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## Newsletter

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### ISISA CONFERENCE REMINDER: REGISTER TODAY!!

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#### Islands of the World IX: Sustainable Islands - Sustainable Strategies

International Small Islands Studies Association

July 28 - August 2, 2006

Kahului, Maui, Hawai`i

Hosted by University of Hawai`i & Maui Community College

The Islands of the World IX Conference Committee at Maui Community College in Hawai`i has an exciting and informative program for ISISA members coming up this summer. The general theme of the conference is Sustainable Islands - Sustainable Strategies with emphasis on the interconnected topics of po`okela (economy), mālama `āina (ecology), and ho`ohanohano (social equity and heritage.) Registration will open on Friday, 28 July 2006 for those participating in Pre-Conference Excursions. Concurrent sessions and poster sessions will be held in the afternoons on 31 July through 2 August on the campus of Maui Community College with the morning plenary sessions at Maui Arts & Cultural Centre next to the college.

#### Conference highlights

The opening plenary session on 31 July will feature Dr. David McClain, President of the University of Hawai`i; Dr. Arthur Medeiros, Biological Research Division of the United States Geological Survey, an expert in island native habitat restoration; and Dr. Kenneth Kaneshiro, Director of the University of Hawai`i Centre for Conservation Research & Training. An Opening Reception will be held that evening at the world-famous Maui Ocean Centre. Talks on 1 August will focus on economic factors of islands featuring David Cole, CEO of the Maui Land & Pineapple Company and promoter of sustainable community development projects; Dr. Carlos Hernandez, Earth University; and Dr. Ivo Martinac, University of Hawai`i, Travel Industry Management, an expert in sustainable and responsible tourism. The Sustainability Fair & Video Contest will take place during the later afternoon and evening. The final plenary session on 2 August will highlight the cultural and environmental restoration projects taking place on the island of Kaho`olawe with Sol Kaho`ohalahala, Director, Island Reserve Commission and Nainoa Thompson who has revived and trained young people in the skills of Polynesian navigating. The closing event will be a Ho`olaule`a featuring hands-on Hawaiian cultural activities and luau.

Pre-conference excursions (29 & 30 July) explore the host island of Maui. These include tours of the Hawai`i Nature Centre in Iao Valley, Maui Nui Botanical Garden, Pacific Disaster Centre, and Maui Ocean Centre. More active excursions include hikes through Haleakala National Park and to east Maui waterfalls and rainforest, a hands-on coral reef assessment activity, as well as several scuba diving, snorkeling, surfing, and wind-surfing options. Post-conference excursions (3 & 4 July) are available for participants to visit the neighbour islands of Hawai`i, Molokai, O`ahu, and Kaua`i.

For the latest conference details and on-line registration, visit the conference website at <http://maui.hawaii.edu/isisa2006>

## General News & Events

### IGU (International Geographical Union) establishes a new commission on Small Islands

In the framework of the Celebrations of the 1994 UN Barbados Action Plan on Sustainable Development of Small Islands and Small Island States, the project of establishing an IGU Commission on this subject area was conceived by geographers and Adalberto Vallega in the occasion of the Islands of the World VIII International Conference concerned with Changing Islands — Changing Worlds (Kinmen Island, China Taiwan, November 1-7, 2004).

As a result of those efforts, the project of the Commissions was drafted and it was approved by the IGU Executive Committee. Those colleagues that are willing to participate in this newly established research body, are cordially invited to contact Professor David Chang-Yi ([changyi@ntu.edu.tw](mailto:changyi@ntu.edu.tw))

As a result, the IGU approach to oceans, coasts and islands is now implemented by three commissions (Coastal Systems, Marine Geography, and Small Island), and the Oceans 21 programme, which was convened by the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and the IGU.

## *Island Studies Journal*

### First Issue now available

Text by Irene Novachek

Island Studies Journal (ISSN: 1715-2593) is electronic, freely downloadable and peer reviewed, serving as an international platform for scholarly articles, review essays and book reviews that advance our understanding of islands... as Grant McCall would say, "on their own terms". It should establish itself as a vehicle for comparative island studies that is cost free - other than the paper and ink involved to have it printed as hard copy.

