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Dear ISISA members,

I am pleased to introduce the July 2024 Newsletter issue. I trust you will relish reading about the moments that stood out from the recently concluded ISISA 19th Islands of the World Conference in Lombok. We cherished our time together and eagerly anticipate seeing even more of you at the next conference, slated for South Korea in two years. This edition features calls for papers for upcoming conferences and thematic issues in scientific journals. Additionally, there are updates and reports on ongoing projects.

Many thanks to all contributors, and we look forward to receiving even more submissions for our next issue.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the content within our July newsletter.

Anica Čuka, Newsletter editor

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year marked our 19th Islands of the World conference - no mean feat when you remember that these conferences are organized by mostly volunteers working off the side of their desks to bring islanders together from all corners of the globe. As Anica mentions below, this year's was organized beautifully by our partners at Mataram and IPB Universities, with dozens of others playing a role - including a large contingent of students dressed in matching T-shirts who were on hand to assist at every turn.

From the opening ceremony to the closing, it was five days filled with networking, idea-sharing, Lombok explorations, and more, all fueled by some excellent meals and laughter. Thank you to Prof Luky and his team for doing an amazing job!

We are happy to report that at the AGM we announced our conference line-up for the coming years. Usually these are held every second year, but we had so many islands competing for 2026 that we decided to see if the proponents might be interested in hosting in a year other than 2026. We were thrilled when South Korea accepted 2026, Curacao 2027, Gozo 2028, and Yokohama 2029.

Definitive dates for all have not yet been confirmed, so we'll leave that information until future newsletters, but South Korea has set their dates of June 24-27, 2026.



The conference will be hosted by Mokpo University and its Institution for Marine & Island Cultures at Shinan-gun, in the south of the Republic of South Korea. With a theme of "Island Resilience and Innovation in Climatic Crisis," the conference will include pre- and post-congress field trips, parallel sessions, keynotes, a mid-conference field trip, and of course our ISISA AGM. Be sure to save the dates and watch for the Call for Papers!

I want to congratulate Jens Westerkov Andersen and Qi Pan on receiving our ISISA travel scholarships.

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Jen's paper was entitled "A methodological approach to identify in-country migration hubs in the Danish Small Island Archipelago" and Qi's paper was "Silkworms, gender, and landscape change: The role of female financial empowerment in the building of the Pearl River Delta's Island geography." Thank you, both, for being part of a growing number of fantastic students sharing their groundbreaking island scholarship with the rest of us!

Finally, I would like to thank the ISISA members who served on the Executive these past two years: Vice-president Sarah Nimführ, Secretary Anna Baldacchino, Treasurer Andrew Jennings, Newsletter Editor Anica Čuka, Ordinary Members Adam Grydehøj, Rosemarie Azzopardi, and Ayano Genoza, and co-opted member Tomislav Oroz. Since 2022, Sarah has covered our social media accounts; Anna has kept us in minutes and updated our website and membership lists; Anica has produced several comprehensive and inviting semi-annual newsletters; and Adam, Sarah, Anica, and Tomislav have worked tirelessly with the organizing committee who put together this year's outstanding conference led by Prof Luky Adrianto, Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences at Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia. I want to thank Treasurer Andrew Jennings for managing our accounts so beautifully and stickhandling our bid for Charity Status.

He has decided to step down from the Executive for a well-deserved break, so Dr. Bobby MacAulay, from the University of the Highlands and Islands, Perth, is stepping up to the plate to serve as Treasurer. Welcome aboard, Bobby! I also want to personally thank ISISA member Bruce Potter for very generously paying for and keeping up the ISISA Listserv. We couldn't keep this little boat afloat without all of you!

One last word: if you're receiving this newsletter for the first time, it's because you paid your membership fee to ISISA when you registered for the conference in Lombok. This means you're now a member! If you want to support us even more, please think about becoming a lifetime member. It's only \$200 US and it means you'll never miss another newsletter!

Until next time...

Laurie Brinklow
President, ISISA

UPCOMING EVENT: 20th ISISA Islands of the World Conference

The poster for the 20th International Small Islands Studies Association conference is set against a background of an aerial view of a coastal area with many small islands and a large bay. In the top left corner is the ISISA logo. The main title "20th International Small Islands Studies Association" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, the dates "24th-27th June 2026" are displayed in a large, bold, white font. Underneath the dates, the location "Shinan-gun, Republic of Korea(South Korea)" is written in a smaller white font. A white map of South Korea is positioned in the lower center, with a red dot indicating the location of Shinan-gun. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code. At the bottom of the poster, there are four logos: the "Institution for Marine & Island Cultures", "MOKPO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY", "Shinan-gun", and "JeollaNamdo".

REFLECTIONS ON THE 19th ISLANDS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE



I could write this report in a strictly formal manner to inform those ISISA members who were not present about the proceedings of the conference. However, such an approach would fail to capture the unique spirit of these gatherings—the very essence that makes membership in this organization and attendance at future conferences so rewarding. Therefore, I hope you will excuse some personal experiences and emotions woven into this text.

