Island States/Island Territories:
Sharing Stories of Island Life, Governance and Global Engagement

The 1st International Conference on
Small Island States (SIS) and Subnational Island Jurisdictions (SNIJs)

University of Aruba
Oranjestad, Aruba
March 26–29, 2019

PROGRAM

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Day One

17:00-20:00  Registration opens
University of Aruba
Patio 1

18:00-20:00  Opening reception
Patio 2

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
Day Two

08:00-08:30  Registration
Morning coffee & tea
Patio 1

08:30-09:00  Opening welcomes
Aula
Glenn Thodé, Rector, University of Aruba
Jim Randall, Conference Chair, University of Prince Edward Island
Erwin Arkenbout, Representative of the Netherlands in Curaçao, Aruba, and St. Maarten, Dutch Ministry of Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations

9:00-9:40  Aruban welcome
9:40-10:00  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Evelyna C. Wever-Croes
Prime Minister of Aruba & Minister of General Affairs, Integrity, Energy, Innovation, & Government Organization
Aula

10:00-10:30  Group photo

10:30-11:00  Morning break
Patio 1 and Patio 2

11:00-12:30  PRESENTATIONS: SESSION 1

1A ISLAND-TO-ISLAND CONNECTIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN
Aula
Stanley D. Brunn, University of Kentucky
Regional and extraregional hyperlinks of Caribbean capital cities: A Mosaic of fragmented cores and peripheral linkages
Tiarra Simon, Universiteit van Amsterdam
The current migration crisis in Latin America and its effects on the migration trajectories in Small Island Development States (SIDS): The case of transnational migration of Venezuelans to Aruba
Luc Alofs, University of Aruba
Cohesion within the Kingdom: ‘Disunited we stand’
Kalim Shah, University of Delaware
Adding industry associations into the SDG equation for Caribbean islands: A new institutionalism perspective

1B POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE
Room B
Solange Ludmila Duncan, University of Birmingham
Small island politics, power and the will of the people: Exploring perceptions on participatory governance in St. Maarten
Elliot Bulmer, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
Parliamentary democracy in Tuvalu: Scale, tradition, and non-party government
Derek O’Brien and Rhian Minty, Truman Bodden Law School, Cayman Islands
The fight for LGBT rights in the British Overseas Territories: Bermuda and the Cayman Islands
Patrick Lévêque, University of Prince Edward Island
Personalistic politics in subnational island jurisdictions: The case of Prince Edward Island

1C CONSTRUCTING ISLAND IDENTITIES: SOCIAL CAPITAL
Room C
Owen Jennings, University of Hawai’i
Making ends (of-the-earth) meet: ‘Getting by’ in Saint Helena
Margaret Paterson, University ofPrince Edward Island
The inertia of islandness: When nationalism eclipses islandness, and ‘island-made’ isn’t an option

Laurie Brinklow, University of Prince Edward Island
From cultural cringe to cultural confidence: The role of island identity and social capital in creating strong island jurisdictions

1D GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ECOSYSTEM HEALTH
Room 3
Stephen Snider, Harvard University
Cooperation in the management of coral ecosystems
Iain Hall, Sophia University, Tokyo
Developing national environmental policy in a nation of semi-autonomous states: A case study of the Federated States of Micronesia
Kimberly Wishart Chu-Foon, University of Prince Edward Island
Environmental governance of forests in small island developing states of the Caribbean

12:30-14:00 Lunch
Patio 1 and Patio 2

14:00-15:30 PRESENTATIONS: SESSION 2

2A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I
Aula
Barney Pacheco, The University of the West Indies
Leveraging diaspora networks: A strategy for non-tourism services transformation
Danny Pieters, Leuven University, Belgium
Legal transplants to help smaller states protect their population and identity
Edward Erasmus, University ofAruba
Creating social impact in small island communities through social entrepreneurship

