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EDITORIAL

This issue has 30 pages full of interesting information about Islands, experiences from the 15th *Islands of the World* ISISA conference, poems and information about upcoming conferences.

Remember that the Newsletter is only what you make it. We encourage anyone who has something to say, or share about Islands, Island Studies or Book Reviews about Islands, to send them over to me for the next issue.

Kindly send over contributions for the December 2017 Newsletter by not later than November 15, 2017.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions.

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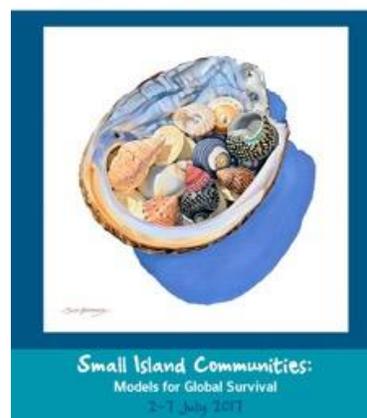
Kangaroo Island Welcomes ISISA

By 2 July 2017 Kangaroo Island was ready to host the 15th Islands of the World Conference. After two years of intense collaborative planning with the ISISA executive and weeks of worryingly dry, winter weather, the Conference participants gathered in the small town of Kingscote to be warmly welcomed by locals and an efficient team of volunteers. On Monday morning, just as the Conference was officially launched by a visiting politician, the skies opened and the sound of the rain on the Town Hall roof was music to locals' ears. The Kangaroo Island community jubilantly welcomed the participants, the Conference and the much needed winter rain. Perhaps the rain was an omen for a successful conference?

Program Cover Photo 'Turn of the Tide'

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This oil and alkyd artwork by Kangaroo Island artist Scott Hartshorne spoke eloquently about the global gathering of peoples from small islands with all their differences and similarities. Imagine the large abalone shell is Kangaroo Island, the ISISA Conference host. Participants from other islands gather here like the



multicoloured shells of various shapes and sizes inside the abalone shell. After a week of deliberation, they will craft and disseminate a tangible message for the planet, like the abalone's island shaped shadow.

Respected Kangaroo Island poet John Sabel added to the Conference by introducing each sub-theme with a short poem. These poignant pieces wove the Conference's academic sub-themes into the contextual fabric of Kangaroo Island. A delightfully choreographed dance, entitled 'Nurturing the Human Spirit' by Kangaroo Island dance teacher John Bancan, graduate of the New York University Tisch School of Arts, added yet another dimension to the Conference.

One of the highlights of every Conference is the awarding of scholarships to emerging post-graduate researchers by ISISA President, Professor Godfrey Baldacchino. Seven young men and women from across the globe received a scholarship; five provided by ISISA, one from Dr Victor David, an ISISA member, and another from the Kangaroo Island Organising Committee. Each scholarship awardee participated fully in the Conference, presented a thought-provoking paper and excelled in a summing up session on the final day of the Conference.

Professor Baldacchino set the tone for the Conference with an opening address that urged island attendees to have a strong voice about their futures *in a foetid 21st century*. Non-island decision-making politicians may have been surprised by this direct challenge. Inspired by this address, subsequent presenters offered a cornucopia of outstanding papers across every discipline and from dozens of very different small islands.

For two days, co-chairs, one from ISISA and one from the host island, led the parallel sessions with sensitivity, encouragement and a gracious iron fist when it came to timing. There was no rush, presenters were heard, questions were aired and answered, discussions continued in the generous lunch and tea breaks and were much enhanced by the excellent food. Co-chairs consistently managed their sub-themes well and all presented a cohesive overview on the final day.

Much to everyone's delight, the rain clouds retreated midway through the Conference, thus enhancing an excellent day in the field. The Conference theme, *Small Island Communities: Models for Global Survival*, was explored in the Kangaroo Island context. Participants and those accompanying them were taken on a thoughtfully organised, experiential journey to places across the island. Local guides and on-the-ground experts presented informed, hands-on talks about farming, solar initiatives, the marine environment, marine industries and activities and ecologically sensitive tourist destinations. The day culminated with a superb Aussie dinner served at Emu Lodge, a unique Eucalyptus Distillery. The evening featured a huge bonfire, a KI Wool Fashion Parade, talks about local wine, food, tourism and the KI Brand. It was a long but satisfying day.

Day 4 was a day for Kangaroo Islanders to join the Conference. They did so in droves. Thursday's programme began with an Indigenous Acknowledgement of Country presented seamlessly by students from the local school. A welcome to international participants from the South Australian Governor was followed by an engaging, well-crafted Keynote Address on the Conference theme by Thom Woodroffe, UN Adviser with International Diplomat and an

Australian Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. (Like Lesvos, our original Keynote Speaker was unable to attend the Conference at the last moment, suggesting a back-up plan is essential.)

