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Studying islands on their own terms

WHAT WE DO
ISISA's objectives are to study islands on their own terms and to encourage free scholarly discussion on small island related matters such as islandness, smallness, insularity, dependency, resource management and environment, and the nature of island life.

GLOBAL ISLAND NETWORK
ISISA encourages and facilitates the networking of small island communities through international communication systems (such as our newsletters and e-mail groups) and journals, and by holding periodic, multi-disciplinary conferences.

ISISA CONFERENCES ISLANDS OF THE WORLD

- Islands of the World XVI - Sharing Lessons, Sharing Stories
St John's, Newfoundland, Canada
June 14-18, 2021
- Islands of the World XVI - Changing Futures of Islands
Leeuwarden and Terschelling, Netherlands | June 10-14, 2019
- Islands of the World XV - Small Island Communities: Models for Global Survival
Kangaroo Island, South Australia, Australia | July 3-8, 2017
- Islands of the World XIV - Nissitology and Utopia: Back to the Roots of Island Studies
Lesvos Island, Greece
May 23-26, 2016

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Hello and welcome to the December 2022 issue of ISISA Newsletter. I would like to thank all our members who contributed to this issue and also I would like to encourage the rest of you to send us materials for the July 2023 Newsletter to not later than June 20, 2023 to acuka@unizd.hr.

This issue provides you insight into some future activities in which our members will be involved. It also brings interesting reflections from the island events that happened in 2022. There are also several calls for cooperation in new books and programs. See if you or your students could participate in offered mobility programs. Enjoy in your reading!
May the New Year be the year of peace, prosperity and happiness to all ISISA members and their families! Happy holidays!

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Recovery and Regrowth has been an appropriate theme for our Newsletter over the past three years. The bushland and the wildlife on Kangaroo Island have made a remarkable recovery since the summer bushfires of 2019/2020. The photo below, taken late November 2022, shows lush undergrowth and the miraculous regrowth on blackened trees in a bushfire affected area. Nature has its restoration path well practised after millennia.

Humans, on the other hand, grapple with loss for longer.



Greetings all.

It is a year since you received a Newsletter about the disbursement of the donations you kindly gave to the Kangaroo Island Children's Bushfire Fund. This will be our fifth and final Newsletter as we are about to close the account. It is a tribute to you and other donors that we have been able to support affected children for three years. Be assured that every cent has been used wisely. We are excited that we've been able to use your donations for such a wide range of sustainable, positive projects over that time.

We have continued to work with the Parndana School, but we've been able to extend our support to the development of the new Parndana Community Children's Centre.

Projects Supported in 2022

1 Equipping the Parndana Community Children's Centre

Young mothers in fire-affected areas have banded together to raise funds to construct a Community Children's Centre in Parndana. The Centre will provide a place where families can leave their pre-school children in safe hands while they continue to rebuild their burnt out properties. Hard won federal funding has enabled the construction of a new building, but money was needed to equip the Centre.

This is where we've been able to offer some help with the provision of toys, books and learning resources. KI west-end resident, Meg Cooper, Vice Chair of the Centre's Governing Council wrote: 'We truly appreciate the generous donation from the KI Children's Bushfire Fund.'

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2 Breakfast Club

There are quite a number of children in the fire-affected area whose families struggle to provide adequate meals. Conrad Tickner, the much-respected School Chaplain at Parndana, has organised a Breakfast Club, providing a substantial, healthy morning meal for students. Eggs, cereals, milk and bread are purchased locally and transformed into a healthy breakfast by Conrad and a team of volunteers. It's easier to start a school day if you've had a good breakfast! If a child needs a lunch or a family is struggling to provide a meal, this too is provided. Your donations have made this possible.

3 Book Publication

Our funds have supported the publication of a beautifully illustrated children's book 'Letting the Summer Go'. Launched in November 2022 by ABC gardening expert Sophie Thomson, it is already recognized as delivering an important message about children's mental health after destructive bushfires.

It is the true story of a real Kangaroo Island fire-affected family's joy and healing experienced through the restoration of their burnt out garden. Written and published by Islanders, it resonates with local people. Copies of this book will be placed in the Parndana school library.

4 Audio-Visual System for Parndana School

Schools are dependent upon effective audio-visual systems to enable students to explore and participate more meaningfully in the school and the wider community.