The conference organizers did an outstanding job. Organizing five days, which included two half-day and one full-day field trips, was no easy task. Kudos to them and their students for their exceptional work! The conference brought together over a hundred presenters, with side events running parallel to the main presentations. The opening ceremony was spectacular, featuring local dancers in traditional costumes who introduced us to the local culture and customs following the welcome speeches.

REFLECTIONS TO THE 19TH ISLANDS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE

For those of us visiting Lombok for the first time, experiencing the local culture and natural beauty evoked a multitude of new emotions. The nature around Lombok, especially when venturing into the mountains, is breathtaking. Stunning waterfalls, streams cascading down to the central plains, lush vegetation, and endless rice fields will remain deeply etched in our memories. We took the opportunity to visit the nearby Wildlife Park, where we bathed elephants, held pythons and cockatoos, and played with an orangutan—all just before the conference. We also explored the rural hinterland of Mataram, the largest city on the island. There, we immersed ourselves in local customs, pottery making, and weaving fabrics from locally produced cotton.



During thematic sessions at the conference, we immersed ourselves in the culture and customs of Indonesian and other World islands. The agenda also highlighted island resilience, climate change and environmental concerns, island governance, the blue economy, island development, and networking opportunities. The field trips provided one of the best chances for scientists specializing in islands to connect.

At Mandalika, we attended a keynote lecture while enjoying the stunning vistas of Lombok's beaches. Another excursion led us to Gili Asahan Island, a picturesque islet where approximately 70 residents live with minimal tourism impact; they warmly engaged with us, playing the guitar and singing on the pristine white sandy beach. Our final full-day outing took us to the Gili Matra Islands, offering a firsthand look at a well-developed tropical tourist destination.



REFLECTIONS TO THE 19TH ISLANDS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE



The conference met our expectations, but what stood out personally was experiencing the life of the local community, as I was fortunate to stay in the heart of a fishing village. Despite their challenging circumstances, the local fishermen and their families greeted us warmly with smiles and were always eager to help (even when our car got stuck in the sand at 9 pm). Cheerful, curious children waved to us as they passed by and joyfully greeted us. The sound of waves crashing against the shore at night and horseback riding on the beach at sunset will remain cherished memories until the next conference. Goodbye, Lombok, and heartfelt thanks to the organizers for providing us with this unforgettable experience!

Anica Cuka

HIGHLIGHT FROM ISLANDS AS LABORATORIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY (ISLAS) SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOL 2024

We are excited and happy to share some highlights from the Islands as Laboratories for Sustainability (ISLAS) Summer/Winter School 2024. ISLAS is a yearly summer school initiative by the [Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programme ISLANDS](#) and the [University of Groningen, Faculty of Spatial Sciences](#). This year, ISLAS was co-organised with the Winter School Small Islands Planning organised by [Institut Teknologi Bandung](#), the local organisers at [Politeknik Pariwisata Bali](#), and [Universiti Sains Malaysia](#). The school comprised online introductory and fieldwork preparatory sessions on 13-14 June, and on-site meetings and fieldwork on Bali and Nusa Lembongan, Indonesia, between 17-22 June! The theme this year focused on small island planning to enhance quality of life and happiness on islands. This year, the school was enriched with over 80 participants from all over the world and with diverse background!

The first online sessions included lectures on topics such as sustainable tourism, marine conservation, and quality of life and happiness on islands, held by our ISLANDS partners, Prof Dimitris Ballas from the University of Groningen and director of ISLANDS MSc, Dr Frans Sijtsma from the University of Groningen and Director of the Rudolf Agricola School for Sustainable Development, Prof Thanasis Kizos from University of the Aegean, Prof Benjamin Hennig from University of Iceland, Dr Rodrigo Riera from University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, as well as Dr Dewa Ayu Made Lily Dianasari from Politeknik Pariwisata Bali, and Dr Leela Rajamani and Dr Norlaila Binti Mohd Zanuri from University Sains Malaysia.



HIGHLIGHT FROM ISLANDS AS LABORATORIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY (ISLAS) SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOL 2024

On our first day in Bali we visited the traditional village Penglipuran, where we learned about their approach to and philosophy of tourism management from the local representative. After lunch in Kintamani with a breathtaking view of Mount Batu, we travelled south to Melasti beach and experienced the traditional Kecak dance. This day provided an opportunity to gain real-world insights into the themes and topics introduced during the first two online lecture days. It also connected these themes to the Balinese philosophy of life, Tri Hita Karana, which emphasises harmony and balance between the spiritual world, people, and nature as the three sources of well-being and happiness.