Climate change then took centre stage with impressive papers from Dr Kirsten Davies (Australia), Dr Reed Perkins (USA), Professor Beate Ratter (Germany), Dr Ian Kelman (United Kingdom) and Dr Peggy Rismiller (Kangaroo Island). Each speaker 'held the audience in their hand'. What could have been a long and wordy session became an exemplary Climate Change Forum that captured the minds and imaginations of all participants.

Plenaries and Community Conversations followed, with speakers examining small island topics at the core of ISISA: Social Planning; Sustainable Tourism; Good Governance; Energy, Sustainability and Biodiversity. The venues for these activities played a part in their success. Moving from the Town Hall to Conference Rooms in the local hotel and then to the Performing Arts Centre at the local school worked well.

Every Conference participant will remember with delight the welcome from the school principal, the performance by the school jazz band and the magnificent smorgasbord dinner prepared and served by students from the school's Food and Hospitality, Food Processing and Flexible Learning Options. The involvement of students throughout the Conference as speakers, respondents, entertainers and in hospitality was a significant highlight.



Kangaroo Island Mayor Peter Clements proudly holds aloft the Kangaroo Island Declaration with ISISA President Professor Godfrey Baldacchino

Surprisingly, the closing day did not lose momentum. The day began with a precise, well-worded one page Declaration adopted by the Conference. An impressive summing-up by Professor Baldacchino and scholarship awardees followed. Later, an efficient ISISA Annual General Meeting was conducted by the President. The final day culminated with the traditional, symbolic handover of the ISISA plaque and flags. Kangaroo Island Mayor, Mr Peter Clements, passed these symbols via the ISISA President to Drs Klaas Deen from The Netherlands where the 2018 Conference will be held on the beautiful Frisian island of Terschelling.

(Copy of the KI Declaration on the following page)

Jennie Teasdale
Kangaroo Island



Signing of the KI Declaration



Handing over of the of the ISISA plaque and flag from Kangaroo Island's Mayor, Peter Clements to the Wadden Academy's Secretary, Klaas Deen.



15th **Islands of the World** Conference of the International Small Islands Studies Association

Kangaroo Island 2-7 July 2017

Declaration

We the participants at the 15th 'Islands of the World' Conference of the International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA) held on Kangaroo Island, South Australia, from 2 to 7 July 2017, urge the international community to join us as we individually and collectively commit to:

Empower people for peace and productivity

through supporting the rights of island communities and island jurisdictions to self-determination, including the right to appropriate types and levels of development that respect and preserve unique island environments, cultures and identities, allowing islanders to control their destinies, measuring progress through well-being and happiness.

Prepare island peoples for the world of tomorrow through freely sharing new ideas, innovations, information and knowledge at all levels and supporting life-long learning and capacity building deeply rooted in local values and worldviews, so that islanders may know where they have come from while adults and youth co-design their futures.

Nurture the human spirit

through recognising the importance of celebrating island life and exploring existence through cultural expression, also recognising the importance of nurturing deep connections to place and with each other as we build new and inclusive communities of practice.

Protect nature and feed the world

through valuing life above material wealth; through remembering old ways and finding regenerative ways of meeting our physical needs, leaving space for unique island ecosystems and untamed wildness, understanding that everything is connected, that we are obliged to live within our environmental limits and that sharing ensures survival.

Develop solutions for self-sufficiency

in the face of anthropogenic climate disruption, using islands as incubators for growing and testing new and smarter models for human survival and governance, drawing on the independent and resilient spirit of islanders and island jurisdictions to inspire us.

Signed on 7 July 2017 on behalf of all participants:

Professor Godfrey Baldacchino
President, International Small Islands Studies Association



Peter Clements
Mayor, Kangaroo Island



Now to Terschelling

In June 2018, the ISISA Conference will be held in The Netherlands on the delightful island of Terschelling. In May this year, I just happened to be in The Netherlands. ISISA members Professor Gerard Persoon from Leiden University, Professor Jouke van Dijk and Drs Klaas Deen from the Waddenacademie welcomed me to their homeland with great generosity.

After a long, enjoyable conversation with Gerard in The Hague, I travelled to the Waddenacademie in Leeuwarden, a gracious old city in the north of the country. There, Jouke and Klaas met me and together we discussed the forthcoming Kangaroo Island Conference. Then I was whisked away to the wonderful island of Terschelling. The fast ferry quickly and smoothly delivered me to this lovely island where I was free to explore its secrets. As the photos show, it is indeed a beautiful place.

Let me give you ten good reasons why YOU should come to next year's ISISA Conference:

1. The organisers are efficient, generous and welcoming.
2. The academic content will be sound and your thinking will be stretched.
3. The first day of the Conference will be spent in Leeuwarden, an historic city that exudes true Dutch charm.
4. The ferry ride is smooth, fast and efficient.
5. The accommodation is pleasant and very comfortable.
6. The island of Terschelling is full of lovely surprises – scenic coastal views, historic places, eateries and more.
7. The extent of ecological restoration on the Island is remarkable.
8. Local residents are excited that the Conference is being held on their Island.
9. You will experience the culturally vibrant Oerol Festival, one of Europe's best.
10. You will reconnect with old friends and meet new and interesting people from across the globe.