Some of your funds have been given to the school to update their ageing, often unreliable system. Campus Head, Alex Smith is delighted and comments:

This new Audio-Visual system will give the school a much-needed upgrade and allow the students to take their fortnightly assembly performances and additional play and concert performances to a much higher level. To have sound that works without fail will be a revelation and a screen that is large enough for everyone to see will add so much value to student voice and agency.

Over the past three years you have enabled these and many other initiatives to happen. Thank-you.

We wish you a joyous Christmas.

Dr Bob Teasdale

Jennie Teasdale AM



Canada-Germany-Ecological-Footprint-Islands-Connections

Network connections are the bread in the soup of science, the cherry on the cake and the sparkle in the champagne of human encounters!

Years ago, we in Hamburg, Germany, calculated the footprint of Helgoland as part of our island research and presented it at the ISISA meeting in Bornholm in 2010 (see Ratter, B.; Petzold, J. (2012): From Ecological Footprint To Ecological Fingerprint. Sustainable development on Helgoland. In: Karin Topsø Larsen (Hg.): From one island to another. A Celebration of Island Connections. Bornholm: Centre For Regional And Tourism Research, p. 191–203).

The concept of the Ecological Footprint is useful for reflection and self-determination. For islands, it can offer self-assurance: “are we still on the right path?” Islands - especially small islands - are no less complex than territorial states. Their resources, space and opportunities appear limited. But “resources are not, they become” (Zimmermann 1951) and any effort to address one's own way of life and resource exploitation is an important step towards transformation to sustainable paths.

On the other side of the globe, in the Salish Sea of western Canada, the ecological footprint work on Helgoland was able to excite and inspire new scholars.





Canada-Germany-Ecological-Footprint-Islands-Connections

We from the Galiano Conservancy Association got in touch with the scholars in Germany, assembled an expert team and documented out our own ecological footprint calculation for Galiano Island in the project: One Island, One Earth - An Ecological Footprint and Fingerprint for Galiano Island (see <https://galianoconservancy.ca/oneisland/>).

The footprint calculations then and now resulted in intriguing outcomes: Helgoland's area consumption according to categories (of types of consumption: Consumer goods 32%, Housing 27%, Food 31%, Transport 10%) was calculated at 6.80 ha per capita in 2009. In comparison, Berlin at that time required 4.41 ha per capita, and the global average was 2.59 ha per capita. But the biocapacity of the Earth is only 1.81 ha per capita! On Galiano, the ecological footprint for 2021 was calculated at 4.1 gha/ca (before including gov. services, etc.) for the Galiano Island community. Including senior government services the outcome is 18,600 gha (6.8 gha/ca), and therefore higher than many other jurisdictions in British Columbia, including the nearby cities of Vancouver and Victoria.

Due to their insular circumstances, small islands in a modernised world will always need more resources than they can provide. The wheel cannot be turned back, but we can all reflect on whether the ecological footprint we leave behind is really sustainable.

Ecological footprint assessments can help to develop strategies to reduce human impact on the earth. They can be oriented towards the future, while also reflecting the past.

This island connection has resulted in another great collaboration despite an international pandemic and travel bans. In the summer of 2022, the Future Ecologies podcast released an episode about the project, "An Island Unto Itself," which provides an entertaining and accessible introduction to the subject (<https://www.futureecologies.net/listen/fe-4-6-an-island-unto-itself>). And if you want to join the Ecological Footprint connection, please contact us. Let's celebrate island connection, island interactions....

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**10th Anatomy of Islands Symposium, Lastovo island, Croatia, 26 – 28 September
2022 - REFLECTIONS**

It's been 10 years that our NGO The Anatomy of Islands holds symposia and workshops devoted to island matters. We decided to have it in cycles, each one taking place on a different Croatian island. The first cycle started in 2012 and took place on the island of Vis. The second took place on Lastovo, the most remote Croatian island. It ended with the 10th symposium held from 26 to 28 September 2022. Next year we will move to the island of Hvar and start the third cycle.

This year's main theme was Climate Change and Environmental Futures of Islands, as islands are at the forefront of facing the challenges of adapting to climate change, and island communities are expected by many to be the best potential pioneers in finding and implementing sustainable climate solutions and developing their own climate resilience strategies. The theme attracted oceanographers, climatologists, ethnologists, musicologists, geographers, sociologists, economists, anthropologists; a group successfully brought together to embrace the island discourse.

