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As a new editor of the ISISA Newsletter, I would like to welcome you all to the July 2022 issue. Thank you to all contributors who helped us to continue presenting various activities and news within ISISA community. I would also like to welcome all scholars who became new ISISA members after the 18th Islands of the World conference held in June in Croatia.

Special thanks go to Anna Baldacchino for her tremendous work in editing the Newsletters prior to this issue.

Let me also remind you that all ISISA members can send their contributions for the December 2022 Newsletter by not later than December 15, 2022 to acuka@unizd.hr

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ISISA 18th ISLANDS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE - REFLECTIONS

The 18th ISISA conference in Zadar and the surrounding islands of Ugljan, Pag and Dugi otok

After a whimsical year of ups and downs, we were all looking forward to the encounters ISISA always facilitates. This is a brief tale of being and belonging, in and to islands.

The 18th ISISA conference took place in stunning Zadar (Croatia), hosted by the wonderful staff of the University of Zadar. Our hosts and hostesses had prepared a tight programme combining keynote lectures, panels, socials, and trips to islands such as Ugljan, Pag and Dugi otok, where we enjoyed hiking, swimming, cheese and wine tasting, and the wonderful stories of Anica Čuka and colleagues. The effort ISISA and the University of Zadar put into the conference programme could be felt from day one: we were in for a treat! With all windows facing the Adriatic, the University of Zadar is beautifully situated nearby a small harbour and not far from the infamous Sea Organ.

From day one, a constant flow of islanders and island-enthusiasts crowded the streets of Zadar. Conference breaks overflowed with cakes, intricate snacks, and all sorts of beverages (including wine - to the shock of some!). Many of us barely made it to our accommodations past midnight, after days full of engagement with the lives and works of others. This conference definitely provided us with the shock therapy we all need after two years of lockdowns, isolation and distancing.



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The content of the conference lectures and panels was varied, as varied as the more than a hundred delegates who attended it. This is the wealth of an ISISA conference: the wide range of participants who join to share their work: for some, works in progress, publications in the making, conversations needing to see the light, polished works, etc. Our conversations went straight to the unsettling of binaries: nature and culture are mutually defining concepts and experiences, and as such they can only be understood in their symbiosis.

I was impressed by many speakers, and I would not do justice to their sophisticated knowledge if I just rushed through their content here. I treasure the memories of their commitment to difficult topics and their fight to upset current power imbalances across the world. From LGTB+ rights to the gender of infrastructure, from literary history to the island as a method, islands are here to teach us a lesson or two.



Congratulations to the 18th ISISA organisers for a job well done! I don't know about you, but I left the conference wishing it would have lasted for a few more weeks. I left invigorated, inspired, connected, and annoyed that I have to wait for two years to attend another one...

PS. I highly recommend you visit Zadar when you can: go get breakfast at Coffee & Cake, a caramel ice cream at Bob's Rocks, a drink and a snack at the Botanist and dinner at Kucina.

Elena Burgos Martinez



You can also find one more report on ISISA Zadar conference from Christian Pleijel of European Small Islands Federation (ESIN) here:

[ISISA:s 18th world conference on islands held in Zadar – ESIN \(europeanmallislands.com\)](https://europeanmallislands.com/)

ISISA SCHOLARSHIPS: AWARDED PhD/MA STUDENTS

As organizers, the University of Zadar, Croatia, and ISISA believe very strongly in supporting student scholarship and participation in ISISA flagship conferences. That is why organisers of the 18th *Islands of the World* Conference which was held in June in Zadar, awarded 11 PhD/MA students with **€500** each. The scholarship helped them to meet part of the expenses of attending the Conference.

The students were presented with their awards on the first day of the Conference. Half of the awards are funded by ISISA, the other half by the Croatian organiser, the University of Zadar.

We would like to congratulate all awarded students for being one of those whose abstract has not just been accepted for the conference, but also deemed this meritorious scholarship for its excellence and relevance to the field of island studies.

Awarded students are:

Jens Westerskov Andersen, Sissal Dahl, Andrew Halliday, Cheng-Jhe Lee, Claudio Melli, Angeliki Mitropoulou, Jenna Gaudet, Wei-Chieh Lin, Isye Susana Nurhasanah, Meenakshi Poti, Intan Permata Sari and Isye Susana Nurhasanah.

Congratulations!



The awarded students' reflections on ISISA Zadar conference

The ISISA 2022 conference has undoubtedly been one of the best academic events I have attended because of its relevance to my research and brilliant organization.

Engaging with diverse island scholars during the conference - through learning, networking and fostering collaborations has helped enrich my knowledge on islands. My PhD research was exactly in line with the theme of the conference – Nature and Culture.

What I found incredible was meeting and discussing with the scholars whose papers I have extensively read for my research.



Receiving the ISISA student scholarship meant that I could be in the same room with people who carry in-depth knowledge on various islands and giving me access to in-depth discussions with them.

As an early-career researcher, gathering funds to attend in person events is a challenge and thanks to the conference scholarship, I could attend the event in person.