So please get on line and BOOK now - <https://www.waddenacademie.nl/nl/symposiumisisa2018/>
I'll see you there!

Jennie Teasdale
Kangaroo Island



Rijkswaterstaat/Joop van Houdt

Thank You Note from Jill Yuzwa

Re: ISISA Student Scholarships

Dear Professor Baldacchino,

Please extend my thanks to the ISISA Executive Committee members of the ISISA and to the general membership for the funds you allocate, year after year, to allow graduate students to attend ISISA sanctioned scholarly events.

The scholarly exchange embodied in the ISISA mandate and the multi-disciplinary nature of the organization is attractive. This year the conference context of Kangaroo Island, a small place presenting a very solid sense of itself, was of great interest since it has a similar sized population to Gabriola Island, Canada, my research community. The conference theme, “Small island communities: models for global survival”, resonated with the PhD research I am undertaking so the opportunity to attend this conference was deeply appreciated.

As a mature PhD Candidate, I want to thank ISISA for being open to emerging scholars as well as young scholars. This open lens means a great deal to those of us who bring life’s complexity to our academic work.

I look forward to further engagement with ISISA and a continued dialogue on islandness. I applaud the community of Kangaroo Island who embraced the planning and execution of the 15th *Islands of the World* Conference with such pride and respect.

Yours truly,

Jill Yuzwa

PhD Candidate, School of Planning University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada



Youthful reflections on the ISISA conference

By Matilda Southgate

The ISISA conference was extremely beneficial for our island because the speakers introduced us to many different examples of development on islands and approaches to becoming resilient and self-sufficient. It could become a very useful forum to expose young islanders to these sorts of ideas and opportunities.



Growing up on Kangaroo Island has made us isolated from the world which gives a beautiful sense of community and safety, however it also shelters us from our potential. When the Marshall Islands attended the Paris UN Climate Change Conference, they took with them a young escort as a reminder of the impact of climate change on future generations. Climate change is no longer just something in the future, according to the Majuro declaration, climate change has arrived. It is already causing problems which are increasingly severe and *my* generation and the generations that will follow shall face the full force of this environmental change and be left to try to find solutions to the plethora of impacts. However, I don't believe young Kangaroo Islanders even *know* enough about the issues of climate change, let alone what we are doing now, and what will need to be done in the future.

We are isolated and we have the opportunity to do great things because we *do* have borders so we can understand and take control in managing our energy, our water and our sustainability easier. Where we are at the moment with our reliance on the mainland for energy, waste disposal and food, is very comfortable and no one is prepared to get out of their comfort zone to become self-sufficient; many don't even consider the possibility. We see only where we are now, not where we could be or where we might be if 'business as usual' continues to be the norm.

This conference brought to us many examples of how many islands are taking a step ahead in sustainability and are finding solutions to the emerging impacts of climate change. It brought new ideas and the belief that any island can make a difference.

As Tom Woodroffe said in his presentation, it is important for us, as young islanders, to go away and learn how other people are working towards sustainability so we can return with a vision and pin it down. As young people, we have more power than we think, and should not sit back and wait for others to make a future for us. We are savvy with media and we can use it to spread a forceful message. The missing ingredient is our understanding of our potential and this requires some opportunities and guidance to learn what is possible beyond our island homes. It would be great if ISISA could develop a structured pathway, in association with schools and government, to provide these opportunities for young people to learn first-hand from experts what is possible.

Thank you for providing me with this opportunity to speak at the conference,

Matilda.

THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER J. LOEAK
SENATOR FOR AILINGLAPLAP ATOLL

19 July 2017

Councilor Peter Clements
Mayor, Kangaroo Island
Professor Godfrey Baldacchino
President, International Small Islands Studies Association
Dr. Bob Teasdale
Organizing Committee, 15th Islands of the World Conference

VISIT TO KANGAROO ISLAND

Iakwe Councilor Clements, Professory Baldacchino & Dr. Teasdale,

It was with great disappointment that on the recommendation of my doctor I had to cancel my planned visit to Adelaide and Kangaroo Island doctor following a recent health emergency. It was an honor to receive your official invitation to address the 15th Islands of the World Conference and I want to thank you all for the very kind gesture. It meant a lot to me.

Even though I was unable to visit, I want you to know that I had been preparing for the conference by reading a great deal about your island home, the conference, and many of the papers submitted for it. While your island may be 300 times larger than my own home of Ailinglaplap, I believe there is a great deal that we have in common and which I was excited to learn about – especially as I embark on a number of wider initiatives post my Presidency, including on tourism.

I know this has been very testing time for those that are committed to climate action – not just in Australia but around the world – but that the leadership of South Australia, and of your island in particular, has not gone unnoticed in the Pacific. Your example has helped give those of us on the climate change frontline confidence that this is a battle not only that we must win, but that we can win. I want to thank you in particular for that.