The journal is a supreme team effort, and the process of putting it together is an extraordinary expression of cooperation across territories and disciplines. Vol. 1, No. 1 (May 2006) carries 180 pages - in which feature 6 papers, 2 review essays and 8 book reviews, penned by 17 different contributors hailing from 12 different countries. 16 peer reviewers were involved; and many members of the 52-strong international editorial board offered their input to the editorial introduction.

The subject matter treated ranges from: the nature of island studies; contrasting interpretations of the foreshore in island territories; biodiversity under threat in Indonesia and the Philippines; human impact on Pacific island eco-systems; the work of UNESCO's Small Island Voice initiative; and a review of early western island literature.



The call for papers for Island Studies Journal 1 (2) -November 2006 - is open. Meanwhile, comments are keenly encouraged.

Island Studies Journal is housed at the Institute of Island Studies, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada. Web-site:

<http://www.islandstudies.ca/journal>

## First Graduates of the Master of Arts (Island Studies) University of Prince Edward Island

Janice McKendrick and Ryan Boulter are the first students to graduate from the Master of Arts Program in Island Studies at UPEI. They both received their degrees at the Convocation Ceremony on May 13. Janice wrote her thesis about Taiwan nationalism while Ryan wrote a thesis on the relationship between the Danish Crown and the island jurisdictions of Iceland, Greenland and the Faroes.

The 4th intake of Master Students into the Masters of Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island is now open for applications.

The Master of Arts in Island Studies at UPEI is a programme to engage students, faculty, and world wide partners in the study and creation of knowledge regarding the characteristics of small islands. Successful applicants will commence the program in September 2006.

To apply visit the website at <http://www.upei.ca/iis/master/>  
Download the brochure <http://www.upei.ca/iis/master/brochure.pdf>

## Japan Society of Island Studies (JSIS) certified as a national academic association

The JSIS was certified by the Science Council of Japan as a national academic association after 8 years. The JSIS' new status enables them to sponsor officially the Pacific Science Congress which will be held here in Okinawa from 13-17 June 2007.

## Sing Sing Sydney Opera House 30 May 2006

Artistic director David Bridie brings together Not Drowning Waving, George Telek, Tony Subam, The Moab Stringband, Frank Yamma, Airi Ingram, Markham Galut, William Ayamseba, Djakapurra Munyarrayun, Aaron Fa'Osa and more for an extraordinary one-off special event featuring over twenty performers.

For more information and to book tickets:

[http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/sections/whats\\_on/boxoffice/event\\_details.asp?EventID=1830&sm=1&ss=1](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/sections/whats_on/boxoffice/event_details.asp?EventID=1830&sm=1&ss=1)

## Papua New Guinea Update

### Australian National Institute

You are invited to attend a PNG Update presented by The Australian National University, with the Lowy Institute for International Policy. This Update brings together leading analysts on Papua New Guinea in panel discussions focusing on the economy, the relationship between Australia, PNG and Indonesia, the Australian Government's White Paper on aid, poverty reduction and HIV/AIDS.

Thursday 1 June 2006, 9am-4pm  
Harbour Terrace, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney  
[http://apseq.anu.edu.au/events/ev\\_cup06.php](http://apseq.anu.edu.au/events/ev_cup06.php)

Please feel free to extend this invitation to interested colleagues. There is no cost for attending, and a light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by Monday 29 May.

Joanne Ridolfi

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This event is supported by the Australian government's aid agency, AusAID, and associated with the publication of the Pacific Economic Bulletin.