HIGHLIGHT FROM ISLANDS AS LABORATORIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY (ISLAS) SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOL 2024

After getting to know Bali, we headed to the smaller neighbouring island, Nusa Lembongan. Here, all participants worked in groups on a topic of their choice related to wellbeing, happiness, and planning. For three days, the groups conducted interviews, surveys, and observations on topics such as seaweed farming, waste management, information infrastructure, and the impact of tourism on local culture. This has been a valuable opportunity for hands-on, first-hand insight and understanding of sustainable practices and the complexities of tourism. This hands-on experience provided invaluable first-hand insights into the challenges and opportunities on a small island with continuously growing tourism. By directly engaging with local communities and their unique contexts, participants bridged the gap between theory and practice. This immersive learning approach has undoubtedly enriched their perspectives on wellbeing, happiness, and planning in island settings!

On the last day, all groups presented their exciting fieldwork projects. This was followed by inspiring keynote sessions by Prof Sri Maryati from Institut Universitas Teknologi Bandung, Dr Manuel Florencio da Conossa Vong from Dili Institute of Technology, Prof Dimitris Ballas from University of Groningen - Faculty of Spatial Sciences and ISLANDS MSc, and Dr Luh Yusni Wiarti from Politeknik Pariwisata Bali.



HIGHLIGHT FROM ISLANDS AS LABORATORIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY (ISLAS) SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOL 2024

The day concluded with an award ceremony celebrating the best presentations, videos, pictures, and more! The evening ended with a farewell dinner, featuring a breathtaking sunset and mesmerising Balinese performance. If you want to see more pictures, videos, and participant testimonials head to the instagram profile [@winterschool.sappkitb](https://www.instagram.com/winterschool.sappkitb) by Institut Teknologi Bandung.

This year's ISLAS marked a significant milestone as our first summer school held outside Europe. We highly value this opportunity to expand our view and collaborations, and are happy to have given participants an immersive and hands-on learning experience that will leave lasting impressions. We plan to sustain the connections we've built and look forward to future collaborations.



We also recommend you to stay updated on the Small Island Planning Winter School organised by Institut Teknologi Bandung by following their instagram profile [@winterschool.sappkitb](https://www.instagram.com/winterschool.sappkitb), and stay tuned for their next Winter School!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing co-organisers and collaborators. We also want to express our gratitude to the amazing group of participants from all over the world who made this summer school unforgettable! In our blogpost on the Summer/Winter School, found on the [ISLANDS MSC](https://islandsmaster.eu/islands-as-laboratories-for-sustainability-islas-summer-school-2024/) website, you can also read firsthand accounts from some of our amazing participants:

<https://islandsmaster.eu/islands-as-laboratories-for-sustainability-islas-summer-school-2024/>

Stay tuned for ISLAS 2025, which will take place on another island somewhere else in the world! We are excited to share the details soon, so follow us and keep an eye on the ISLANDS website <https://islandsmaster.eu>, social media platforms, and our summer school website www.rug.nl/education/summer-winter-schools/islands-and-sustainability.

Sissal Dahl
ISLANDS, the University of Groningen

A NEW RESEARCH PROJECT!

A new research project has started that focuses on understanding adaption to sea level rise in European contexts.

Several places in Europe, including many island areas and communities are at particular high risk of sea level rise. Therefore, climate change and sea level rise related mobility should not only be seen as something that will influence Europe from the outside through climate migration. This research project explores how mobility (to Europe as well as within Europe) is perceived as an adaption strategy to sea level rise in comparison to other adaption strategies such as protection and accommodation.

We are interested in various stakeholders' perceptions particularly in European local and national contexts influenced by sea level rise. As contexts, we focus on the Netherlands, Italy and the UK and the local contexts that will be included are the Wadden sea Islands in the Netherlands, the Portsea Island in the UK, and Venice in Italy, all of which represent European island contexts that are at particular high risk of sea level rise. The stakeholder whose perceptions we investigate include local residents, local and national policy makers, local and national media and experts in the field.

The project is being conducted between 2024-2027 and based at the LUT University in Finland. The project is funded by the Kone Foundation.

If you are interested in collaboration or have any questions, please contact us at: Ilona.bontenbal@lut.fi

For more information, visit our website: <https://www.lut.fi/en/projects/sinking-islands-europe>

Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559085340524&locale=fi_FI

or Instagram @sinking_islands

Ilona Bontenbal
Postdoctoral researcher



SINKING
Islands in Europe
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INVITATION TO JOIN THE NEW ISLANDS AND CARE FORUM!!!

Dear colleagues,

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the recent “Islands of the World” conference a wonderful and enriching experience. Many ideas and insightful conversations were exchanged, including on the topic of care and islands.

Following this, we have decided to establish a forum focusing on care and islands. We understand and address care as a broad term, encompassing both caring for and caring about islands and island communities. This will include, but is not limited to, health care and social care.

The intention is to establish an interdisciplinary forum with the objective of bringing together scholars and practitioners to share work, ideas, and papers, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange on this topic.

We welcome everyone interested in care and islands to join us in creating a supportive and dynamic community. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Sissal Dahl at s.t.d.dahl@rug.nl. Feel free to share this invitation with colleagues who might be interested.

We look forward to your positive response and to starting this forum.