While we may not have been able to meet on this occasion, I do hope there is an opportunity to visit your great island again soon. Likewise, if any of you or your families happen to be in the Pacific it would be a great pleasure to welcome you to the Marshall Islands, especially to Ailinglaplap Atoll.

From one islander to others, let me say *kommol tata* and thank you once again,



The Honorable Christopher J. Loeak
Senator for Ailinglaplap Atoll
Iroij of the Ralik Island Chain
President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (2012-2016)

Rooby, Rooby Roo

Rooby Rooby Roo
Rooby Rooby Roo,
Where are you?
We got some research to do now.
Rooby Rooby Roo,
Where are you?
We need some research from you now.
Come on Rooby Roo,
I see you,
Researching for ISISA.
But you're not researching me,
Cause I can see,
The way you collect your data.
You know we got an island to explore,
So Rooby Roo be ready for your paper,
Don't hold back!
And Rooby Roo,
If you submit through,
You're gonna have a Rooby Review,
That's a fact!
Rooby Rooby Roo,
Here are you,
You're ready and you're willing.
If we can count on you,
Rooby Roo,
I know we'll catch that journal.



*Photo by Ilan Kelman taken on Kangaroo Island
Text by Ilan Kelman (ripping off David Mook).*

A conference session on Islands and Sustainability will be held over **November 16-18 2017** during the **3rd Ibero-American Socioeconomics Meeting (III ISEM-SASE), Society, Culture, and Sustainable Development in Ibero-America**. This will take place in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. Session 8 is entitled **Insularity, Sovereignty, and Territorial Dynamics**. More information on this conference can be found at: <https://sase.org/event/2017-cartagena-de-indias/>

The closing dates for receiving abstracts is: 15 August 2017.

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Conference call for papers: Island Cities and Urban Archipelagos 2018

Sea Level Change and Society: Impressions from a Field Trip to the Maldives

Beate Ratter & Arne Hennig, University of Hamburg, Germany

In the beginning of this year, our team of geographers from the University of Hamburg spent almost six weeks in the Maldives in order to understand how socio-institutional and cultural factors enable or hinder local islands to cope with the changing sea level. A majority of the 198 populated islands of the country are already affected by coastal erosion, and it is expected that this number will increase in the coming decades as a consequence of the projected sea level rise.

Fuvahmulah, our case study site, is one of the largest islands of the country as regards the land area as well as population size. The intention of our research trip was to understand how the inhabitants perceive their environment, what problems they face, and how they are involved in political decision-making processes regarding coastal protection measures. Aside from stakeholder interviews and participatory observations, our main focus was on the conduct of a household survey.



On Fuvahmulah, we were met by a welcoming and approachable community. Unlike our experiences from previous surveys in different parts of the world, we were surprisingly openly welcomed into the living rooms of the homes to conduct the interviews in order to avoid the heat and mosquitoes.

After weeks of talking to community members and observing everyday life on the island, a close relationship between the population and the environment became apparent. Especially, the wetlands, the beaches and large trees were of particular importance to the interviewees. Additionally, it became clear that not only social issues, such as drugs and unemployment, are seen as deep concerns but that the community has also detected worrisome changes to the island's environment, especially grave erosion on the east coast of the island. Yet, there seems to be little interest from the population as well as from the political stakeholders to involve larger parts of the community in the decision-making process regarding the development of the island.

This field trip was part of the project DICES - Dealing with change in SIDS, which has the objective to scrutinize societal action and political reaction in sea level change adaptation on Small Island Developing States (SIDS). For more information, please see: <http://www.spp-sealevel.de/index.php?id=3802>

Islands, Resources and Society: Sustainable Development under Globalization and Urbanization

Zhoushan, China – 26-29 September 2018
<http://www.islandcities.org/icua2018.html>

This international, interdisciplinary conference brings together researchers from across the globe to explore the role of islands and archipelagos in our increasingly urbanized and globalized world.

Global processes such as climate change, cultural diffusion, advances in information technology, international tourism, circulation of finance, and long-distance shipping are affecting continental world cities and remote island communities alike. Neil Brenner speaks of a ‘planetary urbanization’ that draws the entire world into urban processes. Islands are experiencing increasing flows of inward and outward migration, as residents come and go in search of skilled or unskilled work, education, higher quality of life, or simply new experiences. Mainland cities depend on the resource-rich waters, soils, wetlands and associated ecosystem services of many island environments.



