agreement completion)

Dimitris Ballas

Islands are special cases for Sustainable Development. Within the current global economic and social system islands in many cases face economic, social, political and cultural marginalization; unless they cooperate. Cooperation is needed in research and education on the ways to manage islands and raise capacity building in island communities. Understanding the problems and finding effective ways to develop the potential of small islands requires international academic cooperation that looks beyond the specifics of individual islands. There is clearly a demand for a high-quality Masters programme on sustainable development on islands that can enhance much required training and expertise in this field. This is why the University of Groningen (The Netherlands), the University of the Aegean (Greece), the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain) and the University of Iceland (Iceland) have joined forces to launch a high-level integrated study programme on islands at Master level, as outlined below.

This is a preliminary announcement of **Islands and Sustainability (ISLANDS)**, a brand-new two-year Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programme offered by these four universities . The programme was selected and invited for grant preparation by the European Commission and it is anticipated that a formal call for applications for a September 2022 start will be announced by February 2022 (with an estimated deadline for applications on 15 March 2022).

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters are high-level integrated study programmes at Master level. The programmes are designed and delivered by an international partnership of higher education institutions from different countries worldwide. ***Erasmus+ funds scholarships*** (including a €1,400 per month subsistence payment as well as installation, travel and fee waiver) for students from all over the world to take part in these programmes.

The ISLANDS programme combines thorough training in scientific research with a thematic specialization on Islands and Sustainability. It also provides multi-faceted training of research skills for social science and environmental research, including Individual Research Training by senior staff and training to work in a multi- and interdisciplinary research group. It also involves taking a series of qualitative, quantitative and multi-method courses, as well as, courses on Scientific Reading, Debating and Reflecting, Scientific English Writing and Research Process. ISLANDS students will be required to study at the University of Groningen in the first semester and the first half of the second semester of the first year of the programme. During the second half of the second semester of the first year, they study at one of the island-based universities of the consortium where they undertake a Research Internship Module. Then, they return to Groningen for the first semester of their second year before going again to an island-

based university to undertake their Master thesis project in the second semester of the second year. ISLANDS graduates receive a double-degree from the University of Groningen (including an acknowledgement that this is an EMJM degree involving all partner universities) and the island-based university in which the graduate spends the second half of the second year of their studies and the second half of the second semester of the first year. The ISLANDS programme is also supported by six associated partners comprising academic institutions, a research institute, an SME and NGOs (including Geoparks in Iceland and on Lesvos).

The ISLANDS programme builds on the existing Research Master Spatial Sciences programme at the University of Groningen (<https://www.rug.nl/masters/islands-and-sustainability/?lang=en>). We anticipate that more details on the new programme and the call for applications (subject to formal approval and completion of the grant agreement with the European Commission) will be posted at: <http://islandsmaster.eu/> & <https://www.rug.nl/masters/islands-and-sustainability/?lang=en>

For more information and updates please visit these web-sites regularly.

2022 Island Feminisms Webinar Series

Marina Karides

Here is the programme for this Webinar Series:

Book Launch - 19 January 1pm HWST

Marina Karides, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Sappho's Legacy Convivial Economics on a Greek Isle, 2021/2022, SUNY Press

With Discussants:

Laurie Brinklow, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada

Ayano Ginoza, University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan

18 February 1 pm HWST - Island Food Systems

Adrianna Garriga-Lopez, Kalamazoo College, USA

"Puerto Rican Feminist Farming and Cuir Anti-Colonial Rematriation: Experiments in Self-Determination"

Laura Williams, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, USA

"A feminist political ecology of agri-environmental activism in shifting island rurality"

8 April 1 pm HWST - Island Diaspora

Māhealani Ahia and Kahala Johnson, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, USA

“Submergent Ea: Diasporising Hawaiian Indigeneity”

Aurelien Davennes, University of Southern California, USA

“The Opacity of Desire. Queerness, Postcolonialism, and Diasporic Belonging in Guadeloupe”

For more information visit <http://islandfeminisms.org/>

Easter Island Conference 2022: Call for abstracts

Gerard Persoon

As announced in the previous ISISA newsletter, the 10th International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific will be held in Leiden (The Netherlands), from 19-24 June 2022. That is shortly after the 18th ISISA *Islands of the World* Conference in Zadar, Croatia. In other words, the combination of both conferences offers an ideal way to get to know all about the ongoing research on this fascinating island.