Meenakshi Poti, PhD candidate,
Université Libre de Bruxelles and Vrije
Universiteit Brussel





The awarded students' reflections on ISISA Zadar conference

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the 18th ISISA conference. This was my second time attending the ISISA conference; the first was held virtually, and it 'tasted' different'; I'm delighted this years' conference could be held 'offline.' I am happy that I met some outstanding multidisciplinary experts discussing the islands from various angles. Also, ISISA benefited me financially through its scholarship, and it offered up options for students like me (with a limited scholarship allotment) to attend the conference in person for almost a week, at a cost that was not cheap.

This conference taught me a lot and provided feedback from island studies experts on how to research islands, keep in mind how we place ourselves in researching islands, whether as (part of) islanders or outsiders and how we should research islands within a broader constellation—about its relationship to other spatial entities.

Furthermore, through this ISISA conference, I was able to meet with friends to discuss research in the context of islands, broaden my network, and open up future chances for research collaboration.

Isye Nurhasanah, PhD candidate,
KU Leuven, Belgium
Institut Teknologi Sumatera, Indonesia

Having been accepted to participate in one of the most established conferences of Island Studies is itself a very rewarding experience for any researcher of the field. But more specifically, ISISA 2022 – having exceeded my expectations after two years of 'numbness' due to COVID impact – proved to be the best opportunity for me to present selected findings of the large qualitative research I have conducted in Greece in 2020 as a critical step of discussing my work with fellow researchers and getting useful feedback by bringing into the discussion useful input from other countries, before writing and presenting in front of my committee.

Additionally, the scholarship itself gave me the opportunity to attend such an important conference for the field of Island Studies in person, given that my university does not grant any funding at all to the majority of doctoral students. This type of scholarship is fundamental to give to all students, that face similar challenges, the opportunity to travel and meet academics and practitioners from around the world that are united under the common goal to discuss and promote ideas about islands. Therefore, my acting as a representative of the University of the Aegean together with fellow colleagues and professors, is a significant milestone for my academic career, especially given the stage in which I am currently regarding my PhD studies.

Angeliki Mitropoulou, PhD candidate,
University of the Aegean, Greece

The awarded students' reflections on ISISA Zadar conference

Islands of the World XVIII was a fantastic experience. I was thrilled to learn of my awarding of an scholarship, and I am deeply appreciative to ISISA and the Conference Organising Committee for their support. This support made my attendance a reality, and it was inspiring and reinvigorating to come together with the ISISA family at the historic University of Zadar. It was wonderful to be able to engage with fellow nissologists in person, building upon my virtual experience at Islands of the World XVII in 2021, ably hosted by Memorial University in Newfoundland, Canada.

Zadar town and the Zadar archipelago, both sunny and beautiful, and our immense conference program certainly did not disappoint! Islands of the World XVIII allowed me to disseminate ongoing doctoral research to an international audience.

Importantly, the conference also afforded a great opportunity to build my personal network, and engage with and learn from like-minded scholars at all stages of their careers. As illustrated by Dr. Baldacchino's opening session, there was a wide-range of geographic representation present, all bringing their own passions, academic background and research interests forward.

It was great to meet a number of early career academics, including my fellow recipients, and learn about their research and to discuss ideas and interests centered in this fantastic interdisciplinary field.

Some of us were able to come together for lunch in the middle of the conference and had a very enjoyable meal in the Zadar Old Town, musing about and conversing on the years ahead in Island Studies.

I am so enthused by my participation! I have already traded a number of emails with fellow conference attendees and am diligence working away on my research. My enthusiasm is already optimistically look to potential research collaborations, after completing my doctoral project. I look forward to nurturing and maintaining the connections which I have made and to our next opportunity to gather once again in person in 2024.

Andrew Halliday
Interdisciplinary Ph.D Student
University of New Brunswick, Canada



The awarded students' reflections on ISISA Zadar conference

My research focuses on islands, communities, and Social-Ecological systems (SESs).

I have also implemented an environmental education program for the local government in the Penghu archipelago over 10 years that includes environmental education courses, environmental experience activities for the people, volunteer training, and assistance in the establishment of local environmental education centers.

Through the participation of this conference, I learned from many researchers on the different interpretations and applications of the island's SESs and understood the different issues faced by small islands, such as tourism, resources and population mobility and in turn I have updated insights.



On one of the field trips, I also deeply experienced the island tourism and cultural development of Croatia, which also stimulated a lot of imagination about the future development of small islands, which I hope will become an important cornerstone in future research.

Thanks to ISISA and the University of Zadar for organizing this conference with such dedication. See you next time.

Wei-Chieh Lin, PhD candidate
Institute of Environmental Education,
National Taiwan Normal University,
Taiwan



The awarded students' reflections on ISISA Zadar conference

Despite spending most of my life living on an island (PEI, Canada), I haven't spent much time exploring other islands. Receiving the ISISA scholarship allowed me to attend the "Islands of the World" conference in Zadar and surrounding islands, which was the trip of a lifetime for me.

I think visiting islands and learning about them experientially is a crucial component of being an island studies student. Spending time in Ugljan, Pag, and Dugi otok broadened my understanding of islands and their varied cultures, which I will carry forward as I continue my journey studying islands of the world.



