

**Submission of Abstract**  
***Islands of the World XIX***  
**ISISA Conference on Lombok Island, Indonesia**  
**(25-29 June 2024)**

Islands are ahead: at the forefront and cutting edge of technological and policy innovation as well as at the frontline of economic, health, social, cultural, and environmental changes that are spreading across the globe.

The movement toward greater island sustainability requires the locally oriented and integrated study of diverse aspects of island life. Existing and nascent challenges related to health crises, climate and ocean change, economic uncertainty, fisheries decline, cultural transformation, threats to biodiversity, and rapid technological shifts simultaneously require local, island-based solutions and international networks of island learning and exchange. Yet the increasing attention being paid to islands and the increasing interconnectedness of islands and the rest of the world offers island societies new, global opportunities. Today more than ever, it is being asked: How can islands develop solutions that suit their own needs? How can tourism, the Blue economy, distinctive cultures, emerging technologies, and marine and terrestrial environments contribute to making islands stronger, more resilient, capable of providing global leadership without losing sight of local needs?

These and other issues will be discussed at the 19<sup>th</sup> Islands of the World conference, held at the University of Mataram on the island of Lombok, Indonesia between the 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> of June, 2024. As the first Islands of the World conference to be held in Southeast Asia, located in the world's largest archipelago, at the meeting point of two oceans, this conference represents an unprecedented coming together of peoples, ideas, cultures, and research traditions. It is a conference that honors the growing network of international island cooperation and relation.

The conference is open to attendees from both Indonesia and overseas. We are also seeking proposals for presentations on any and all aspects of island life. Proposals are especially encouraged that fall within the theme of 'Islands and Resilience: Global Opportunities'. This conference theme is split into the following six subthemes:

1. Climate change and environment
2. Island governance
3. Blue economy
4. Island cultures
5. Island networks and digital ecosystems
6. Island and small state development.

Oral presentations will last 20 minutes and be followed by 10 minutes' question time. We wish to share stories and learn from each other. We encourage academic papers, panels, roundtables, posters, and non-traditional presentations (e.g., storytelling, interactive sessions) from all disciplines and perspectives, from researchers, professional practitioners, community activists, policy advisers, and others. We welcome submissions that look at the conference theme and subthemes on a case-specific or regional basis. We are also keen to engage with presentations that adopt a more comparative framework or methodology in their critical analysis.

Abstracts of 150-200 words are now invited on any of the identified conference themes, identified above. These should be accompanied by the full name, institutional affiliation, and e-mails of the author/s. The deadline for abstracts is now extended to **30 November 2023**. To submit an abstract, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/WLQpZqdTpT6grrtu9>