Island destinations for mass tourism, adventure tourism, nature tourism, and cultural tourism are producing specialized tourism landscapes and built environments. As ‘development’ makes itself felt in even the most remote island communities, modern cities are constructed on the basis of mainland capital and expertise. Some resource-rich or politically innovative islands serve as financial powerhouses in the globalized economy, projecting capital investment out from islands and into the wider world; conversely, other islands serve as tax havens, attracting and storing mainland wealth, sometimes with problematic results for local and overseas publics. Some formerly peripheral islands are transforming into major urban centres, with explosive development transforming today’s Pearl River Delta and Ganges Delta regions to an extent that

dwarfs even the growth of urban archipelagos in the Hudson River Estuary and the Rhine-Meuse-Scheldt Delta in centuries past. Even in mainly rural archipelagos, major population centres are increasingly vital, as rising interconnectedness with the outside world enhances the roles of island towns and cities as transport hubs, administrative centres and providers of urban services. Yet, while islands gain renewed significance, it is commonly held that islands are under increasing threat from global environmental and economic challenges. Some islands remain impoverished relative to more powerful mainland neighbours, and the alleviation of island inequalities is an important aspect of, for instance, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

This conference considers the roles and realities of islands in this age of globalization and urbanization as well as how we might envision sustainable island futures. What natural, social, political, financial, and human resources do islands contribute to global flows? Can an ecosystem services approach help value islands in the 21st Century, or should we protect island peoples and environments from global markets? Can islands take on central roles in world systems without losing their insular characteristics? Can island cities be global economic, political and cultural leaders *and* contribute to local and global sustainability? Can small islands maintain local traditions in an age of global cultural diffusion? Do resource-rich islands have a special responsibility to support wider sustainable development, or does the often-vulnerable nature of island communities justify islanders taking a locally oriented approach to sustainability?

About Zhoushan

Zhoushan is China's largest coastal archipelago. The archipelago is regarded as peripheral and remote yet is just offshore from the major cities of Ningbo, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. On account of its spectacular scenery and sacred island of Putuoshan, Zhoushan has been a popular tourism destination for nature and religious tourism for centuries. Zhoushan is home to China's largest fishery, yet the islands have also become a major innovation and shipping hub, with the Port of Ningbo-Zhoushan representing the busiest harbour in the world by tonnage. A place of beauty and dynamism, secluded isles and bustling cities, holy mountains and industrial parks, Zhoushan exemplifies the an archipelago in the globalized age.

About the conference

Conference presentations will be held at Zhejiang University's Ocean College on Zhoushan island. Delegates will explore the islands, including visits to the sacred Buddhist island of Putuoshan and Ocean College's own technological innovation island. Transport will be provided for foreign delegates to and from Pudong International Airport in Shanghai.

How to make a presentation

Presentations are welcome on any aspect of urban island studies, especially on the theme of 'Islands, Resources, and Society'. The deadline for abstracts is **28 February 2018**. You can propose a presentation here: <http://www.islandcities.org/icua2018/cfp.html>.

This conference is a collaboration of:

Island Dynamics • Ocean College, Zhejiang University • Department of Architecture & Planning, Zhejiang University

For more information, contact convenor Adam Grydehøj at agrydehoj@islanddynamics.org.

Conference call for papers

Indigenous Communities, Indigenous Spaces Tradition and Change in a Globalising World

Pongso no Tao, Taiwan: 1-5 October 2018

<http://www.islanddynamics.org/indigenouscommunities.html>

The long, uneven retreat of empire in the post-World War II era has replaced colonies with a profusion of new states, autonomous units, and overseas territories of various kinds. Despite hopes that territorial strategies, legal recognition, special privileges, and preferential policies would ‘solve’ the Indigenous ‘problem’, tensions between colonisers and colonised remain. As globalised discourses of economic advantage, international aggression, international development, and transnational corporate activity grow in power and complexity, people are engaging with indigeneity and identifying as Indigenous in new ways.

If both bottom-up and top-down efforts to overcome the legacy of colonialism are proving problematic, it is in part because the dialogue often remains restricted to ‘coloniser’ and ‘colonised’, limited to relations between Indigenous peoples and the metropolitan state – even though straightforward notions of statehood, sovereignty, and territoriality now seem less relevant by the day. In the process of such dynamics, people become enmeshed in ever-wider fields of power and inequality.

This international conference explores the connection between Indigenous communities and Indigenous spaces in an age when the very conceptions of space, place, and territory are undergoing rapid change due to globalisation. Is the Indigenous only found in and through place, or can we envision non-situated and deterritorialised indigeneities? Can Indigenous rights and livelihoods be asserted without simultaneously reinforcing, apologising to, or playing by the rules of the coloniality?



This conference considers tradition and change in the context of the Indigenous spaces in which lives are lived and in which globalisation occurs: local communities and connections across continents, sacred sites and secular spaces, Indigenous villages and Indigenous cities, traditional territories and political spaces within and beyond the state. Through this spatially sensitive approach to indigeneity, we consider topics such as:

- strategies for Indigenous empowerment
- sense of place and space
- visions of Indigenous futures
- relations between Indigenous peoples and state and non-state actors
- maintenance of tradition in times of change
- decolonising methodologies
- language, translation, and rewriting indigeneity
- the role of the sacred in the Information Age.