Warm regards,

Eva-Maria Knoll & Sissal Dahl



SMALL ISLAND GARDEN PROJECT



A productive home gardener in Sri Lanka.
Photo Credit: Dimuthu Jayacody et al.



Growing greens in Greenland.
Photo Credit: Najaaraq Demant –Poort



Communal sharing in Siberut.
Photo Credit: Gerard Persoon

Over the last year I have been working with over 40 willing and wonderful writers across the small islands of the world to gather stories about gardens. These fascinating, superbly illustrated stories about gardeners and how and why they garden will inform, engage and delight you.

Alluring titles such as:

A garden in exile

A garden island to oneself

Our weather is wind

A garden that money can't buy

Gardens on the edge.

Doing it tough in paradise,

Remembering Mamma's garden

Troublesome tales of growing potatoes in the Arctic

should whet any reader's appetite.

SMALL ISLAND GARDEN PROJECT

Once the chapters are edited, the introductory and final chapters written, the foreword and afterword produced and not forgetting the back cover blurb as well as the front cover illustration and an eye catching title, the right publisher for this illustrious tome will be found.

My objective is to have a print ready manuscript prepared early in 2025. (Any additional thoughts on just who this fortunate publisher might be are welcome.)

The garden project and the ISSA Conference in Lombok

Nine attending garden writers took part in a Symposium that included a lively roundtable conversation about the themes emerging from an analysis of contributed chapters.

A concluding, constructive critique by Professor Dr Beate Ratter contextualized the case studies by grounding them in garden history. Beate also briefly explored the interconnected Japanese concepts of shime meaning a piece of land separated from the wilderness – a garden and shima an island, a piece of land floating in an unconquered sea. Professor Dr Gerard Persoon raised some contemporary garden issues such as the 'reason for lawns' and reflected briefly on how gardens express the values of our times.

Lombok Garden Excursion

During the Conference, Drs Sopantini and Mark Heyward, the creators and owners of a beautiful garden in the foothills of

Senggigi, invited conference attendees to visit their garden to hear their story, to explore their traditional Javanese home and to taste the products of their sustainable garden. This excursion was generously facilitated by the Lombok ISISA Conference organisers.



Conference participants enjoying a Lombok garden

On a spectacular sunny morning about 20 conference delegates shared this wonderful opportunity. The garden, the welcome, the stories, the shared food and an impromptu musical performance, surrounded us, informed us and left us with a lasting sense of shared togetherness. It was indeed an unforgettable morning. We found it difficult to leave this almost magic garden.

Our hosts, Mark and Sopantini have written an evocative chapter entitled To beautify a beautiful world, so we can relive our time together by reading their garden story.

Jennie Teasdale
Kangaroo Island
Australia



CALL FOR PAPERS

Special issue

“What Future for European Small Islands? Challenges and opportunities”

Editors:

Stefano Malatesta, Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca

Arturo Gallia, Università Roma Tre

Dionisia Russo Krauss, Università degli Studi di Napoli “Federico II”

Gabriele Casano, Università di Genova

In 2021, the European Directorate for International Policies published Island of the EU. The study aimed to indicate both the 'state of play' and the 'future challenges' of European island regions. The document explicitly refers to the post-COVID scenario and is linked to the current EU Cohesion Policy and Regional Development strategies.

On the one hand, islands are presented as one of the forefronts of the Union's main geographical challenges (depopulation, climate crisis, welfare, social justice, spatial inequalities, regional cohesion, blue growth, migration), on the other hand, they deal with a future traced by marginalisation and mono-economy horizons (mainly as touristic destinations).

According to this background, “Future” seems to act as a keyword in the definition of the geography of European archipelagos.

The special issue, referring to Island Studies, Future Studies, Youth Studies and Regional Studies, promotes a reflection, both geographical and political, on the opportunities and dialectics shaping the future of archipelagic and island regions (and islanders) in Europe.

The issue focuses on Europe's island regions, but papers about non-EU cases will be considered. Contributions, both theoretical and empirical, on the following topics are encouraged.

- Small Islands and Youth Geographies
- Small Islands and Marginalization
- Small Islands and European Policies
- Small Islands and Geographical Challenges
- Small Islands and EU Next-Gen
- Small Islands and Migration
- Time-space Geographies of Small Islands

How to submit the proposal? See on the next page...





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Special issue
“What Future for European Small Islands? Challenges and opportunities”

How to submit a proposal?

All authors should submit their abstract to Issue Editors by September 15th 2024, using the form: <https://forms.gle/LS6nrjER8mKkFVgDA>.

Every abstract should be 350-500 words long, accompanied with Title, Name and Surname, Affiliation and a Short Biography (150 words) of the Corresponding Author, up to 3 References and up to 6 keywords.

Issue Editors will reply to all proponents by September 30th 2024. Then, all accepted papers must be submitted by February 15th 2025.

Papers must be 6.000-8.000 words long, written exclusively in English and have to follow editorial guidelines of the Journal: <https://jmic.online/information/>.