The call for papers is out and the organizers welcome papers addressing one of the following themes:

Creating & connecting knowledge

- Archaeology, the legacy of the past
- Heritage management
- Ethnohistory, religion and cultural identity
- Language, storytelling and Rongorongo
- Science in action: experiments, data, models

Moving between different worlds

- Tourism: opportunities and challenges
- Archives, museums, and ownership
- Migration, seafaring, and transport
- Islands and the digital world
- Island governance and autonomy

The Culture-Nature nexus

- Comparative island studies
- Population, health, and diseases
- Biodiversity, ecosystem services and landscape
- The basics: food, water, energy, work, and education
- Small islands and global threats

The conference programme will, among others, include a visit to a special Easter Island exhibition in the Ethnographic Museum in Leiden to commemorate the fact that in 1722 Dutchman Jacob Roggeveen was the first (European) to set foot ashore on Easter Island. An excursion is also planned to the town of Middelburg in the province of Zeeland, where Roggeveen was born; the town played an important role in the way Easter Island became known in the western world.

For further information, visit the conference website: <https://paaseiland.org>



Island Studies Journal (ISSN: 1715-2593) was set up in 2006 as a freely downloadable, peer reviewed, scholarly and interdisciplinary journal dedicated to the study of islands and island life.

ISJ is now institutionally housed at the University of the Faeroe Islands.

ISJ is, since June 2012, the official journal of ISISA and, since 2013, the official journal of RETI (the Network of Island Universities).

Manuscripts to be considered for publication are welcome at: isj@upei.ca Website: www.islandstudies.ca/journal

Island Innovations Award

Simon Turkas

In partnership with the [Clinton Global Initiative](#), the Island Innovation Awards will recognize individuals, organizations and projects driving positive change for remote and island communities globally. There will be 12 award [categories](#) judged by an esteemed and diverse [Jury](#) made up of 20 different judges. Organizations and individuals across remote, rural

and island communities will have the opportunity to apply. The focus of the awards will be on sharing the how of success from the winners, so other communities may benefit.

We are accepting applications and nominations until the 15th of February, and the virtual awards ceremony will be held on the 25th of April during our [Island Finance Forum 2022](#).

In addition to this, Island Innovation is an official nominating organization for [The Earthshot Prize](#). Island Innovation has been invited to submit nominations across all [five categories](#).

Further details including all the categories and judges, application and nomination forms, and full awards timeline can be found on the awards [webpage here](#).



The banner features a central photograph of five diverse individuals (three men and two women) in a library setting, smiling and giving each other high-fives. The background is decorated with green and orange wavy lines. At the top, there are three logos: the Island Innovation Awards logo (a green laurel wreath with 'Island Innovation AWARDS' and three stars), the Clinton Foundation logo (a blue starburst with 'CLINTON FOUNDATION'), and the CGI Action Network logo (with the tagline 'Post-Disaster Recovery'). Below the photo, the text 'Island Innovation Awards' is written in large orange letters, followed by 'Showcasing Individuals, Organizations and Projects Driving Positive Change Across Island Communities' in green. At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains the text 'Apply or Register at: islandinnovation.co/island-innovation-awards'.

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A Digital Encyclopedia of Island Studies

An open access, digital encyclopedia of island studies is taking shape. Would you like to contribute?

Ana Isabel Moniz lectures at the University of Madeira and the Centre for Comparative Studies of the University of Lisbon, both in Portugal. She has launched the creation of a Digital Encyclopedia of Island Studies, whose goal is to research and divulge theory, artistic practice and a thorough bibliography around the themes of islands, island studies, insularity, islandness and island literature. Entries will each comprise around 500 words and be accompanied by a select bibliography.

ISISA President Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino has been entrusted with developing the sociology-related entries to this digital initiative.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Prof. Muniz at: - anamoniz@uma.pt

Prof. Muniz also intends to set up an Atlantic network of island studies in cooperation with other universities and institutes worldwide, based on the loose cooperation that already exists at the national level in Portugal between the Universities of Lisbon, Madeira and Azores.