Although vulnerable to everything that the Anthropocene brings, islands slow down its dominance in these localities in many aspects. Islanders have been building their own local knowledge for centuries, that is, specific cultural responses that have enabled them to deal with adverse weather conditions and natural disasters. Island communities developed specific forms of sociability and solidarity in everyday life, especially in times of crises and disasters. However, as the climate and environment change, so do island societies.



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Modern littoralization, deagrarianization, excessive urban development, touristification and depopulation have a strong and mostly adverse impact on island strategies and practices of resilience to environmental extremes. Therefore, inspired by multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches, we invited experts from different and quite diverse fields to join discussions that would enable the mapping of new imaginaries of island futures in which local knowledge would be the starting point and inspiration for the challenges of new climate transformations.

Thirty lectures were given during 8 sessions, 7 of which were devoted to environmental topics. The last one was titled 'About Lastovo on Lastovo and focused on issues concerning our host island. The lectures given by scientists and experts from different fields fitted quite well and made an excellent interdisciplinary blend. Using the examples of interfaces between sea and land, and studying related environmental and social issues, we realized all the complexity of interactions, and the amount of knowledge required for designing ways of ensuring island as well as mainland resilience. Participants listened to each other well in a casual, constructive and pleasant atmosphere which in the course of 10 years has become a trade mark of the symposium. We are particularly pleased with an extremely high interest in participation and an increasing number of presentations given by young researchers who showed comprehensiveness in their approach to the topics they work on. The concluding discussion on environmental topics included reflections on the categories of listeners who should be more present at the symposia with island agendas. Residents of Lastovo, of course, had a free access to the symposium. All the presentations were recorded, and are publicly available to everyone. In the last 10 years the viewing figures have been very high, and this symposium was no exception.



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However, it is an indisputable fact that the decision makers and implementers of policies related to islands, namely the state, county and city or municipal officials, should avail themselves of this gathering of experts from different fields in order to better reflect on the policies, strategies, plans, regulations and decisions they make. In spite of the fact that they have been properly and cordially invited every time, we have never had a chance to host a single politician.

Four extremely interesting topics were covered during the last session, which was attended by a quite a number of Lastovo residents. The first one referred to emigrants from Lastovo who are trying to leave a material legacy to the children they left on Lastovo and encourage them to maintain ties with the home island. The second topic was dedicated to a new category of immigrants to the island of Lastovo, mainly highly educated women who chose to live in the island environment, while also making a significant contribution to strengthening the coherence of the island community. The topic of the third lecture was a reflection on the lowering the Lastovo carnival puppet down the rope, a traditional custom that survived on the island since medieval times. We heard reports on oral tradition, historical sources and carnival practice. The fourth, last topic dealt with echoes of Lastovo's musical and dance heritage outside the island. Among other things, the question arises whether the Lastovo carnival customs as choreographed on the stage contribute to the preservation of the carnival customs in real life or whether the original carnival customs and the carnival choreography on the stage exist in parallel independently of each other.



The symposium is organised by two island associations (Anatomy of Islands - Centre for Research and Development from the island of Vis and the Dobre Dobričević Association from the island of Lastovo) and two scientific and research institutions (Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research from Zagreb and Department of Ethnology and Anthropology of University of Zadar). Next year we will gather on the island of Hvar and hold a symposium and various workshops. It is expected by many that the Anatomy of Islands will maintain a high standard. Needless to say the challenge is accepted.

Lidija Runko Luttenberger
Nenad Starc



NEW BOOKS:

Mitul Baruah:

Slow Disaster

Political Ecology of Hazards and Everyday Life in the Brahmaputra Valley, Assam

Published in September 2022

This book presents a fascinating, ethnographic account of the challenges faced by communities living in Majuli, India, one of the largest river islands in the world, which has experienced immense socio-environmental transformations over the years, processes that are emblematic of the Brahmaputra Valley as a whole.