For further information, please contact a Issue Editor:

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CALL FOR PAPERS:

Call for papers for a special issue of the Journal of Island and Marine Studies on **'Vulnerability of islands to transboundary pollution'**. Guest editors: **U. P. K. Epa, Zainal Arifin, and Haibo Chen**

Island countries (or regions) face the risk of transboundary contamination, which threatens species, coastal resources, habitats, and livelihoods, potentially leading to economic and food insecurity. Surrounded by the ocean, island countries confront difficulties regulating transboundary effects, which increases their vulnerability to a variety of pollutants. Transboundary pollution arises from uncontrolled urban and industrial growth, riverine and watershed disturbances, and other human activities such as mining, forestry, agriculture, and coastal development, affecting adjacent areas. There is a need for a global effort to discover potential sources and magnitudes of transboundary flow of pollutants, allowing governments to implement robust co-lateral and multilateral treaties.

In line with this theme, we welcome submissions on the following topics:

- Transboundary pollution and coastal resource use
- Coastal biodiversity in the face of looming transboundary pollution: current status and prospects
- Transboundary aspects of river water pollution
- National efforts to manage pollution across borders: principles, policy and practice
- International coordination and collaboration in counteracting transboundary pollution
- Environmental law and transboundary pollution
- Enforcement of global policies to protect coastal communities

This special issue will be published in the Journal of Island and Marine Studies (JIMS) (<http://islandandmarinestudies.press/>), but individual papers will be published online once they complete the peer review and editorial process. JIMS is a web-based, freely downloadable, open access, peer reviewed journal that publishes papers advancing and critiquing the study of issues affecting or involving islands and seas.

For further information or if you are interested in submitting a paper, contact the special issue co-editors (see below for contact emails). Manuscripts should be between 5,000 and 15,000 words and must be prepared in accordance with the JIMS submission guidelines: <http://islandandmarinestudies.press/guidelines-for-authors/>.

All papers will be subject to double-blind peer review. Articles should be submitted electronically to jims.editorialboard@gmail.com

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CALL FOR PAPERS:

I want to bring to your attention a new Special Issue (SI) titled "***The Contribution of Ocean Carbon Sinks to Climate Change Mitigation***," (<https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/calls-for-papers/contribution-ocean-carbon-sinks-climate-change-mitigation>) which has been announced by the International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management (IJCCSM). I believe that considering this SI for our ISISA could be beneficial, as the ocean carbon sinks are close with small island and adjacent waters.

Submission deadline date: **30 April 2025**

Yuncheng Deng

SI-Call for papers



SI: The Contribution of Ocean Carbon Sinks to Climate Change Mitigation
Journal: International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management
JCR Q2



SI: Sustainable island construction and development
Journal: Island Studies Journal
JCR Q3



SI: New Horizons: The Future of Sustainable Islands
Journal: Sustainability
JCR Q2

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Symposium: Anatomy of Islands, Jelsa, Hvar Island, Croatia, 26-28 September 2024

Last year, the symposium **Anatomy of Islands**, one of a kind in Croatia, took place in Jelsa on the island of Hvar. It was the 11th in a row. We started on the island of Vis a decade ago, continued on the island of Lastovo and finally reached Hvar. It was agreed that the 12th would be held in the same place at the same time. After the symposium, we conducted a small survey and asked the participants to suggest what we should tackle next year. The answers were almost in unison: the demography of the Croatian islands.

Thus, this year we are organizing our 12th symposium to explore living on islands, specific geographic areas with particular infrastructural, social, and cultural challenges.

The main topic of the symposium is well chosen especially because of the island migrations. They have significantly and permanently altered the demographic landscape of Croatian islands and impacted the quality of life in every aspect. The history of island-seamainland relationships reflects migrations embodying the dynamics of interdependence or self-sufficiency, centre and periphery, and the sense of isolation experienced by islanders.

Migration and mobility is inherently linked to islanders and island life. In the past century, the prevailing demographic trend has been depopulation due to emigration.

More information:

<https://visitjelsa.hr/en/dogadanja/anatomy-of-an-island/>

12th Anatomy of Islands Symposium

Call for participation



LIVING ON ISLANDS - DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES
AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Jelsa, island of Hvar
September 26 – 28 2024

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

July 15, 2024

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Contrary to the common perception of Croatian islands as regions of emigration where people leave for the mainland for better opportunities, they have also been places of immigration throughout their history.

Islands have often served as safe spaces (refugium) for groups fleeing conflicts on the mainland. Islands have also taken on this role during contemporary threats and crises (wars, pandemics, earthquakes). The dominant direction of migration only changed towards the end of the 19th century when islands mostly became emigration areas, which defined future demographics and socio-economic development. Recent trends indicate specific changes in migration, and administrative immigration (inhabitants who move only on paper) on some islands has wholly distorted the accurate migration picture.