The scholarship and conference also allowed me to connect with like-minded scholars, which was deeply inspiring and meaningful for both my personal life and academic career. I will cherish the knowledge I gained, and the friendship and memories made during the conference. I am very grateful to ISISA for this opportunity, and I look forward to attending future ISISA conferences.

Jenna Gaudet, MA Student,
University of Prince Edward Island,
Canada



The awarded students' reflections on ISISA Zadar conference

Attending the ISISA 18th Islands of the World Conference in beautiful Zadar has been perhaps the most exciting week in my academic life as a PhD Student and a newcomer to ISISA. Really. Now I have friends and colleagues all over the world, young and old with different scholarly backgrounds, researching this magnificent topic in different ways and with different approaches. And this is quite interesting: I think, before going to this conference I was maybe 80 percent sociologist and only 20 percent island studies researcher concerning my academic 'group identity'. Now I feel it is almost the other way round. I also met a couple of my scholarly heroes from my college days, when I first discovered something called island studies and nissology.

In other words, this conference couldn't have been any better or more stimulating/inspiring/connecting than it was. So thank you to the organisers and ISISA.

Looking forward to the next gathering - I'll surely be there."

Jens Westerskow Andersen, PhD
candidate
Lund University
Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund,
Sweden





OUR MEMBERS' NEW PUBLICATIONS:

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NEW BOOKS:

Anders Källgård is one of the founders of ISISA, although his work is not so well known to the community as he mostly writes in Swedish. A medical doctor by profession who once worked on Pitcairn, his interest for islands was sparked when he saw Swedish TV series "Hemsöborna" (the people of Hemsö island) back in 1966, when he was eight years old. He could however not cope with its sad ending which is why he now, fifty years later, has written a very funny, clever and intriguing "Part Two" of the famous novel by August Strindberg.

Anders' love for islands is quite encyclopedic: he has described all of Sweden's 392 inhabited, unbridged islands (2005), the same for Denmark, the Faroe Islands and Greenland (2009) – they are 43 + 12 + 39, and Norway's 328 all-year populated islands without fixed connections to the mainland (2018). He also accounts for islands that have been deserted since 1900, and the opposite.

His just published the third edition of his **book on the islands of Sweden** (719 pages). As he hasn't had the opportunity to visit all these islands, some two thousand persons have been his island scouts (I am proud to be one). Every island, its nature, population, settlements and recent development is richly described in words accompanied by figures, maps and beautiful illustrations by Johnny Ahlborg.

On October 22, Anders is inviting all his island friends (I believe they are many) to a book release party in Varberg, where he lives. More details can be found on his webpage www.insula.nu. I will be there, for sure.

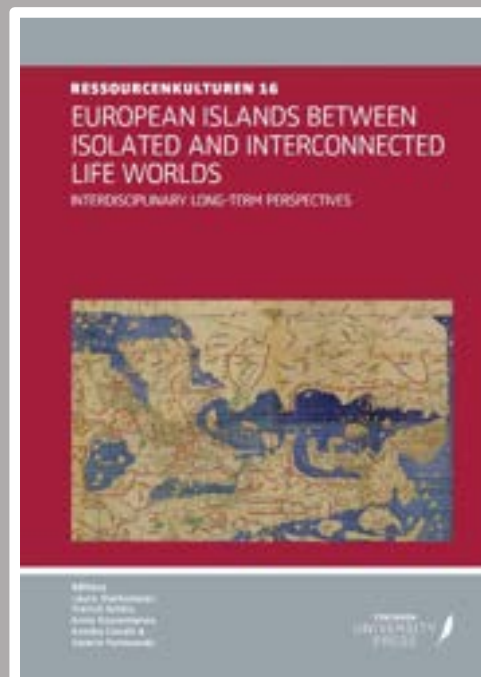
Christian Pleijel

Editors: Laura Dierksmeier et. al

European Islands Between Isolated and Interconnected Life Worlds: Interdisciplinary Long-Term Perspectives (Open Access, University of Tübingen Press, 2021)

Whereas in the past, island research was largely oriented to external perspectives and perceptions, at present we witness an increasing interest in viewpoints internal to the island societies examined (with an 'inside-out' approach). This volume contributes to such efforts with transdisciplinary and methodological reflections from the fields of archaeology, ethnology, geography, history, philology, and literary studies. Focused on the interplay between geographic *isolation* and commercial as well as cultural *connection*, the studies here assembled investigate the role of the knowledge, resources, and practices of islanders in processes of crisis management, identity formation and transformation.

Laura Dierksmeier



HABITABILITY HANDBOOK:



Habitability news: the handbook and a new task

Returning from Zadar, the Habitability team from Abo Akademi University was in a happy state of mind. We had experienced intriguing insights and unexpected outlooks, and met versed people who gave us positive feedback. Well at home we put the finishing touches to the Habitability handbook which is now complete and can be found [here](#). It is licensed under Creative Commons, you can use it for free but not alter it.

Having done that, we entered summer vacation. Our 12 + 3 case islands in Finland and Åland got busy taking care of all their visitors, hundred-folding the amount of people on their islands.