## Call for papers and Conferences

### The 3rd International Conference on Small Island Cultures

University of Prince Edward Island

Canada in late June 2007

Call for papers and conference details to posted on the SICRI website soon

<http://www.sicri.org/>

### Isolation: Disconnection, solitude and seclusion in a connected world

14th - 16th December 2006,

University of Tasmania

Port Arthur, Tasmania, Australia

Deadline for abstracts: 30th June, 2006

Please send abstracts and expressions of interest to Dr Rowland Atkinson: Rowland.Atkinson@utas.edu.au

Conference keynotes from Eric Clark, Lund University and Adrian Franklin, University of Tasmania

This conference will provide a unique environment in which to unleash the inter-disciplinary research imagination. Located in an island landscape that speaks to a history of disconnection, Tasmania provides a rare setting in which to host this conference. As well as the conference proper an evening of contemporary music and visual art inspired by our theme, as well as an exploration by boat along Tasmania's coast to the early penal colony, Port Arthur, will be incorporated in the conference program. The aim of the event is to generate debate on a wide range of topics linked by the common theme of isolation, its changing role and impact on contemporary life.

For more information and to register visit the conference website

<http://www.utas.edu.au/sociology/HACRU/news.htm>

## Nissologising

In this section we hope to contribute to communication among island scholars, by keeping ISISA members informed of current research projects. The success of this section will rely on you providing the editor with short summaries of your most current research projects.

### Coming to, and Settling on, Prince Edward Island: Stories and Voices

#### A Report on a Study of Recent Immigrants to PEI

Godfrey Baldacchino

University of Prince Edward Island

Canada

A survey of recent immigrants to Prince Edward Island was undertaken last year by Dr Godfrey Baldacchino, Canada Research Chair in Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island. The study solicited stories and voices of immigrants about the reasons for coming to, and staying on, PEI. The study was kindly supported by the Population Secretariat of the PEI Provincial Government.

'The report is a qualitative, person-centered study of contemporary immigrants to Prince Edward Island, noting their stories and listening to their voices as they seek to settle in, and settle down, on the island: a useful supplement to the considerable, up-to-date, numerical data about immigration flows and characteristics which is already available' (Baldacchino 2006, p.7).

To download the full report: <http://www.islandstudies.ca/Settlers%20to%20PEI/>

Also visit the Island Studies website: <http://www.islandstudies.ca/> to access a range of resources on Island Studies.

## **Measurement of Environmental Amenity of Beijing and Research on Environment Policies**

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Environmental amenity is that people's working and living environment has achieved a quite comfortable degree and it is often regarded as an important index for the environment planning. Presently, environmental amenity mentioned in domestic research literatures usually denotes climate amenity, which the scope of environmental factors referred to is narrow and unable to reflect the comfortable condition of the entire environmental system comprehensively and objectively. On the basis of former studies, an urban assessment indicator system of environmental amenity is designed in this research. This indicator system is relatively all-sided and feasible and it tries to make up the insufficiency of existing indicator system of environment and give some suggestions to the multitude and the government for urban environmental management.

According to the indicator system designed in this research, the indexes of Beijing's environmental amenity in 2000-2004 are calculated. In addition, the method of gray associate analysis and gray forecast are used to analyze Beijing's environmental amenity and the gray forecast model with environmental amenity indexes is established. Based on the model, the future development tendency of environment in Beijing is forecasted. At last, some proposals to the formulation of Beijing's environment policy are put forward in this study.

## **Study of Green Accounting for Forest in Daxinganling in Heilongjiang in China**

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This research has calculated the physical value, monetary value and green GDP for forest and so on in Daxinganling in Heilongjiang Province in China from 1997 to 2003 based on green accounting summary both at home and abroad. The accounting result indicates that the eaGDP (environmentally adjusted GDP) was 3.819 billion Yuan in 1997, in 2003, which was 5.734 billion Yuan. It has increased 7.01% annually from 1997 to 2003. At the same time, the eaNDP (environmentally adjusted NDP) was 2.570 billion Yuan in 1997 and 3.925 billion Yuan in 2003. 7.31% has been increased annually in the same period. In addition, the balance sheet and wealth table has been valued in Daxinganling. The result of valuation shows that there was a decrease tendency for the value of forest land, the forest stocks and the forest social benefits, as well as there was an increase tendency for the values of forest environment services in 1997 to 2003, which reflects that forest resources has been over exploited and used in social economic development in Daxinganling in Heilongjiang. It also shows that the proportions of green GDP to GDP, the forest resources to the wealth displaying the decrease tendencies, which generally means that the potential supports of forest resources for national economic development are declined although the growth volume exceed in wastage volume that manifesting forest resources was sustainable management after natural forest protection project has been implemented in Daxinganling. Finally, the research suggests that, the policy should be strengthened research for the compensating of ecology, green wealth policy should be formulated so as to positively carry out the forest sustainable management countermeasures, and to ensure the sustainable development and the green wealth growth in Daxinganling in Heilongjiang in the future.