Thanks to modern technologies, island populations, despite spatial constraints and insularity, have been exposed to various off-island influences for decades, changing how they live. Island communities have become interconnected communities of different cultures that evolve with migration patterns, tourists, and new islanders. At the same time, modernization brings about specific negative changes in the identities and daily life of island communities. Solidarity among members diminishes, willingness for collective action and work for the common good weakens, and a materialistic view of the world becomes more pronounced. However, specific characteristics of island life, especially the sense of belonging to the community and the closeness among members, remain strongly present in Croatian island communities.



The main topic on demography is broad and complex, so we have also encouraged contributions on the following **subtopics**:

- Island Migrations as a Way of Life
- Island Communities
- Children and Youth on Islands
- Ageing Population on Islands
- Island Spaces and Island Population

The end of September is near and we are looking forward to an interesting island symposium. We will let you know how it went and what will be the main topic of the 13th symposium Anatomy of Islands next year. We have gained momentum and we do not intend to stop any time soon.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Turning the Tide: Island Imaginaries and Interdisciplinaries in Climate Change
The Third International Conference on Small Island States and Subnational Island Jurisdictions, June 16–20, 2025

Deadline: September 30, 2024

Location: University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown Campus
UPEI Centre for Climate Change Adaptation at St. Peter's, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Co-Hosted by: Institute of Island Studies (IIS), the UNESCO Chair in Island Studies and Sustainability, and the Canadian Centre for Climate Change and Adaptation (CCCA) at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI)
University of Aruba (UA)
Sophia University (SU)

After two successful conferences, we are proud to announce the Third International Conference on Small Island States and Subnational Island Jurisdictions.

We invite researchers, practitioners, artists, and communities across disciplines to explore island imaginaries and interdisciplinaries in the context of climate change. Recognizing that climate change is profoundly cultural and that island imaginaries wield discursive power and material effects, we seek insights from different perspectives such as arts, humanities, social sciences, and climate (and other) sciences.



TURNING THE TIDE
ISLAND IMAGINARIES AND INTERDISCIPLINARIES IN CLIMATE CHANGE

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  JUNE 16-20, 2025
3rd International Conference on Small Island States and Subnational Island Jurisdictions



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Islands have long evoked imaginative responses that informed the ways they have been conceptualized, researched, represented, colonized, and deployed by Western-scientific-economic interests. With climate change, new island imaginaries are being produced, for example, via data, computer models, visualizations, and dystopic predictions, all of which have material dynamics that forge realities. Islanders have been resisting and critically responding to past and current island imaginaries through research, art, stories, and Indigenous epistemologies. Diverse, decolonizing, and interdisciplinary collaborations that challenge and reconsider how imaginaries and knowledge(s) about islands are produced, valued, disseminated, utilized, and resisted are vital in creating transformative possibilities.

Don't miss the opportunity to present your work at this vibrant and collaborative forum, bringing together island scholars from around the world and across various disciplines. Submit an abstract related to one or more of the sub-themes:

- Food sovereignty in an era of climate change
- Ocean health and climate change (e.g., ecosystem functionality, terrestrial, ocean, the ecotone)
- Incorporating diverse knowledges in climate change adaptation strategies
- The importance of health and well-being
- Material culture: lived experiences of the everyday
- Climate and social justice
- Gender and intergenerational framing
- Environmental law and governance
- Migration and urbanization
- Nature-based solutions
- Climate change communications
- Climate change education

This conference aims to share stories. We therefore encourage academic papers, panels, roundtables, posters, and non-traditional presentations (e.g., storytelling, interactive sessions, creative) from all disciplines. In addition to scholarly papers, we also invite submissions for:

- Artist in residence / Poet in residence
- Creative pieces that engage with the themes
- Workshops on sharing creative practices (e.g., poetry, art, photography, storytelling)
- Indigenous practices and workshops
- Experiential learning activities

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

We welcome submissions that look at the dynamics of climate change, island imaginaries and the imperative of interdisciplinary research on a case-by-case, island-by-island, or regional basis. All disciplinary perspectives are welcomed, but they must engage with notions of the lived experience of islandness. We are also keen to engage with presentations that adopt a more comparative framework or methodology in their critical analysis.

Abstracts of around 150-200 words each are invited on any of the above themes. These should be accompanied by the author's full name and institutional affiliation(s) and submitted by **09-30-2024**.

Although this is primarily an in-person event, we will accommodate those who choose not to travel with a parallel session stream made available to participants online. Please indicate in the Abstract Submission Form if you prefer this mode of delivery. Registration fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Submit your Abstract by September 30th, 2024, here:

<https://forms.gle/bp9zUf7KGcD9oULW7>

Visit the Conference website, here:

<https://projects.upei.ca/unescochair/turningthetide2025/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Conference: Islands as diverse spaces

<https://www.uw.is/en/events/radstefna-eyjar-og-fjolbreytileiki#call-for-papers>

Notice: The call for papers is closed but maybe it will be interesting to someone as a place to attend with no presentation.