But then, the Governor of Stockholm called us to a meeting. His county includes 30.000 islands and islets, whereof 200 populated by some 4.000 people. Almost of all these islands have decreasing and ageing populations, and an increasing and not-so-sustainable tourism industry, despite good intentions from rural policies. The Governor had an idea of a bottom-up approach to update his island strategy, asking us if Habitability might be an appropriate tool.

After an hour's discussion, we agreed to start a one-year process with 14 different islands, big and small both in area and population-wise, near and far from mainland ports, industrious or more sleepy, dominated by tourism or having well balanced local business ecosystems.

It's a demanding task. It calls for a pair of coaches who know the method, fourteen local teams of 2-4 persons who shall organize seven local research groups on each island. Some 500 people will be engaged and will, with their local teams, the coaches and the method supported by a handbook make it possible to create truthful, innovative and maybe even challenging portraits of their islands, their oscillating populations, dry and wet areas, real and perceived commuting distances, water, energy, ICT and transport systems, local economy, healthcare, schools and elderly care, and the wellbeing, trust and integration of people on the island. It is "citizen science" turned into reality, aimed at creating a measurable description of the habitability of each of these fourteen islands, which can be used to describe and understand their individual and common situation.

A simple map is attached which shows the 14 islands on the same scale, and their resident population numbers. "Ö" means "island" in Swedish.

Christian Pleijel

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NISSOLOGY: A Study of Island Sustainability focusing on the Islands of Okinawa by Hiroshi Kakazu

Since the first International Small Island Studies Association (ISISA) was held in Okinawa in 1994, centered on the appropriate theme of “island matters, islands matter,” nissology (island studies in Greek) has become a new field of scientific investigation. The main aim of the book is to present sustainable island strategies and policies of small islands based on comparative island characteristics and verifiable sustainable models focusing on Okinawa islands. Okinawa, the birthplace of nissology and Japan’s only small island prefecture, embraces all characteristics of small, remote islands. The island is considered to be the world’s model case of island sustainability. The book is based on transdisciplinary, integrative systems-thinking approach.

About the Author:

Hiroshi KAKAZU was born on the Island of Okinawa. He is currently Professor Emeritus at the National University of the Ryukyus, President Emeritus of the Japan Society of Island Studies, and Chair of the Okinawa Remote Islands Development Panel. He is one of the originators of nissology (a study of islands). He has written over ten single-authored books, including an international award-winning book on the Asia-Pacific.

His books on Sustainable Development of Small Island Economies (Boulder & Oxford: Westview Press, 1994), Island Sustainability (Canada: Trafford Publishing, 2012), Okinawa in the Asia Pacific (The Okinawa Times, 2012), An Introduction to Nissology (Tokyo: Iwanami-shoten, 2017: 2017 Iha Fuyu Award), and Nissology (Tokyo: Kokon-shoin, 2019), which was translated into Korean, are books to be read on Nissology.

Nissology

A STUDY OF ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY
FOCUSING ON
THE ISLANDS OF OKINAWA



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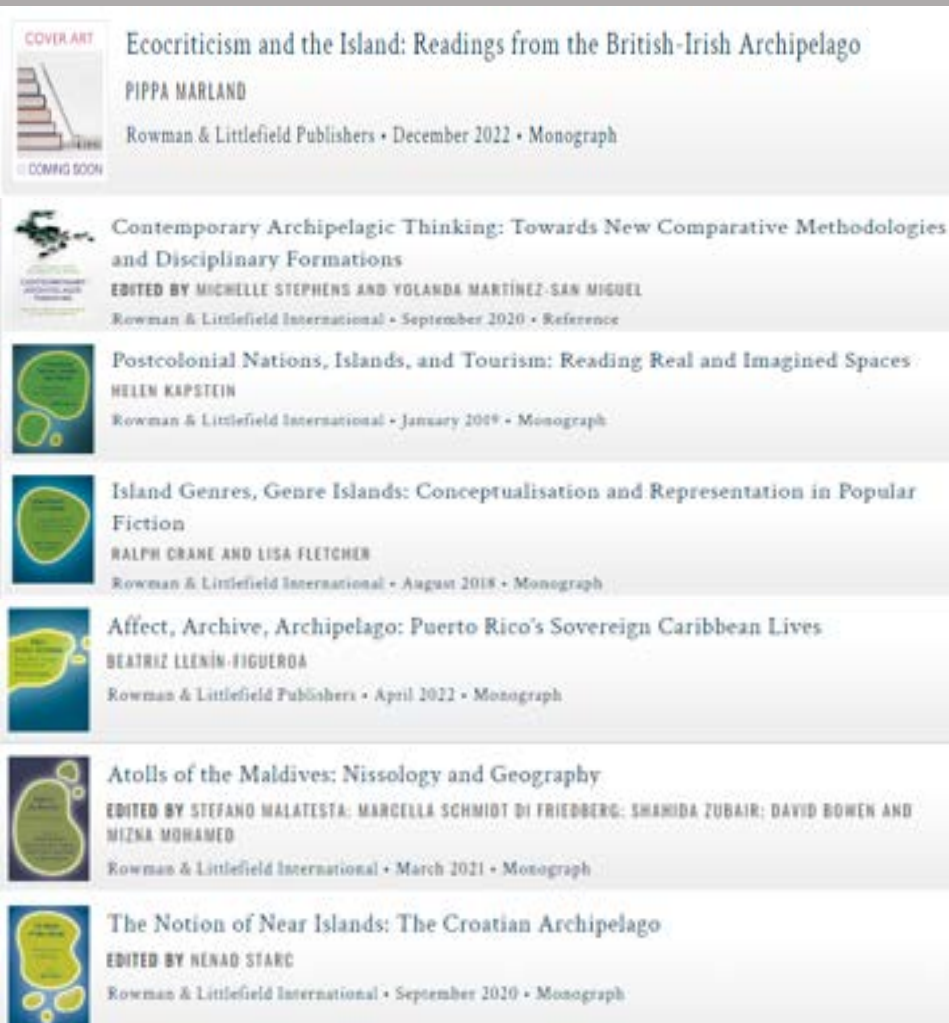


CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF ISLAND PUBLICATIONS

The last offering in a ten-year book series entitled *Rethinking the Island* is due out late 2022 or early 2023. In that work, *Rethinking Island Methodologies*, Elaine Stratford (University of Tasmania), Godfrey Baldacchino (University of Malta), and Elizabeth McMahon (University of New South Wales) explore eight puzzles related to valuing, being, knowing, speculating, guiding, doing, conversing, and practising as they shape and are shaped by island and archipelagic studies.

In the work on conversing, they engage with eight island colleagues from around the world, who generously share their perspectives on some of those puzzles: Aideen Foley (Birkbeck), Jonathan Pugh (Newcastle), Marina Confait (Seychelles), James Ellsmoor (Island Innovation), Carol Farbotko (Melbourne), Andrew Harwood (Tasmania), Mitul Baruah (Ashoka, India), and Maria Hnaraki (Drexel and Crete). The book joins [ten others](#), published by Rowman & Littlefield International, and has been supported throughout by an [international advisory board](#). We commend the series to colleagues and friends.

Elaine Stratford





UPCOMING EVENTS:

Island Conference in Osaka, Japan: April 2023

The [International Geographical Union](#) (IGU) in collaboration with Osaka Metropolitan University, Japan is organizing an international conference on the theme *Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace* in the [port city of Osaka](#), Japan, over April 4-6, 2023.

By situating islands in various relations, this conference addresses three key questions: 1. Why and how were/are islands involved in what kind of conflicts or uneven power relations? 2. How can islands' sustainable development contribute to their political-economic autonomy? 3. How can we practice geography for island peace?

The conference organizers welcome suitable case studies from around the world. The event is open to any IGU Commission members, geographers, other scientists, university students, and the public who wish to share the theme topics with us.

Keynote speakers include: Godfrey Baldacchino, Akihiro Iwashita, Hiroshi Kakazu, Hiroko Matsuda, Alison Mountz and Philip Steinberg.

Further details at: <https://polgeog.jp/igu-tc2023/>



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

PHA 2023 Conference: Geelong, Australia 2023

The Pacific History Association promotes research in and the teaching of Pacific History. Established in 1980 at a conference in Martindale Hall, South Australia, the association holds biennial conferences around the Pacific.

<https://www.pacifichistoryassociation.net/>

The 2023 PHA Conference will be held at the Waterfront Campus of Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria, Australia, from Tuesday November 1st to Saturday 5th, 2023.

The conference will open on Tuesday evening with a keynote address and cocktail followed by two and a half days of panels, presentations and keynotes, music and dance performances by local Pasifika communities, movies and book launches, and a day set aside to visit nearby heritage precincts including an Indigenous Australian World Heritage site, the famous "Great Ocean Road" tour, and world-class local wineries.

The Waterfront campus is surrounded by many harbourfront cafes and a range of accommodation.



Pacific History Association



The conference planning team will announce a conference theme later, focusing on historical connections between First Nations peoples in Australia and the Pacific.

Deakin University's History stream (which includes the PHA Conference team) recently hosted the 2022 Australian Historical Association (AHA) June 2022 conference, and lessons were borrowed on the nexus between Zoom and face-to-face presentations, registration, social activities, catering and general daily structure.

The Deakin University Waterfront campus overlooks Port Phillip Bay, and is housed in an historic building, formerly a wool store.

It will be summer in Australia in November. The planning team is aware of the need to keep registration costs at a reasonable level and intend to seek funding to support Islander delegates. Health, access and mobility will also be kept in mind during the continuing COVID era.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**10th ANATOMY OF ISLANDS,
26 – 28 September 2022
Island of Lastovo, Croatia**



Main topic: CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURES OF ISLANDS

We have the pleasure of inviting you to the 10th anniversary Anatomy of Islands symposium taking place in Croatia in September 2022. Its theme is environmental futures and perspectives of islands in view of climate change.