New ISISA Newsletter Editor

As announced in the July newsletter, this will be the last newsletter that I will edit for ISISA. It has been ten years since I accepted this role during the General Meeting at the ISISA Conference in the British Virgin Islands. It was a role that I truly enjoyed, albeit being a bit challenging at times to get enough submissions from ISISA members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who submitted articles, announcements, book reviews, poems, etc., over these ten years and to the readers of this newsletter.

It is my pleasure to introduce and welcome Prof Anica Čuka (see photo) who has generously accepted to take on the role as the new ISISA Newsletter editor. I am sure that you will all continue to support her and provide her with interesting news about Island studies.

Anica Čuka, PhD, is a professor of geography at the University of Zadar, Croatia. She was born in Zadar, where she has lived all her life and where she graduated in geography and Italian language and literature. In 2011, she defended her PhD thesis at the University of Zadar (*Landscape changes on Dugi otok Island as a result of contemporary socio-geographic processes*). From 2002, she has been employed at the same department of geography, first as scientific researcher (2002-2005), then as assistant (2005-2011), assistant professor (2011-

2017) and associate professor (2017-). She teaches several courses at different levels of the study: Regional Geography of Australia and Oceania, Croatian Diaspora, Geography of Croatian Islands, Rural Geography and Croatian Island Landscapes.

After being Deputy Head for a couple of years, from 2014 to 2017 she has held the position of the Head of Department of Geography. From 2011 to 2015 she was technical editor of the scientific journal *Geoadria* published by the Croatian Geographic Society - Zadar and the Department of Geography, University of Zadar. For over a decade she has been the coordinator for international cooperation and mobility within CEEPUS mobility programme. She was a member of organising and scientific committees of several national and international conferences and actively participated as a lecturer and mentor at workshops and summer schools. Her main research interests are: island studies, rural geography, landscape and land use changes. Her ancestors were islanders which defined her research interests: many of the papers she has published are about Croatian islands, their geographies and social and demographic issues. As a researcher she participated in several scientific projects, dealing mostly with rural areas, including islands. In 2014, she was a guest lecturer at the Department of Anthropology, University of Maine, USA, where she gave a talk about Landscapes as Cultural Heritage: The Case of Croatia's Adriatic Islands and Coast. In 2021, she was a guest lecturer at the Environmental Protection College Velenje, Slovenia where she delivered an online lecture on Croatian islands and their demographic trends.



Her scientific profile is available here: <https://www.bib.irb.hr/pregled/profil/18530>

Islands as Laboratories for Sustainability: The case of Lesvos

A Summer (Spring) School co-organised by the University of Groningen and the University of the Aegean

Dates: 1-8 May 2022

Location: Lesvos island, Greece



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Islands are special cases for Sustainable Development. Methodologically and scientifically, islands are ideal ‘laboratories’ for sustainable landscape stewardship. Islands are unique in both attractiveness and climate vulnerability, they are relatively isolated and ‘on their own’ compared to mainland areas, yet they are also more dependent and need to be well-connected to other areas more than mainland areas. The summer school is aimed at combining all these different perspectives.

The summer school focuses on the Mediterranean island of Lesbos which is home to what is known as Aristotle’s lagoon and has also been described as the birthplace of the science of biology; an island well-known for its unique biodiversity, a petrified forest and many scenic landscapes reflecting in its UNESCO Geopark status. The island is also the birthplace of great literary figures and has a very rich cultural history. It has also long been a popular tourism (and eco-tourism) destination. More recently it has been at the centre of global media attention as the crossing land of refugees’ flight to safety and key gateway to Europe.

Overall the central question of the summer school is: How to come to sustainable development amidst starkly different island dynamics? Students in this summer school are challenged to blend perspectives towards sustainability: to understand the current situation and to research possible sustainable futures via a multi-disciplinary approach. Questions that will be considered and addressed include: How can an island like Lesbos (as a case study) move towards an ambitious and successful energy transition? How to combine conservation in core nature areas with development in the surrounding landscapes? How can the challenges and opportunities of the refugee crisis can be met in socially sustainable ways? What are the prospects for sustainable social and economic development?

For more information, including learning outcomes, list of speakers, course schedule and practical information, please visit:

<https://www.rug.nl/education/summer-winter-schools/islands-and-sustainability/>

Recovery and Regrowth

What's Happening with the Kangaroo Island Children's Bushfire Fund

December 2021

I can hardly believe that this is our fourth newsletter since the catastrophic Kangaroo Island (KI) bushfires of the summer of 2019/2020. It is amazing that our funds have enabled us to make so many restorative and exciting things happen, in just two years, for the children at Parndana.