About Pongso no Tao

Pongso no Tao (also called Orchid Island or Lanyu) is a small, mountainous island off southeast Taiwan. Pongso no Tao has a population of around 4000 and is the homeland of the Tao, an Austronesian people and one of the ‘Aboriginal’ or ‘Indigenous’ tribes of Taiwan. Geographically separate from and peripheral to the main island of Taiwan, the Tao have retained many traditional practices from the precolonial period. Nevertheless, first Taiwanese and now global culture, economics, and politics are changing what it means to be a member of the Tao community and what Pongso no Tao and its surrounding seas mean to the Tao themselves.

About the conference

On 1 October, delegates travel from Taipei to Pongso no Tao, returning back on 5 October. Over 2-4 October, delegates will explore the island, meet community members and engage in discussions and presentations. This is both academic conference and practice oriented workshop.

How to attend and present

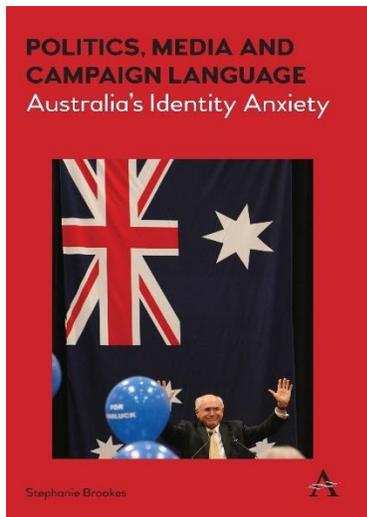
This conference will bring together academic researchers and representatives of Indigenous communities from around the globe. Because the conference consists of workshops, discussions, and presentations, it is possible to attend the conference without submitting a proposal for a formal presentation. Presentations are, however, welcome on all aspects of the conference theme of Indigenous communities and Indigenous spaces: The deadline for abstracts is **30 November 2017**. You can submit abstracts here: <http://www.islanddynamics.org/indigenouscommunities/cfp.html>.

This conference is a collaboration of:

The Community of Pongso no Tao • Island Dynamics • National Taiwan Normal University’s Department of Geography & Graduate Institute of Environmental Education • Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland’s Department of Social Sciences • RMIT University’s Global, Urban and Social Studies & Centre for Global Research

For more information, contact convenor Adam Grydehøj at agrydehoj@islanddynamics.org.

New Title from Anthem Press *Politics, Media and Campaign Language*



Politics, Media and Campaign Language is an original, groundbreaking analysis of the story of Australian identity, told in Australian election campaign language. Stephanie Brookes argues that the story of Australian identity is characterized by recurring cycles of anxiety and reassurance, which betray a deep underlying feeling of insecurity.

Introducing the concept of 'identity security', the book focuses on electoral language and demonstrates that election campaigns provide a valuable window into an overlooked part of Australia's political and cultural history. 'Politics, Media and Campaign Language' reclaims Australian campaign speech and electoral history to tell the story of changing national values and priorities, and traces the contours of collective conversations about national identity.

Author *Stephanie Brookes* is lecturer in journalism studies, School of Media, Film and Journalism, Monash University, Australia. She researches at the intersection of media and politics, focusing on questions of identity and belonging in news media and political discourse. Brookes has previously published her research in book chapters and journal articles. 'Politics, Media and Campaign Language' is her first book.

Anthem Press is a leading independent publisher of innovative academic research, educational material and reference works in established and emerging fields. For more information on this book, visit <http://www.anthempress.com/politics-media-and-campaign-language>



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

ISJ is institutionally housed at the Institute of Island Studies, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada: www.islandstudies.com

ISJ is, since June 2012, the official journal of ISISA and, since 2013, the official journal of RETI (the network of island universities).

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



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**NOVEMBER/NOVIEMBRE 10-16, 2018
HANGA ROA, RAPA NUI**

Following on from the successful 2016 International Conference on Early Pacific Migration in Ubud, Bali, the Mata Ki Te Rangi Rapa Nui Foundation is pleased to host this five day conference in which Pacific experts will explore a wide range of topics of the latest research on our Polynesian ancestors.

SAVE THE DATE

A partir del éxito de la Conferencia Internacional sobre Migración temprana en el Pacífico realizada en Ubud, Bali, en Noviembre de 2016, la Fundación Rapa Nui Mata ki te rangi se complace en ser el anfitrión de esta conferencia de cinco días de duración, en donde expertos en el Pacífico examinarán las últimas investigaciones en una amplia gama de temas sobre nuestros ancestros polinésicos

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**To register, and for programme details
Para registrarse y ver detalles del programa
www.earlypacificmigration.org**

Call for papers

Small Island States (SIS) & Subnational Island Jurisdictions (SNIJs)

Location: The Shared (Dutch/French) Island of Sint Maarten/St Martin

Venue: The University of St Martin, Philipsburg, St Marten, Caribbean

Dates: 11-14 March 2018

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: October 1, 2017



The International Steering Committee proposes the first ever conference to discuss life, governance and global engagement on, for, and with SIDS and SNIJs. We do so by encouraging conversations and presentations that engage critically with multiple levels of ‘island living’:

- The unfolding of daily life on small island states and/or territories, involving the challenges of securing decent livelihoods and navigating the opportunities and threats of living on small island jurisdictions. These include coping with monopolistic services; tightly networked communities; partisan politics; flight and ferry schedules; the strategic resort to migration.
- The role of institutions, whether public or private on small island states and/or territories in facilitating, exploiting, or guarding against the spaces and practices created by globalization. What development strategies are preferred? How best to avoid over-dependence on one main export product or service? How best to promote innovation and entrepreneurship? How to avoid uneven development and centrifugal tensions, especially in archipelagic jurisdictions?
- The role of national and regional elites and interest groups, including political parties and governments, in seeking to take maximum advantage of sovereignty (in island states) or non-sovereignty (in island territories), as the case may be. Initiatives to discuss include nation-building, constitutional reform, regionalization and diaspora engagement.



We welcome submissions that look at these dynamics on a case by case, or island by island, basis, and from different disciplinary standpoints. We are especially keen to engage with presentations that adopt a more comparative framework or methodology in their critical analysis.

Abstracts of around 150 words are invited on any of the above themes. These should be accompanied by author/s full name and institutional affiliation and submitted via the conference website: <http://projects.upei.ca/unescochair/call-for-papers/> by Sunday, October 1, 2017.

23 May 2017 – 01 Oct.2017

THE SACRED STONE OF THE MĀORI

Heading to New Zealand, on the track of green gold, the sacred stone of the Māori. A material of a delicate ancestral art, symbol of strength and object of fascination, this stone with magical virtues is intimately linked to the many beliefs, stories and legends of the Māori people.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

It is found only in the south-west of the archipelago, in a protected territory, bordered by glaciers and fjords. The green gold of New Zealand, jade (pounamu in the Māori language), is bathed in the rivers of Te Wai Pounamu ("the waters of the green stone"), region to which it gave its name. A noble material, a symbol of strength and an object of fascination, this prestigious stone is a sacred treasure and is at the heart of many beliefs, stories and legends of the Māori people.

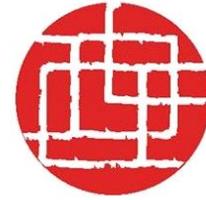


The exhibition, designed by the Te Papa Tongarewa Museum in Wellington, highlights the rich collections of jade from the New Zealand Museum. Covering several centuries, it features sculptures and small objects carved from the precious mineral, haloed with magic. Nearly two hundred rare taonga (treasures) - including a rich collection of hei tiki pendants - rub shoulders with everyday objects of equal value. All are vectors of the mana of their possessor, that supernatural force, inherited from divinities or ancient spirits and preciously transmitted from generation to generation.

This exhibition was developed and presented by the New Zealand Museum Te Papa Tongarewa and the *iwi māori Ngāi Tahu*. At the request of *iwi māori Ngāi Tahu*, photographic and video shoots are exceptionally prohibited in this exhibition.

For more information, go to: <http://m.quaibrantly.fr/fr/expositions-evenements/au-musee/expositions/details-de-levenement/e/la-pierre-sacree-des-maori-37511/>





The Conference *Oceania: Centre of the Pacific Rim* will be held at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, 21 October 2017.

Call for Papers – Deadline: 1 September 2017

Delegates should submit the abstract of their paper to the relevant panel through the conference e-mail address: dariusz.zdziech@uj.edu.pl

Please note that the abstract should include your name, affiliation, a title and a paper proposal that should not exceed 200 words. Delegates will be able to make payments 150 PLN up to 10th October 2017. The Conference fee includes the cost of all coffee/tea breaks and conference materials. The fee does not include accommodation costs.

Please note that if you experience problems in the process of submission of your paper proposal, email: dariusz.zdziech@gmail.com

The Pacific Rim unites most of the biggest economies in the world. In a few decades, the predominance of the Pacific Ocean will be significant. Today, the Pacific is the world's centre, but what about the Oceanian countries? People in Oceania experience diverse life-worlds undergoing profound transformations. History, political relations, trade, migration, urbanisation, religious movements, resource extraction and climate change, as well as new technologies like the internet and mobile phones, are just some of the recent changes that are reconfiguring Pacific environments. Oceanian governments try to find their own paths of development between the Pacific Rim giants. With whom should they cooperate? Is it better to unite with other small countries or stay alone? What drives economic growth in Oceania? How hard is it to be at the centre of the Pacific Rim? What are the advantages and key problems in Oceanian countries?

The theme of the conference encourages participants to discuss these questions by examining the specific empirical realities of the Pacific. We thus invite interdisciplinary dialogues between history, economy, political science, art, law, archaeology, biology, anthropology, geography, media studies and other fields. We hope to shape a better understanding of Oceania countries, and to make a lasting impact on academic theory-building and political decision-making. Pacific environments and Pacific experiences, diverse and transformed, homely or risky, are at stake.