Climate change and environmental vulnerability affect the future of human society. Different narratives about environmental futures often range from discourses of crises and disasters to optimistic, sometimes utopian visions of alternative futures. We are exposed to ideas and predictions of potential futures with a lack of interconnectedness of environmental science research, macroeconomics and business planning with climate policy and governance research in the social sciences and humanities. Environmental futures are also the subject of daily thoughts, hopes and actions of individuals. In the process of grasping and interpreting the futures and taking action on them, there is an interaction between the "professional" (scientists, governments, economic entities) and the "popular" (public), which reflects the hierarchies of knowledge and distribution of power. Visions of environmental futures have a strong impact on environmental policies and economies.

The issues of environmental futures marked by ubiquitous crises, constant insecurity and uncertainty, require a redefinition of our interpretations of the world based on the binaries of local and global, human and non-human, natural and cultural. Moreover, environmental futures in the context of island communities presuppose the opening of perspectives that are not exclusive and that go beyond the blind spots of one-sided interpretations and imposed considerations. As before, inspired by multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches, we invite experts from different professions to join the discussions that will enable mapping of new imaginaria of island futures in which local knowledge will be the starting point and inspiration for the challenges of new climate transformations.

For more info, check the page: www.anatomija-otoka.com or write or write to us info@anatomija-otoka.com.

Submission deadline is August 15, 2022.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

VIRTUAL ISLAND SUMMIT 2022 (September 26th – October 2nd)

The Virtual Island Summit is a free online event designed to connect global islands and share their common experiences. Attendees can join islanders from around the world and share ideas, best practices, and solutions.

What does the Virtual Island Summit entail?

Free access to world-class experts. The Summit will be a free event to attend in order to ensure maximum accessibility to expertise from a variety of fields.

A zero-carbon conference. The Summit will use modern technology to maximize opportunities for participation and minimize harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

Interactive sessions in various formats. The Summit will imitate a traditional in-person event with opportunities to interact with speakers and other attendees with the goal of creating an online community.

The SDGs and beyond. The Summit will cover all 17 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in addition to other topics pertinent to island communities.

A diverse range of viewpoints. Speakers and attendees from 100+ island communities including the Arctic, Caribbean, Europe, Indian Ocean, Pacific Islands, South America and beyond...

Cross-sector collaboration. The Summit will emphasize the need for input and partnerships from across the private, public, academic and NGO sectors.

For further details and registration, you can [click here](#).

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VIRTUAL ISLAND SUMMIT

Sharing Knowledge For Resilient, Sustainable and
Prosperous Islands Worldwide.

SEPTEMBER 26TH – OCTOBER 2ND, 2022



UPCOMING EVENTS:

WORKSHOP: Malta, 13-15 October, 2022

The German Research Foundation sponsored 'Island Studies Network' will hold their next workshop in Malta from **Oct. 13-15, 2022** on the topic of Island Perceptions. Guest speakers include: Godfrey Baldacchino (Malta), Stefano Moncada (Malta), Louis Sicking (Leiden), and Luca Zavagno (Ankara). Anyone interested in attending can contact one of the coordinators for more information: Laura Dierksmeier or Frerich Schön (both University of Tuebingen, Germany).

Contact: laura.dierksmeier@uni-tuebingen.de

ISLAND FORUM 2022 (Islands Practices in Resource, Management and Sustainable Development): November 10, 2022

While COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the entire world, it has particularly amplified the unique vulnerabilities of our Islands. On the frontline of multiple world crises - climate, nature, health, resource, ecosystem and economics - Multiple Island vulnerabilities interact and drive one another at an alarming rate. In order to promote island sustainable development and reduce risks, 2022 International Forum on Island Ecological Conservation will be held in November to provide a platform for global island experts to share their experience on island protection, management and sustainable utilization. You are invited to give presentation that focuses on best and promising practices on island sustainable development. Contact: dengyuncheng2006@163.com

Special Topics:

Including, but not limited to: Island natural resources protection and utilization; Island ecological protection and restoration; Climate change and disaster risk reduction; Sustainable development case studies.



CALL FOR PAPERS:

SHIMA

Deadline 20th July, 2022

Members of the ISISA are encouraged to contribute to the special section of a Shima journal issue coordinated by members of German Research Foundation 'Island Studies Network': The island as 'watery' land: water-land interfaces in island discourses, experiences and practices. Ecocritical, political and cultural perspectives. Authors are invited to submit a 300 word abstract along with 3-4 keywords and a short bio to waterylands@gmail.com by **August 20, 2022**.