About the conference

In the vast expanse of our global landscape, islands and remote communities emerge as spaces of resilience, biodiversity, and cultural richness. The conference on island and remote communities will be held at the University Centre of Westfjords, Iceland, in partnership with the University of Iceland and the Árni Magnússon institute, on October 3rd to 5th 2024.

The aim of the conference is to direct our attention to the intrinsic importance of islands and remote communities as dynamic microcosms deserving of profound research. Islands, with their distinctive ecosystems and social structures, face unique challenges—from the impact of climate change to the delicate balance of sustainable development. Recognizing the critical role that islands and remote communities play in global ecological and cultural tapestries, this conference aims at exploring island communities from three overarching themes: culture, language, and education.

The conference will bring together practitioners from all levels and backgrounds to encourage interdisciplinary discussions to unearth the untapped potential of islands as “laboratories” for innovative research, policy development, and community empowerment. There will be lectures, workshops, creative presentations and roundtables at the conference.



OUR MEMBERS' NEW PAPERS:

Karl Heinz Szekiolda (2024): *Seasonal And Nighttime Temperature Changes Around Small Islands: The Bahamas*. International Journal of Geology, Earth & Environmental Sciences ISSN: 2277-2081

An Open Access, Online International Journal Available at:
<http://www.cibtech.org/igee.htm>

Abstract:

Sea surface temperature trends in The Bahamas were analyzed from 2003 to 2023. Although the data set is limited to two decades, it extracted inter-annual changes that are overlaid by a multi-decadal signal that may mask local trends and internal variability of sea surface temperature. The estimated increase of temperature for the period 2002 to 2023 is approximately 0.680C that corresponds to approximately 0.030C y⁻¹. Although data for the period 2002 to 2013 showed a temperature increase of around 0.030C y⁻¹, an increase of 0.080C y⁻¹, however, is observed for the period 2013 to 2023 that indicates an unusual accelerated local warming. The temperature distribution pattern for both periods is almost identical although they were exposed to a different rate of temperature increase. Thermal images of daytime temperature and the difference image of day and nighttime temperatures show the wide range of patterns that are generated due to different oceanic conditions and varying bathymetry. The day-night-difference images show that the east coast of Abaco and the east coast of Andros have less cooling at night during the period 2013 to 2023, compared to the previous decade. The connection between the North Atlantic and The Tongue of The Ocean shows slight warming although the North Atlantic surface water in the vicinity of The Bahamas does not reveal any substantial warming. Contrary to the warming in most regions of The Bahamas, part of the Tongue Of The Ocean region is exposed to slight cooling at night during 2013 to 2023. The average temperature day-minus-night shows increasing patchiness with increasing temporal resolution. Estimates for trends in seasonal temperatures showed the lowest rate of increase for the summer season with an estimate of about 0.0160C y⁻¹ followed by the September to November season with a rate of about 0.0620C y⁻¹. The highest abnormal rate of increase is found for the two seasons March to May and December to February with about 0.0790C y⁻¹ and 0.0730C y⁻¹, respectively.



OUR MEMBERS' NEW PAPERS:

Špeh, N., Čuka, A. (2023): **Evaluation of landfill sites on Pašman Island and islanders' perceptions regarding waste management issues.** Croatian Geographical Bulletin, 85/2, 47-80

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<https://doi.org/10.21861/HGG.2023.85.02.2>

Islands and coastal regions are experiencing significant impact from sea-borne litter, and this issue also affects the Croatian islands, including Pašman Island. A comprehensive research approach has been adopted to assess the landfill sites on the island, which involves applying an integral list of indicators to existing landfills. Indicators have been connected to statistical data, and in the last phase of the research the perception of the islanders towards waste management was examined. The research conducted in 2018 involved accessing 32 solid litter sites, including 10 located on the coastline and 22 inland, with particular attention given to the composition of the waste. Results revealed that plastic litter was more prevalent in coastal sites (55%) than in inland sites (20.9%). Although the local government reported no landfills on the island in February 2021, islanders disputed this claim and confirmed the presence of solid waste disposal sites. A qualitative research study conducted in January 2022 indicated that waste management has recently improved. The data collected from the fieldwork has informed a proposal for future waste management measures in isolated, inhabited coastal areas.

Čuka, A., Oroz, T. (2024): **Taking Time to Know the Island: Multiple temporalities and changing mobilities on Dugi Otok, Croatia.** Shima, 18/1, 1-21

Open Access: <https://shimajournal.org/article/10.21463/shima.211.pdf>

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This article is based on the results of field research conducted on several occasions in 2020 and 2021 on the island of Dugi Otok, situated off the Dalmatian coast in Croatia. The article explores the notion of multiple temporalities emerging through the entanglement of spatial transformations, diverse forms of mobility and the lived experience of islanders. The concept of 'multiple temporalities' introduced in this article approaches these three aspects as heterogeneous temporal modalities that point to the coexistence and interplay of diverse, sometimes even opposing and contradictory, temporal rhythms. Inspired by theoretical and methodological approaches arising from the temporal turn while rethinking their potential in the context of Island Studies, the article focuses on the specific relations emerging from infrastructural development and the embodied experience of islanders. In order to grasp the complexities of what is popularly referred to as 'island time', the aim of the article is to show how processes of transportation development shape islanders' experiences of time.