## Postgraduate News

In this section we hope to show case research being undertaken by new island scholars. If you are a new island scholar or are supervising a new island scholar and would like your work to be included in this section, please send your name contact details and a brief summary of your research to the editor.

Janice McKendrick

The first student to earn a Master of Arts degree in Island Studies from the University of Prince Edward Island, Janice McKendrick from Charlottetown, PEI Canada is using her combined knowledge and experience of island jurisdictions to examine the relationship between organizational culture in island workplaces and the newly emerging biomedical and pharmaceutical industries. Although this specialization may appear to be a significant departure from an MA thesis that focused primarily on the political independence movement in Taiwan, Janice believes that there is a definite connection to be made in terms of discovering what accounts for a particular culture and mind set on islands that might prevent a surge of new ideas, or at the very least, a questioning of the norms and practices that govern the work environment.

Further, as the Clinic Coordinator for Canadian Blood Services in PEI for the past four years, Janice believes there is a lot to be gained academically from investigating how regulated workplace policies in an island setting are interpreted, particularly in how they relate to clinical trials, transfusion medicine and occupational safety. She believes that changing demographics has resulted in an escalation of the development and manufacture of medical diagnostics and treatments and yet, increased research dollars have not been allocated to understanding policy formulation and implementation processes. As a result, workplace policies, particularly in smaller jurisdictions, lag behind. In pursuing this study, Janice intends to draw upon her combined experiences as an investigative journalist, her extensive work with disabled adults, and her management know-how from various positions of responsibility in the corporate business sector.

She graduated with a first class standing, double-major undergraduate degree in English and Political Studies from UPEI in 2002, and a Public Administration diploma from the same institution in 2001. She has been a strong contributor to island community initiatives and has successfully advocated for the improved well-being of the disabled and socially challenged in small island communities. Janice continues to present her unique perspective of the plethora of political, social, cultural and economic issues that exist on islands to academic audiences.

## Publications

### NEW BOOKS

#### Sveriges öar

Anders Källgård

Sveriges öar (The Islands of Sweden) was published in August (in Swedish only). It is a comprehensive book about the 1216 Swedish islands (without a permanent mainland connection) that have had a permanent population (all year round) some time after the year 1900. Of these 1216 islands, 401 are inhabited (all year round) today. The book concentrates on these 401 islands.

For more information about how to obtain a copy contact Anders Källgård

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#### Trauminseln?

Edited by Heidi Weinhäupl and Margit Wolfberger

Trauminseln? (Dream Islands?) is a new book in German about island tourism by LIT in Vienna. The book includes a chapter by Steve Royle called Island tourism, islands of dreams?