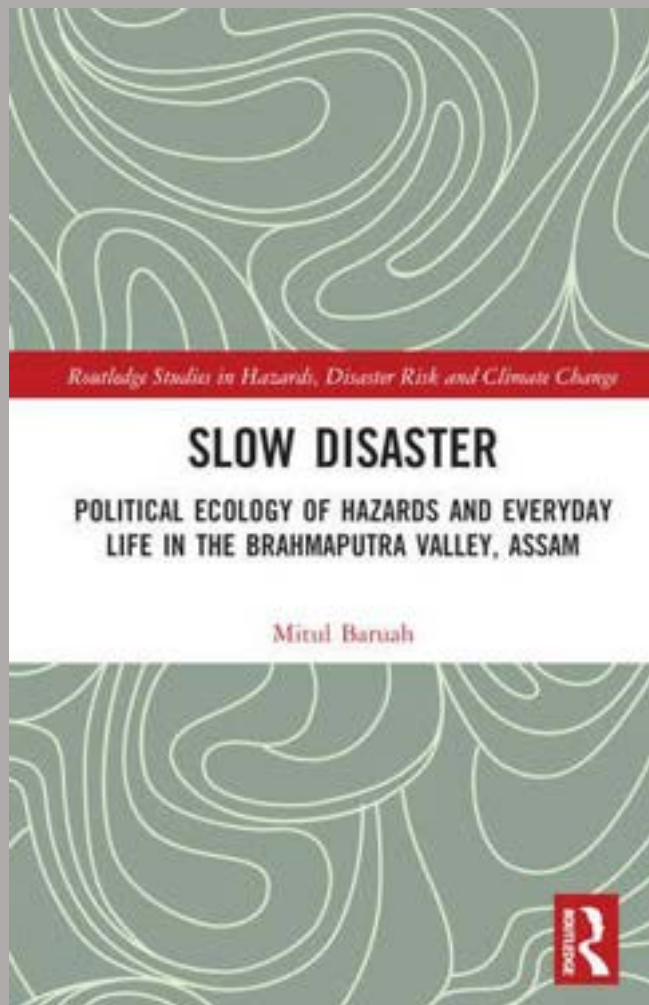
The volume is an invaluable resource for scholars interested in political ecology of hazards and vulnerability, water and hydraulic infrastructure, rural livelihoods and agrarian questions, state theorizations, island studies, and resistance and social movements, as well as those with an interest in northeast India more generally across various disciplines.

Written in an engaging style, full of the author's insider perspectives, this insightful volume explores the processes of flooding and riverbank erosion in Majuli, including re-configuration of the island's geographies, loss of local livelihoods, and large-scale displacement of the population.



Link:

[Slow Disaster: Political Ecology of Hazards and Everyday Life in the B \(routledge.com\)](https://www.routledge.com/Slow-Disaster/Political-Ecology-of-Hazards-and-Everyday-Life-in-the-Brahmaputra-Valley-Assam/Mitul-Baruah/book/9781032000000)



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Thematic issue *Islands and Time: Island Temporalities in the Context of Island Research*

The thematic issue *Islands and Time: Island Temporalities in the Context of Island Research* has been published in the winter issue of *Narodna Umjetnost: Croatian Journal of Ethnology and Folklore Research*. The guest editors of the thematic issue, ethnologists Tomislav Oroz (Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Zadar, Croatia) and Marina Blagaić Bergman (Institute for Ethnology and Folklore Research in Zagreb, Croatia) intended to provide new perspectives on the diversity of temporal experiences on islands and to reflect on the heterogeneity of lived experiences through the prism of island temporalities conceived as specific historical, social, and cultural modalities of being.

In order to engage in the current scholarly debate on the poetics and politics of temporality, the thematic issue set out to expand knowledge on the complexity of island communities and their negotiations of temporalities by enriching the spatial perspective with the different temporal modalities that shape the way islanders and non-islanders experience time. In the four gathered papers, you can read about the notion of “island time” and the spatialisation of slowness from the example of the Croatian island of Dugi otok; sensory explorations of time and place-making among Armenians in contemporary Istanbul; islanders’ heterogeneous temporalities from the example of the Croatian island town of Hvar; and the interconnections of temporality and development in the Whitsundays, Australia.



The journal *Narodna umjetnost* has been published since 1962 as the official journal of the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research (Zagreb, Croatia). It's an international, peer-reviewed, open access journal (indexed in RAI, CEEOL, DOAJ, EBSCO, ERIH, MLA, RILM, SCOPUS). Articles are published in English and Croatian in the fields of ethnology and cultural anthropology, folklore studies, philology, ethnomusicology, ethnochoreology, and other similar disciplines.