The new campus head of Parndana, replacing the much respected, loved and admired Matt Linn, who has returned to the mainland for family reasons, is Alex Smith. Alex has been a pleasure to work with and together we have come up with some creative ways of using your funds. We hope this letter conveys some of the excitement of two recently completed major initiatives at Parndana Campus.

A New School Orchard at Parndana Campus



Thumbs-up for our new orchard

Parndana campus has extensive grounds to support its agricultural programs. Immediately after the fires some land was used to establish a wonderful Community Garden – a much-needed place of sharing and gathering for fire-affected people. Campus head Alex Smith tells about another initiative, an exciting new school orchard:

‘A special project supported by the bushfire fund is the creation of an orchard. The students in the Ag Science class laid the groundwork for the orchard by preparing the land and installing a high-tech, remote-controlled watering system. The fund allowed the school to buy a wide selection of fruit trees. Students planted the trees which include mulberry, olive, apple, peach, plum, apricot, orange, lemon, cherry, and nectarine. The orchard is a new venture for the school and when the trees bear fruit it will be sold to the community as part of our produce range and made into preserves as part of the Food Technology class.’

A School Wellbeing Space

Alex continues the Parndana Story:

‘Following the bushfires, the single biggest thing all the students asked for was a lawned garden area where they could sit and relax. With the removal of an old building a new space was created and that space has now become a new entrance area with large lawns on either side.

The bushfire fund has allowed us to buy some wonderful deckchairs for the students to relax in and talk with their friends. In addition, we have purchased parasols that provide much needed shade. Feedback from the children is that it gives them a really cool place to hang out with their classmates and instead of being inside at recess and lunch they love being outside. The younger students enjoy being able to sit and talk with the older ones.’

For students who have experienced a landscape of bushfire blackened paddocks and charred trees, these extensive green lawns are a quiet haven. The newly established, well-mulched gardens will soon add to the ambience of this wellbeing space.

You have enabled these initiatives to happen.

Thank-you.

May we all experience the joy of Christmas.

Dr Bob Teasdale Deputy Mayor of KI

Jennie Teasdale AM

Island Innovation Ambassador Programme 2022

Arya Akal

Applications are open.

Do you want to be part of a global network of island changemakers? Join us!

As an ambassador, you will gain critical skills and access to expert knowledge through monthly workshops. You will be part of a network of support and mutual learning for amplifying your impact as a changemaker. You will have fun while learning essential tools to drive positive changes in your communities. The Ambassador Program will begin in February 2022 and end in December 2022. We encourage islanders from all over the world to apply, including those living on Indian Ocean islands, Pacific Ocean islands, and African islands. Please note that the application deadline is January 10th, 2022.



Learn more about the program and apply here: <https://islandinnovation.co/island-ambassador-program/>

New Book Publication

Jennifer Corrin, an ISISA member, has teamed up with Tony Angelo to produce the book *Legal systems in the Pacific*. This book provides an overview of the legal systems of 16 Pacific Island states and territories. It presents a general outline of each system, with a focus on matters of current special interest, such as climate change and the environment. It offers easy reference and information about where to find more information on specific aspects of the legal system in each of these jurisdictions. Most of its chapter contributors are either Indigenous or long-term residents of the countries in question. Details at: https://intersentia.com/en/legal-systems-of-the-pacific-48971.html?utm_source=Private+International+Law&utm_campaign=2cd406e06f-ENUE_131221_PIL&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6560923991-2cd406e06f-362525441&mc_cid=2cd406e06f&mc_eid=cbab6d7485

New Publication within the Island Studies Journal

Sarah Nimführ

Special edition: Representing islands – producing islandness: Rethinking identities, mobilities, and relations in island research

(Edited by Sarah Nimführ & Greca N. Meloni) in *Island Studies Journal* Vol. 16 No. 2, November 2021

In this guest editorial, *Sarah Nimführ* and *Greca N. Meloni* reflect on researcher's positionality in the colonial matrix of power. They argue for a deconstruction of Eurocentric knowledge production. Following Linda Tuhiwai Smith, however, they also point out to the question of who has the right to use decolonising methods. Nimführ and Meloni conclude that the challenge for the decolonial island studies project is to consider the rich spectrum of island perspectives and their diversity in knowledge production while being aware of complexities and tensions to avoid remarginalising already marginalised actors.