2B GOOD GOVERNANCE AND GOVERNMENTALITY
Room B
Kim Williams-Pulfer, Indiana University
Narratives of Bahamian civil society: Stories of resilience and challenge
Lay Hing de Kort-Yee, Court of Audit of Aruba
The governance arena of supreme audit institutions of subnational island jurisdictions within the Dutch Kingdom in the 21st century
Catherine Gallant, University of Prince Edward Island
Australia’s Pacific Solution: Its evolution and maintenance from a governmentality perspective
Geneve Phillip-Durham, University of the West Indies
Deconstructing the good governance agenda
2C CONSTRUCTING ISLAND IDENTITIES: CULTURAL CAPITAL
Room C
Emiel Martens, Erasmus University Rotterdam
The audio-visual industries as national development strategy in Small Island Developing States in the Caribbean
Birgit Kreykenbohm and Renske Pin, University of Aruba
Exploring multi-institutional collaboration to strengthen small island mediascapes
Lara Giordana, Università di Torino
An archipelago of cultural creativity: The Belep Islands of New Caledonia

15:30-16:00 Afternoon break
Patio 1 and Patio 2

16:00-17:30 PRESENTATIONS: SESSION 3

3A INDEPENDENCE/DECOLONIZATION
Aula
Beatriz Llenin-Figueroa, Universidad de Puerto Rico
Imagining an archipelagic, decolonial future for Puerto Rico
Lodesca Livingston, Dependency Study Project
Challenges to self-determination in the Western Caribbean: The case of the Raizal people of the archipelago of San Andres, Providence, and Santa Catalina
Marcel August Farinelli
Managing the island territory: An historical perspective on Corsica and Sardinia
Valérie Vézina, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
‘Nationals’, but not nationalists? The development of nationalist demands in American Samoa and Puerto Rico

3B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT II
Room B
Winston Dookeran and Preeya Mohan, University of the West Indies
The circular economy in the Caribbean: Implications for the banking sector
Rendell de Kort, Cornerstone Economics, Aruba
Arthur Lewis and the fourth industrial revolution in Caribbean SIDS: An assessment
Bauke Feenstra, University of Aruba
Circular business and waste management in Aruba

3C CONSTRUCTING ISLAND IDENTITIES: ‘CARIBBEANNESS’
Room C
Helmut Vink, University of Aruba
Aruban traditional churches and their shifting role in public service provision
Morgane Le Guyader, Université des Antilles
Between regional invisibility and daily vulnerability: the construction of a Raizal heritage on San Andres Island (Archipelago of San Andres, Old Providence & Saint Kathleen, Colombia)
Artwell Cain, University of Aruba
The narratives of institutions in small islands with an emphasis on Aruba
**3D SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Room 3**

**Loïza Rauzdel, Université des Antilles**
Sustainable development policies and strategies in Guadeloupe and Martinique: A focus on the social and human dimension

**Simron Singh, University of Waterloo**
Can the Caribbean live within the doughnut? Assessing the social and environmental performance of five island nations

**Jocelyne Croes, SDG National Commission, Government of Aruba**
United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: A case for good governance for SIDS

**Francielle Laclé and Elena Palacios Nieto, Yabi and Wolfs Company**
*Nature2SDGs*: A practical toolkit to mainstream ecosystem services in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in SIDS: An application in Aruba

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18:15-20:15

Conference dinner
Entertainment
The Old Cunucu House Restaurant
Palm Beach 150, Noord, Aruba

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**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**Day Three**

08:00-08:30

Morning coffee & tea
Patio 1

08:30-09:30

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Honorable Leona Romeo-Marlin
Prime Minister of Sint Maarten & Minister of General Affairs
Aula

09:30-10:00

Morning break
Patio 1 and Patio 2

10:00-11:30

**PRESENTATIONS: SESSION 4**

Aula

4A IRMA AND MARIA: REFLECTIONS ON RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION
Roundtable hosted by Peter Clegg, with Senator Allison DeGazon (US Virgin Islands), Beatriz Llenin-Figueroa (Puerto Rico), Arjen Alberts (Sint Maarten), Arno Boersma (Centre of Excellence for the Sustainable Development of SIDS)

4B INDEPENDENCE/DECOLONIZATION: THEORY AND PRACTICE
Room B
Azell Francis, Viveka Jackson, and Nadia Mohammed, Georgia Institute of Technology
Prospering beyond dependency
Joris Sylvie, Université des Antilles
Therorizing external action of French overseas territories: Between paradiplomacy and
multi-level diplomacy
Carlyle Corbin, Dependency Studies Project
Democratic deficiencies in dependency governance of small island territories
John Connell, University of Sydney
It’s the demography, stupid. Twenty years on from *The Last Colonies*.