The papers are available at: <https://hrcak.srce.hr/en/narodna-umjetnost>

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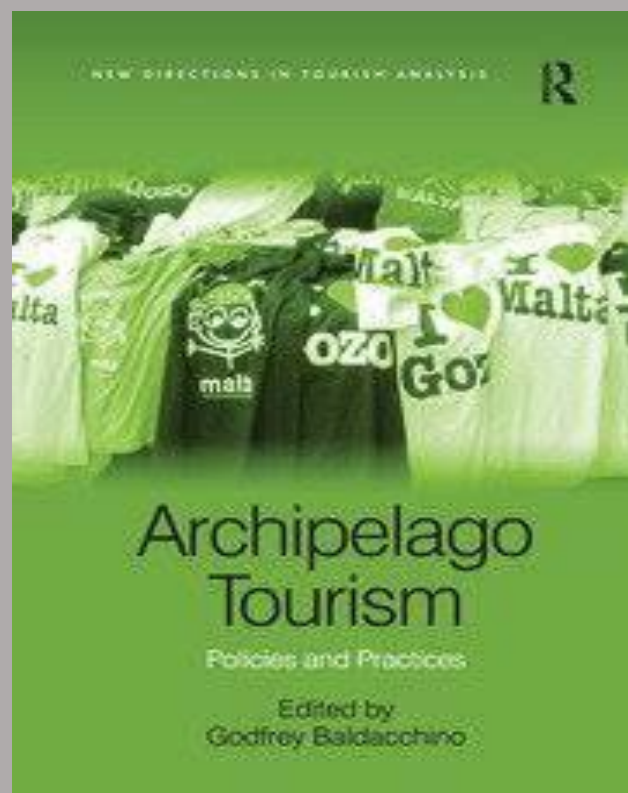
Archipelago tourism: After the pandemic

Edited by Godfrey Baldacchino – godfrey.baldacchino@um.edu.mt

To be published by Routledge in mid-2024

Island tourism, obviously, involves tourism to islands. But islands are often archipelagos, with multiple island components per jurisdiction. In such situations, most tourists arrive to and visit the island of primary access, often including the 'capital' of the island group, and the one subject to most tourism development, which makes that island more attractive to tourism as the first port of call and avoiding the need, hassle and associated expense to trans-plane or trans-ship to another island. And yet, other islands may crave to cash in on the tourism industry; political pressure may successfully endow them with their own tourism infrastructure (airports, seaports, hotels). And tourists, from their point of view, may wish to visit peripheral islands for the very reason that they *are* peripheral, off the beaten track, and so less touristy and so more unspoilt and authentic (even if more pricey). Of course, having seen the outcome of tourism on their main island, peripheral island elites may have second thoughts about copying that particular development model, and opt instead for a more niche and exclusive tourism product and strategy.

International tourism was effectively in lock down for over two years in most parts of the world because of the SARS-COV-2 virus and the ensuing pandemic. Island tourism suffered most, with international airports and ports closed to visitors for most of this time



International visitations fell to almost zero; workers were furloughed; hotels and other operations shut down, or sought to survive on the basis of pared-down services, geared mainly for domestic consumption. Meanwhile, the time was ripe for a sober reassessment of the kind of tourism that islands and islanders really want. Ironically, some were already facing 'overtourism' and taking measures to stem the onslaught of tourists and mitigate their consequences, just before they were faced abruptly with 'zero tourism'.



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Archipelago tourism: After the pandemic will examine how exactly did tourism ‘take off’ again in archipelagic destinations. In particular, what novel approaches have been developed, if at all, so as not to repeat past mistakes, and nurture a more sustainable tourism business model? Has the political-economic relationship between main and outer islands change during the pandemic and, if so, did this have a bearing on tourism policy? Has the type of tourist visiting certain islands been transformed post-pandemic? And how are these and other changes reflected: (1) in the way islands are *branded*; (2) in how island destinations are *marketed*; and (3) in how island transport *logistics* play out?