Keynotes: Jan Lencznarowicz, Zuzanna Jakubowska-Vorbrich, Zdzisław J. Ryn and Mieczysław Sprenzel

Conference Panels:

- *The role of Oceania countries in Pacific development* (trade, tourism, agriculture, science)
- *Oceania on the political crossroads* (history, international relations, law)
- *Oceania's diversity and cultural richness* (music, film, craft)

Call for papers:

Conference on Archipelagos and Aquapelagos: Brooklyn, New York, March 2018

Forwarded from: The Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, USA

The prominence of water in the shaping of contemporary cities has foregrounded the idea of the Aquapelago as an increasingly influential conceptual framework. The Aquapelago is loosely understood to be the integrated uses of marine and terrestrial spaces for livelihood purposes. The clarity of discussions around Aquapelagos has pointed to the need to re-investigate and re-conceptualise the nature of the aggregates of islands commonly referred to as Archipelagos in order to produce more sophisticated understandings of them, of how humans inhabit them and the environmental, social and transnational issues and impacts involved. Archipelagos have become increasingly prominent in geo-political contexts with regard to national territorial boundaries, global migrancy and disputes over fisheries.

Papers are invited that address the conjunctures between water bound societies and their ecological habitats. Exploring the interstices between the Aquapelago and the Archipelago, we are interested in thinking and research that investigate the connectivities between islands, marine spaces and social life. We see topics of global sea migrations, economic and social impact of island tourism, coastal redesign, urban rethinking, exterritoriality and sovereignty as themes impacting water bound societies today and particularly relevant to our inquiry.

Website: <http://shimajournal.org/conferences/aa/>

Philip Hayward



New International Post-Graduate Course in Marine Sciences: University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy and Maldives National University.

Stefano Malatesta

Marine Sciences is a post-graduate course offered by the University of Milano-Bicocca together with the Maldives National University. Lessons are taught in English by international faculty and world-class scientists and researchers.

After completion of the first common teachings, students can choose among three different tracks: Environment, Bio-Ecology, Human Geography.

Lectures and classes will be dedicated to the field of Island Studies within the courses of:

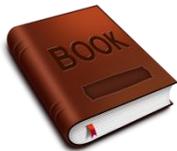
- Coastal and Marine Hazard and Resilience
- Political Geography and Geopolitics of the Sea
- Human Geography of Small Island Systems
- International Law of the Sea and Marine Environment Protection
- Food Law and Policy
- Coastal and Marine Tourism

Practical activities will be run in the Maldives at the MaRHE Centre (www.marhe.unimib.it), a centre for research and high education fully equipped for students and researchers, offering top-level scientific labs.

International researchers will join to explain ground breaking research techniques in the Marine Sciences sector. Faculty will give face to face or video lectures; regardless of whether students attend class on-campus or remotely, a technology platform will allow them to follow and download lessons, read Syllabi, submit questions, take part in didactic chat rooms.

Contact person: Massimiliano Pipino massimiliano.pipino@unimib.it

Info: <http://www.marinesciences.unimib.it>

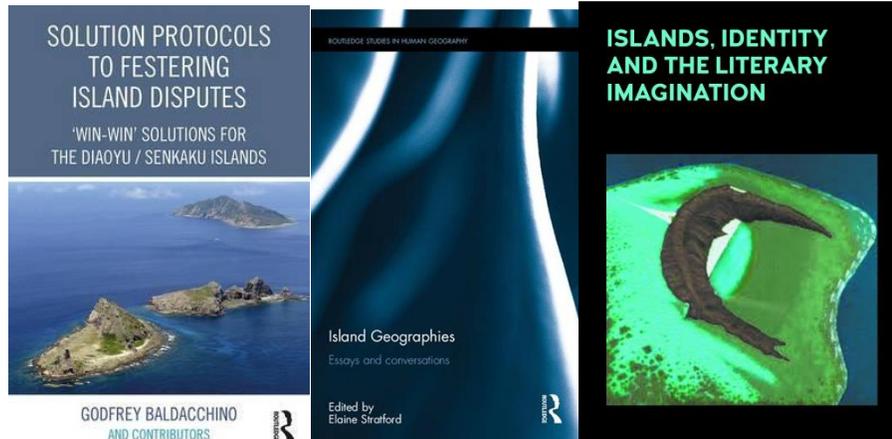


SOME RECENT BOOKS AUTHORED / EDITED BY ISISA MEMBERS



Godfrey Baldacchino, Elaine Stratford and Elizabeth McMahon were in Kingscote, Kangaroo Island, during the ISISA Conference, proudly launching the first books in the 'Rethinking the Island' Series, published by Rowman & Littlefield International. For more on this series, visit: <https://www.rowmaninternational.com/our-publishing/series/rethinking-the-island/>

Meanwhile, the three series co-editors have each also published a book recently:



[Solution Protocols to Festering Island Disputes](#) (Baldacchino)

[Island Geographies: Essays and Conversations](#) (Stratford)

[Islands, Identity and the Literary Imagination](#) (McMahon)

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