Notifications will be given by September 20th and the deadline for final papers is **November 30, 2022**. Coordinators: Monika Barget (Maastricht University), Katrin Dautel (University of Malta), Jan Petzold (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich), Kathrin Schödel (University of Malta), Laura Dierksmeier (University of Tübingen)



We invite contributions on the topics which include but are not limited to:

- Islands as watery lands from multidisciplinary perspectives
- Travel and migration (practices, policies, laws)
- Environmental descriptions and historical accounts
- Water-land interfaces and liminal spaces in island literature and discourses
- Linguistic constructions of water-land connections, water-land metaphors
- Descriptions of shorelines, literary representations of the shore
- Climate catastrophe discourse (e.g. losing land, floods, salt water infiltration)
- Adaptation to environmental, technological and demographic change
- Economic perspectives (e.g. trade regulations and island access)
- Water-land interfaces in the arts (e.g. artistic accounts, object culture, fine arts)
- Historical perspectives on symbioses or oppositions of land and water

OUR MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES:

PROJECT "BEYOND PANDEMICS" OF THE ISLANDS AND SMALL STATES INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

The Islands and Small States Institute (ISSI) at the University of Malta is pleased to introduce the project "Beyond Pandemics: Improving climate resilience and health systems in small island states", which received the Research Excellence Award in December 2021, financed by the University of Malta's Internal Research Grants Programme, and started in March 2022.

This project aims to identify existing climate & public health risks, as well as resilience-building measures, in Small Island States (SIS), often disproportionately impacted by external shocks. A crisis like Covid-19 highly impacted the socioeconomic fabric of many SIS, in many instances already challenged by limited financial capacity & infrastructure, long supply chains & looming climate change scenarios. The project employs a mixed-methods approach inclusive of participatory focus groups, elite interviews, and household surveys, to assess health systems in the two small island states of Malta and Mauritius, investigating factors capable of increasing both climate & health resilience. The project also explores the adoption of a Planetary Health Approach, which uses a systematic perspective to link the environment & health systems to proactively overcome external shocks.

Dr. Stefano Moncada, the recipient of the award and Director of the ISSI, and Mr. Luca Nguyen, the Research Officer, presented an overview of the project and the initial results from the systematic literature review at the University of Mauritius on the 11th and 12th July 2022.



Initial findings show the importance of addressing health and climate crises with a synergistic approach, however, so far missing when tackling such crises, especially in the context of small islands. The audience was composed of academic staff, Master and PhD students from different departments of the University of Mauritius, as well as members of public authorities and Ministries.



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The project positions itself in a growing area of research: that of resilience of climate and health systems in a post-pandemic world. The current uncertainties over the effectiveness of climate and public health measures undertaken by authorities to enhance resilience, gives to this project a high relevance and a strong innovation component. The objective to create a map of effective responses to climate and health crises in SIS is valuable to national governments, with the potential of guiding policy locally. Internationally, this project also seeks to meet an overarching objective to support the work of the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre (WHO-CC) in Health Systems and Policies in Small States, [hosted by the ISSI of the University of Malta](#), and that of the [Small States Health Platform and Climate Change Platform](#) of the UM.

To follow the research activities of the ISSI, please visit their website www.um.edu.mt/issi

Malta, 13 th July 2022 - For further details/interviews please contact Luca Nguyen
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Mr. Luca Nguyen - Research Officer
Dr. Stefano Moncada - Director of the ISSI

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Jonathan Pugh (Reader in Island Studies) will be giving a plenary lecture at the Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers annual conference this year (**Tuesday 30 August to Friday 2 September 2022**). This lecture, about the Caribbean in broader contemporary critical thought, will subsequently be published in the Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography.

The Department of Geography, Newcastle University, where Jonathan is from, was recently graded one of the top research departments in the UK, gaining a strong reputation for islands research. If you are interested in joining Jon's 'Anthropocene Islands' initiative please feel free to contact him directly Jonathan.Pugh@ncl.ac.uk



You can also check and/or look at his website:
<https://www.anthropoceneislands.online/>

Discerning the Divide: Visualizing the island of Cyprus

My intrigue with the island of Cyprus began in my late childhood. Although quite far removed, geographically and culturally, from the island in my Canadian upbringing, stories and memories from my father's six months of United Nations peacekeeping service were interspersed and are imprinted on my memories of these years.

Image 1: The first glimpses of Cyprus (author)



Over the past number of years, I have held an aspiration to travel to Cyprus and to experience this distant (for me, over 8,000 kms) and divided island firsthand. My ambition was dealt a heavy blow by the COVID-19 pandemic, but this enforced grounding simply strengthened said ambition. I was determined to get to Cyprus, and accordingly it was moved up my post-COVID destination list. Therefore, I sought it out as a small extension of my travel to attend IoW 18. The Adriatic put me relatively in the neighbourhood, and Ryanair (despite a flight cancellation complication) did the rest.

Constraints led this trip to being only five short days. In this time, I visited the cities of Limassol (Λεμεσός/*Leymosun*) and Paphos (Πάφος, *Baf*) in the South, the once unified Nicosia (*Lefkosía/Lefkoşa*) and North Nicosia (Βόρεια Λευκωσία/*Kuzey Lefkoşa*) in the middle of the island (demarcated currently by the UN Green Line) and Kyrenia (Κερύνεια/*Girne*) in the North.

What was most striking for me was the centuries of history which the island has seen. Regardless of where I went on the island of Cyprus, the citizenry were engaging and friendly. Occupying the strategic location it does, the island of Cyprus is still very much an active hub with what appeared a large and dynamic population in the urban centres visited.