Following on the earlier *Archipelago tourism* volume (2015) – see book cover – this new book reaffirms the five attributes of multi-island realities that are specific to tourism. All case study chapters will address these elements. And each of these elements must contend with the messy ambivalence of ‘top-down’, government-led, prescriptive strategies on one hand; and, on the other hand, the ‘bottom up’ initiatives of islanders, industry captains and community leaders who may have their own ‘island tourism’ models in mind. These five attributes are:

- *visibility*: an island cannot be visited unless it is known to exist. How are smaller islands in particular rendered visible (on maps, tourism websites, brochures, ...) and avoid the ignominy of absence?
- *tweaked representation*: assuming that an island *does* appear on the map of an archipelago and is thus ‘offered’ as a tourism destination, is this offering faithful to the island’s size, location and challenges of access? Or is it tempered to suggest that the smaller island/s is closer and more easily reached, and indeed is even more similar to the main island in size than is actually the case?
- *domination*: there is always a power inequality in archipelagos. This can be manifest in the ways – visually, digitally, in discourse – in which one island is presented in relation to others. Some islands, being ‘gateway islands’, act as ‘mainlands’ – some are even called so – and this establish a ‘core-periphery’ power dynamic, with accompanying flows of labour, capital and investment, that will spill over into tourism policy and practice.





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- *liminality or layering*: given the fractal nature of archipelagos, what is a small island off a mainland can also be the mainland to an even smaller island. This relativity can extend up or down multiple scales. Inhabitants can thus experience 'multiple peripherality'. Transport logistics often offer clear testimony of these hierarchies.

And

- the nature and expression of *differentiation* between islands. How best to brand, package and market a group of islands as tourism destinations such that they are both clearly a group and yet distinct and hopefully complementary members of that same group, deserving their on 'island hopping' visits?

Chapters of 6,000 words (all inclusive) and accompanied by suitable maps and images are invited on suitable archipelagos from around the world (minimum: two islands).

[APA 7th edition](#) to be followed in terms of style.

Complete drafts are required **by 15 July 2023**.

[The editor](#) reserves the right to decline submissions that are of poor quality and/or do not address the research question.



UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS – CALL FOR PAPERS:

SPECIAL ISSUE: „New Horizons: The Future of Sustainable Islands”

In the special issue of the scientific journal ***Sustainability*** (ISSN 2071-1050) will be published papers on islands and sustainability. This special issue belongs to the section "**Resources and Sustainable Utilization**".

Deadline for manuscript submissions: **31 December 2024**

Main information on this publication:

Sustainable, sustainability, sustainable development—these are terms that have become overused. It should be noted, however, that sustainable islands remain an issue. At the very least, the concept of a sustainable island embodies and integrates numerous topics including physical, technological, economic, and social aspects of island life.

Therefore, what is a sustainable island? Are there any aspects of sustainability that are unique to islands or island states (regions)? Meanwhile, we have noticed a significant difference between islands. Their differences contribute to the distinct barriers that islands face, which require a new approach to ensure sustainable development. Understanding this is the first step toward delivering a sustainable development pathway that takes advantage of island opportunities and overcomes their challenges to the fullest extent possible. All disciplines related to the topic are required, as well as experience from all islands.

This Special Issue will contain selected papers from workshops/forums held since January 2022 on islands and sustainability. Additionally, we are looking forward to receiving contributions from island scholars around the world. In this Special Issue, original research articles, reviews, and case reports are welcome. Research areas may include various topics, all listed in the call for submission. Here is the link: [Sustainability | Special Issue : New Horizons: The Future of Sustainable Islands \(mdpi.com\)](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/New_Horizons:_The_Future_of_Sustainable_Islands)



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Calling for Expressions of Interest...



I'm looking for fellow writers/researchers interested in contributing a chapter to a publication that explores the role of gardens and gardening on small Islands.

At the memorable 2022 Zadar conference, I presented a paper, in the form of a photographic essay, entitled: *Recovery from Catastrophe: Gardening and Wellbeing on a Small Island*. At its conclusion, outgoing President of ISISA, Professor Godfrey Baldacchino, suggested that I explore the possibility of bringing together a book about island gardens across the globe. Godfrey's comment that it 'would be such an original publication', inspired me to think about a way forward.