## Extreme Tourism Lessons from the World's Cold Water Islands

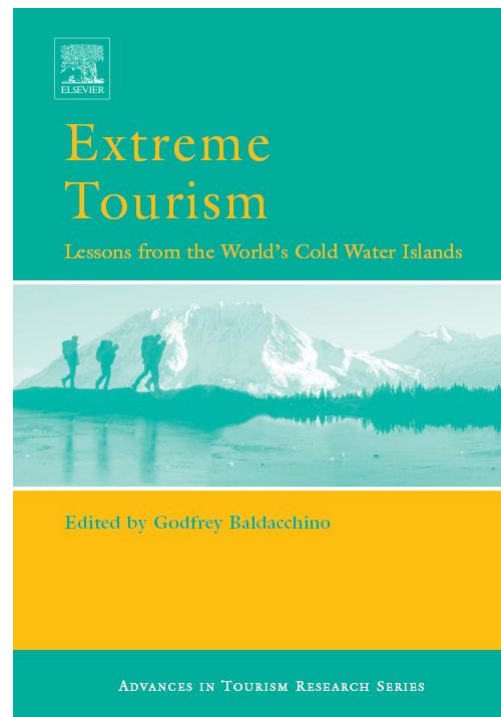
Edited by Godfrey Baldacchino

The following description has been taken from the book's back cover

Not sun, sea, sand – but ice, isolation, indigenous people.... This book pioneers the critical exploration of extreme tourism on islands located in cold water locations. The practices and ensuing reflections provide insights for a more sustainable form of island tourism, dramatically different from what is experienced on the warm, tropical and exotic island stereotype.

This collection contains 14 island case study chapters. Nine hail from Northern latitudes: Nunivak (Alaska, USA), Banks (Northwest Territories, Canada), Baffin (Nunavut, Canada), Greenland/Kaalaalit Nunaat, Iceland, Luleå (Sweden), Svalbard (Norway) Solovetsky (Russia), plus the particular vantage point of Arctic cruise ship tourism. Another set of 5 case study chapters are drawn from Southern latitudes: Falklands (UK), the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetlands, Macquarie (Australia), Stewart and the Chathams (associated with New Zealand).

Five conceptual chapters provide insights into key tourism management issues: (a) *human resources* (labour market features; sourcing; recruitment; retention; training; career progression; flexible specialization); (b) *environment* (the representation of nature in island tourism profiling; ecological issues in typically fragile habitats; waste management policies and practices; sustainability concerns); (c) *promotion* (developing and branding tourism and linking it with 'islandness', location, size and 'island culture'); and (d) *seasonality* (should it be embraced, tolerated or challenged?). A powerful synthesis wraps up the volume and its key arguments.



## Addenda to Floating Islands: A Global Bibliography

By Chet Van Duzer

The Addenda to Chet Van Duzer's *Floating Islands: A Global Bibliography* contain almost 200 new citations on the all aspects of the subject; they include material on floating islands that formed since the publication of *Floating Islands*, unique historical descriptions of several floating islands that no longer exist, and important new references on floating islands seen at sea and on the dispersal of species on floating islands.

The entries are annotated and cross-referenced, and are followed by a geographical and thematic index. The book also includes an account of the author's visit to the rare intermittent floating island in Derwentwater, Cumbria, England, as well as sixteen photographs of floating islands around the world. The photographs of the floating island in Derwentwater in the Addenda are among the first color images ever published of that island.

If you already own *Floating Islands*, you will certainly want the Addenda; if you have not yet seen the book, the Addenda will give you a good idea why reviewers have called *Floating Islands* "masterful," "definitive," "exhilarating," and "amazing," and have insisted that "every environmental-related institute should acquire a copy."

For a limited time the publisher has made the 1.8 MB PDF file available as a free download at this address: <http://cantorpress.com/floatingislandsaddenda/>

## Contributions to ISISA Newsletter

Contributions would be welcome such as short articles, book reviews or news items. Articles can be e-mailed or sent on a floppy disk or CD Rom. Our preferred format is MS Word. Please send all contributions to:

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## Membership

Membership is open to any individual or institution that subscribes to the objectives of the Association.

Present subscription rates are:  
Ordinary Individual Member: £15  
Student/unwaged Member: £8

Enquiries about membership, subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer: Dr. Mark Hampton (see below).

Cheques or international money orders should be made payable in British Pounds to the International Small Islands Studies Association.

## ISISA objectives

ISISA is a voluntary, non-profit and independent organisation. Our objectives are to study islands on their own terms, and to encourage free scholarly discussion on small island related matters such as islandness, smallness, insularity, dependency, resource management and environment, and the nature of island life.

ISISA pursues its objectives by encouraging the networking of small island communities through international communication systems, such as newsletters and journals and the holding of periodic, multi-disciplinary conferences, employing appropriate technologies to achieve these ends.

For further information about ISISA and for details of past conferences visit the ISISA website at:  
<http://www.geol.utas.edu.au/isisa/>



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