While staying in urban locations, the use of a rental car allowed for some exploring of rural southern Cyprus, while the day spent in the north relied on a typical dolmus (minibus) to get from North Nicosia to Kyrenia via the Kyrenia Pass.

One particular highlight from the trip was driving from Nicosia to Paphos over an afternoon, through the scenic Troodos Mountains.

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Image 2: Watching the sunset over Nicosia from the Eleftheria Square pedestrian bridge leading into the old walled city to your right (author)

The building had 'Home for Co-operation' in good sized letters on its façade, in English, Greek and Turkish. It was a hive of activity with children running and playing and some musical programming going on inside with the sounds of children singing. There was also a small café and patio in the other end, where a beverage could (and was) procured in either Euros or Lira. This building and this organization, funded by Europe, according to their website "act[s] as a bridge-builder between separated communities, memories and visions through its physical presence and its peacebuilding programs benefiting from the transformative power of arts and culture" (home4cooperation.info). Sitting on the patio and witnessing and hearing the singing and laughter of the children has become the defining memory of this all too short trip.

The aforementioned day in the North necessitated crossing the Green Line between Nicosia and North Nicosia. It was a rather quick and smooth process, in both instances with no stamping required.

I departed the South via the famed Ledra Street checkpoint in the heart of the ancient walled city, and returned via the Ledra Palace checkpoint. The Ledra Palace checkpoint is really two checkpoints separated by the UN Buffer Zone which runs about 600 metres.

It was walking in this buffer zone, when I came upon a white multi-level structure across from the old Ledra Palace hotel which is a UN site.

Image 3: The Belediye Pazari (Municipal Market) in North Nicosia, metres away from the Green Line (author)



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Image 4: A section of the Green Line as viewed from Nicosia (author)



As a political scientist and an island scholar, I am aware that much effort and literature have been put forward especially from the federalists in trying to offer palpable solutions to this divided island.

I do not wish in this writing to delve deeply into this topic or this debate.

Rather, I encourage everyone who reads this to do their own further research into the decades and centuries of Cyprus' history which most interests them.

After decades of divide, there is undoubtedly much trust and healing which must be built from within, and I have witnessed the proof that this work is ongoing.

I wish this to provide a window of my experiences on the island and to stimulate thinking about the island of Cyprus. It is my hope and vision that as ISISA we hear more from Cyprus in the near future, from scholars' resident throughout the island and "on their own terms.

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OTHER NEWS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Our dear member and former president of ISISA **Grant McCall** drew our attention to the interesting article published by Matt Murphy in BBC News. The article is about **Hans Island**, an icon for the small island that people want, but don't want to live there. Hans island is barren and uninhabited Arctic island with an area of 1.3 sq km. Since 1971 it was claimed by both Canada and Denmark.

As professor McCall suggested, he would call Hans Island a place marker Island: there are several like that that are used to extend territory.

Full text of the article is accessible here: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-61801682>

CALL FOR COLLABORATION:

Researchers at the University of Tübingen seek collaboration partners on Balearic History

Laura Dierksmeier (Early Modern Historian), Sophie Hüglin (Medieval Archaeologist), and Stefano Cespa (Classical Archaeologist) are working on a project to analyse water management on the Balearic Islands in the past. We plan to hold a conference in **May 2023** on Mallorca on the topic and look for collaboration partners. We are now working to map monasteries on the Balearic Islands over the centuries with GIS (part of our project analyse the water infrastructure of monasteries). Please let us know if you would like to collaborate in any capacity: laura.dierksmeier@uni-tuebingen.de

POPULARIZATION OF ISLAND STUDIES:

Laura Dierksmeier and Frerich Schön were interviewed in April 2022 by Alessandra und Midori (10 and 11 years old), 2 students from the "Eis Schoul" in Luxemburg, for their project on the topic of islands. The next generation of island studies scholars is in the making!



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NEW ISISA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elections of the new ISISA Executive (2022-2026) were held during the ISISA General Meeting in Zadar, Croatia. The new committee consists of: President - Laurie Brinklow; Vice President - Sarah Nimführ; Secretary - Anna Baldacchino; Treasurer - Andrew Jennings; Ordinary Members - Rosemarie Azzopardi, Anica Čuka, Ayano Ginoza, and Adam Grydehøj. Tomislav Oroz joins as a Co-Opted Non-Voting Member.

Thanks go to the outgoing executive committee, in particular President Godfrey Baldacchino and Vice President Beate Ratter, for their hard work and contributions over the years!

CALL FOR PROPOSAL BIDS FOR NEXT ISISA WORLD CONFERENCE

For all those interested in organising future *Islands of the World* ISISA conference, are more than welcomed to submit your bid proposal. The link to the form is accessible here:

https://www.isisa.org/userfiles/ISISA_Conference_BID_FORM.pdf

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 twitter:

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



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Island Studies Journal (ISSN: 1715-2593) was set up in 2006 as a freely downloadable, peer reviewed, scholarly and inter-disciplinary 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).

ISJ only considers manuscripts that have been submitted through the ScholarOne Manuscripts site. If you have any questions about the submission process, please contact Executive Editor Adam Grydehøj (agrydehoj@islanddynamics.org).

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