My idea is that contributors could develop a case study about their own experience and understanding of gardens on a small island. The completed publication would comprise a series of illustrated chapters from different contributors about distinctive island gardens. I envisage a publication that answers key questions such as: Are gardens on small islands shaped by their *islandness*? Are small island gardeners and their ways of gardening uniquely different to the way mainlanders go about gardening?

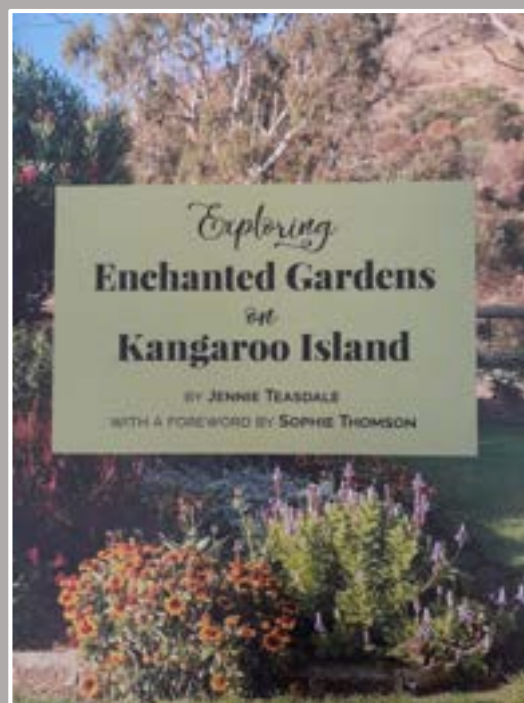
In 2022 I published a very successful, beautifully illustrated book about gardens on my own Island, Kangaroo Island. 'Why not,' I asked myself, 'continue reflecting and writing about gardens drawing on the expertise and experiences of others?'

As a starting point, I would like to collaborate with others who may be interested in exploring this topic. I firmly believe that 'the group mind is greater than the sum of its parts' (an arguable misquote from Aristotle). To this end I'm beginning by inviting writers to contact me to register their interest and to help refine the direction of the project.

You don't have to be a gardener or even own a garden, but you need to be a keen sociological observer, willing to collaborate with a team to bring this project to fruition.

This journey could be exciting!

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER ISLANDS AND SUSTAINABILITY (ISLANDS)

Call for applications (scholarships application deadline: 15 January 2023) for the **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Islands and Sustainability (ISLANDS)**

We are now accepting applications for the **Islands and Sustainability (ISLANDS)** Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Programme offered by the University of Groningen, the University of the Aegean, the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and the University of Iceland.

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.

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 from the island-based University in which the graduate spends the second half of the first year of their studies and 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 Lesbos). Furthermore, the **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 application deadline for scholarships is **15 January 2023**.

For more information see:
<https://islandsmaster.eu/>

Sissal Dahl



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ISLAND INNOVATION AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

If you want to be part of a global network of island changemakers, then we invite you to apply for the 2023 [Island Innovation Ambassador Program](https://islandinnovation.co/programs/ambassadors-program/applications/).

As an Ambassador, you will gain critical skills and access to expert knowledge through monthly workshops, and gain knowledge through mutual learning to amplify your impact as a changemaker. You will have fun while learning essential tools to drive positive changes in your community.

The benefits of being an Ambassador include:

- Opportunities to network with other ambassadors and sustainability experts from around the globe
- Exclusive training sessions on sustainable development, social impact, communications, and more
- Opportunities to boost your online profile through content contribution and sharing
- Be listed as a representative of your country and island on our website
- Receive a certificate on successful completion
- Opportunities to actively participate in Island Innovation virtual events such as the Virtual Island Summit 2023

Here is the link to apply:

<https://islandinnovation.co/programs/ambassadors-program/applications/>

We look forward to welcoming you to our Ambassador Program!

Stacey Alvarez de la Campa





NEXT ISISA WORLD CONFERENCE – ANNOUNCEMENT !!!

After receiveing new bids for the next ISISA conference, the members of the ISISA Executive Committee held the meeting and decided that next ISISA Islands of the World Conference will be held in **Lombok, Indonesia in 2024**. More information about the conference will be given in the July 2023 Newsletter.

HOW TO REACH ISISA?

There are various options how you can reach ISISA. You can do it via web page and/or social networks facebook and twiter:

<https://www.isisa.org/>

