

Post-ISISA General Meeting, June 14, 2018
Looking back, summing up, and looking forward
Featuring 16th *Islands of the World* Conference 2018 scholarship winners

Cristina Maria dos Santos Paulino: first time attending. Lisbon School of Economics in Portugal, and member of research centre; PhD student in Development Studies. Conference has allowed her to expand contacts network, and new ideas. Would like to see participants from African islands – it is important to have Cape Verdeans here speaking about their own islands.

Ourania Papasozomenou: happy to see 50-50 gender representation; did not feel that her voice was any less important because she isn't a white male. Very much appreciates the idea of workshops between the conferences, to ensure that knowledge can be translated to newcomers, in a reciprocal arrangement. Particularly interested in a forum to talk about conceptual grounding of island studies for newcomers to island studies.

Oliver Antczak: as young people we feel like we are small islands: financially isolated as well. Appreciates opportunity about insular islands and challenges with truly global perspective. Looking to the future. Hopes to be part of this community for a long time.

Nathan Bond: excited to bring comparative perspectives to a conference he'll be attending in Borneo. Thank you for organizing the conference and allowing us to come. Otherwise impossible to be able to attend.

Pantellina Emmanouilidou: Welcome to my discipline, as law is not represented in island studies. Hopes that we will move forward. Hopes ISISA could open up to non-Anglophone scholars who have much to offer.

Sietze Norder: Happy to see so many from different disciplines, as well as artists, designers; felt natural sciences underrepresented in this conference. In 2019, Society of Island Biology meets in Reunion; hopes that we can attend each other's conferences. Also the use of video conferencing for distance learning: invitation to Bojan: next ISISA conference could we have a session which we could attend by video? Guest lectures again by video conference?

James Ellsmoor: values the sense of place that we've experienced; the interdisciplinarity. Scholarship allowed him to attend. Conference is very western-heavy: we don't have an excuse for this: we need people from the Caribbean, Pacific, African islands. James happy to help out with this.

Fleur Ward: has met people through video conference, and great to meet them in person now; and to meet fellow PhD students. Video conference and record sessions for later.

Tabitha Espina Velasco: Thank you for the generosity in money, time, and support – and the opportunity to be part of the conversation.

Terra Edenhart-Pepe: Expresses her gratitude for support in getting here, unraveling the story: beautiful journey, the boats to get here; tremendous experience with cross-disciplinary ideas and thinkers.

Reponses from audience

Jon Pugh: Forming a study group to focus on conceptual island studies; ISJ will reflect the work of the study group. Use the blog.

Rosie Alexander: We have another Twitter account: #isisa2018...

Godfrey Baldacchino: 150 registered participants: largest conference in 8-10 years, from all around the world. Hope to see you again in June 2020.