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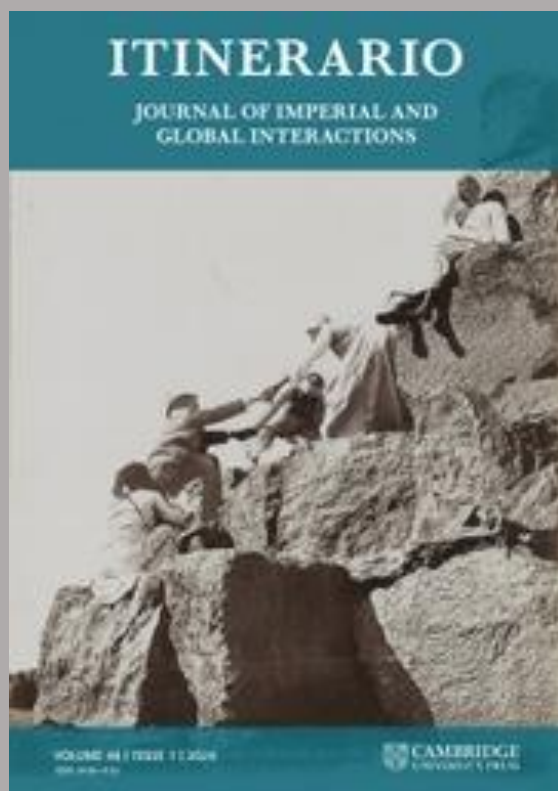
Yang Xiao, Huan Zhang, Ke Ma, Hadinnapola Appuhamilage Chintha Crishanthi Perera, Muhammad Zahir Ramli and Yuncheng Deng (2023): **Exploring the Relationships between Tradeoffs and Synergies among Island Ecosystem Service Bundles: A Study on Zhoushan Archipelago Located on the Southeast Coast of China.** Sustainability

Open Access: <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/16/1/394>

Abstract:

Due to the rapid rise of China's coastal economic zone, the urbanization of the surrounding islands has accelerated. Intensive disturbance caused by human activities and frequent changes in land types have resulted in the continuous erosion of ecological sources and the degradation of ecosystem services on the islands year by year. It is particularly important to explore sustainable development strategies for the islands to achieve a balance between conservation and development, which is particularly important for the islands in the process of urbanization. Taking Zhoushan Archipelago as an example, this paper uses multi-source spatial data and employs InVEST models and USLE to quantify island ecosystem services. Furthermore, using principal component analysis and cluster analysis, the study aims to identify clusters of island ecosystem services and investigate their tradeoffs, synergistic mechanisms, and regional heterogeneity using spatial analysis. In addition to providing island urban planners with effective zoning governance recommendations and assistance in spatial planning to promote coordinated and sustainable development, the findings of this study can assist in the development of appropriate management plans for each ecological functional service cluster on islands.

Keywords: islands; urbanization; ecosystem services bundles; tradeoffs; synergies



REVIEW ESSAY:

Dierksmeier, L. (2024), "Islands in Global History" in *Itinerario*, 1-12. Review of: David Abulafia. *The Boundless Sea: A Human History of the Oceans*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019. 1,050 pages; Lauren A. Benton, and Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, eds. *A World at Sea: Maritime Practices and Global History*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020. 267 pages.; and Valentim Fernandes (Author), Dolores Corbella Díaz (Editor and Translator), Eduardo Aznar Anglés (Editor and Translator). *África y sus islas en el manuscrito de Valentim Fernandes*, Madrid: Dykinson, 2021. 253 pages.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/itinerario/article/islands-in-global-history/38235EA229046787D3DA7301A86B8E6B>

OUR MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES:

I was a lead discussant on behalf of the LGBTI stakeholder group in the thematic session of the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2024 on “Implementing the Outcomes of the fourth Small Islands Developing States Conference”, on Wednesday 10 July from 15:00 to 16:45 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

As a current scholar in the MA in Islands and Small States Studies programme at the ISSI, I tapped into my course materials to draft my statement for the session.

My statement focused on Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Islands Developing States that underscores the need to build appropriate capacities and strengthen enabling systems at the national level, which is critical for incorporating the needs of LGBTI individuals into broader strategies for sustainable development, climate adaptation, and disaster risk reduction, aligning with SDGs 2, 13, 16 and 17.

I highlighted the need for global policy reforms to be implemented in a manner that includes targeted outreach to ensure that LGBTI individuals derive benefit.



I underlined that LGBTI individuals must be decision-makers in all processes, fostering meaningful participation and ensuring that solutions are inclusive and effective.

The video recording of my session is available at [this link](#).

My intervention is from 51:46 - 54:11.

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