The special edition contains of seven articles: The first article by *Eva-Maria Knoll* addresses the complexity and polyphony in intra-archipelagic relationality by drawing on her studies on thalassemia in the Maldivian archipelago. In the second article, *Sarah Nimführ* and *Laura Otto* deconstruct universal understandings of island-related smallness by analysing how smallness, islandness and (im)mobilising policies intersect at the EU's external border. The third article by *Daniele Gavelli* and *Myriam Mereu* focuses on the role of cinematic landscapes, using the film *Cainà* as an example to reveal the tropes of islandness reciprocally attributed to both the protagonist and main features of Sardinia. *Pavla Šimková*, in the fourth article, analyses the relationship between urban islands and their 'mother city'. She explores which developments have been responsible that Bostonians have perceived the Boston Harbor Islands as essentially different from the city. In the fifth article, *Gaspare Messina* considers how the experience with the other shaped a feeling of Sardinian islandness and belonging by using the concept of hospitality. *Martina Giuffrè*, in the sixth article, deals with the changes in Cape Verdean identity perception related to islandness and migration issues from a gender perspective. And in the final article, *Delilah Griswold* ethnographically analyses the framings of island vulnerability and climate catastrophe by focusing on climate adaptation practices on Fiji.

Guest editorial: Decolonial thinking: A critical perspective on positionality and representations in island studies (pp. 3–17) — Sarah Nimführ & Greca N. Meloni
<https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.178>

The 'other' within: Striving for health equity in the Maldives (pp. 18–38) — Eva-Maria Knoll
<https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.177>

(Un)Making smallness: Islands, spatial ascription processes and (im)mobility (pp. 39–58) — Sarah Nimführ & Laura Otto <https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.173>

Cainà: Islandscape and 'islanderscope' on screen (pp. 59–79) — Myriam Mereu & Daniele Gavelli <https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.172>

“Minutes away, worlds apart”: The changing imagination of the Boston Harbor Islands (pp. 80–96) — Pavla Šimková
<https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.169>

Hospitality and exchange: Identity relationships between ‘natives’ and ‘foreigners’ in Sardinia (pp. 97–116) — Gaspare Messina
<https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.176>

Female migration in the Cape Verde islands: From islandness to transnationalism (pp. 117–135) — Martina Giuffrè
<https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.180>

Growing hope: Island agriculture and refusing catastrophe in climate change adaptation in Fiji (pp. 136–155) — Delilah Griswold
<https://doi.org/10.24043/isj.181>

Islands Matter Webinars

Andrew Jennings

Islands Matter is a new series of webinars set up to address the hunger in the Scottish islands to hear from experts based in other islands worldwide, and to help inform the UHI's Islands Strategy.. <https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/research-enterprise/cultural/institute-for-northern-studies/news/islands-matter-webinar-series.html>. James Ellsmoor delivered the first webinar. His talk inspired attendees to take islands seriously and set the tone for the talks that followed. The series included excellent talks on a range of topics by Dr Laurie Brinklow from the Institute for Island Studies in Prince Edward Island, Canada; Professor Chik Collins, Rector of the University of the Faroe Islands; Professor Owe Ronström from the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology Uppsala University, based on Gotland, Sweden; and Professor Des Thompson, Principal Adviser on Science and Biodiversity at NatureScot. There will be further webinars in the coming year, to which all are invited. If you missed the webinars, you can watch their recordings here:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs12rhJwgJAcfGB949zk0gA>

Recent Publications

Pieter van Beukering lectures in environmental economics at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He is affiliated with the Waddenacademie which hosted the 2018 ISISA Conference and is an ISISA member. He alerts us to recent publications that deal with Dutch islands in the Caribbean and may be of interest to our *ISISA Newsletter* Readers:

- **Linking ecosystem services and the Sustainable Development Goals in Small Island Developing States: the case of Aruba** (Palacios, van Beukering, Zanten, et al., 2021): <https://oneecosystem.pensoft.net/article/71033/>

- **Mapping the economic loss of ecosystem services caused by the invasive plant species *Antigonon leptopus* on the Dutch Caribbean Island of St. Eustatius** (Huisman et al., 2021): <https://oneecosystem.pensoft.net/article/72881/>

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