**4C EDUCATION: THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONS IN CREATING SUSTAINABLE ISLANDS**
Room C
Arno Boersma, Centre of Excellence for the Sustainable Development of SIDS
Building bridges between islands of sustainable development knowledge
Bonnie Benesh and Michael Willem, Think To DO Institute
Think Different. DO Change.
Zhannah Youkitchevitch, University of Ottawa
Small island jurisdictions and observer status in the Arctic Council?
Eric Mijts, University of Aruba
Research and higher education programs for sustainable development in small island states

11:30-12:30 Lunch
Patio 1 and Patio 2

12:30-17:00 **FIELD TRIP TO SAN NICOLAS**
Bus departs from and returns to University of Aruba

17:00-19:30 Dinner on your own

19:30-21:30 **PUBLIC EVENT**
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino
Woke up, got out of bed, dragged a comb across my head:
A day in the life of a SNIJ resident
Aula

**Friday, March 29, 2019**
**Day Four**

08:00-08:30 Morning coffee & tea
Patio 1

8:30-09:30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Dr. Peter Clegg
University of the West of England
Beyond Brexit and Cotonou: New regionalisms in the Caribbean?
Aula
9:30-10:00  Morning break
Patio 1 and Patio 2

10:00-11:30  PRESENTATIONS: SESSION 5

5A DISASTER CAPITALISM
Aula
Rachel Dodds, Kelly-Ann Wright, and Ilan Kelman, Ryerson University
Islands and disaster capitalism: Is the focus on island vulnerabilities comprehensive enough?
Kristen de Kroon, University of Waterloo
A material vulnerability account of building services in Grenada from a spatial perspective
Johnella Bradshaw, University of Waterloo
The weight of the islands: "You can't manage what you can't measure."

5B THE ARCHIPELAGO AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION
Room B
Christian Bouchard, Laurentian University
France’s island territories in the Southwest Indian Ocean: Success and challenges of this ‘France of the Indian Ocean’
Carlos Amaral, University of the Azores
Insularity and regional autonomy in Europe
Gerard Prinsen, Massey University
Centrifugal forces in four pairs of Pacific island jurisdictions: Wallis-Futuna, Rarotonga-Manihiki, Tahiti-Mangareva, Chuuk-Pohnpei

5C SUSTAINABLE ISLAND TOURISM
Room C
Sonya Graci and Logan Van Vliet, Ryerson University
Examining the potential for sustainable tourism development in Savusavu, Fiji
Hilary Symes, Temple University
Tourism and anthropogenic climate change in the Marquesas Islands, French Polynesia
Arjen Alberts, Ministry of Health, Social Development and Labor, Sint Maarten
Aruba and Sint Maarten: SNIJs that became Small Island Tourism Economies, by accident or by plan?

5D CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE
Room 3
Anne McDonald and Bertha Reyuw, Sophia University
Turning up the volume on ‘island her-stories’: Exploring gender mainstreaming potentials in resource management and climate policies in the FSM
Keron Niles, University of the West Indies
Facilitating the development of inclusive cultural industries as a form of climate change adaptation: The case of Trinidad and Tobago
James Ellsmoor, Island Innovation
Green islands: Communicating sustainability through islandness
11:30-13:00  Lunch
Patio 1 and Patio 2

13:00-14:30  PRESENTATIONS: SESSION 6

**6A ISLAND TOURISM: WHOSE TOURISM IS IT?**
Aula
Louise Campbell, University of Prince Edward Island
Who's in charge: Safeguarding island cultures
Don Taylor, University of Aruba
Legal systems, tourism and economic development: The case of islands in the Caribbean
Michele Maccari, University of Ferrara, and Filippo Arfini, University of Parma
Private-public partnerships to develop sustainable agro-tourism: The Sao Tomé and Principe case study

**6B NATURAL DISASTERS: TAKING STOCK**
Room B
Francisco Xavier Felix Martin del Campo, University of Waterloo
Dynamics of socioeconomic metabolism on islands: Material stock-flow-service of the Bahamas
Jana Braziel, Miami University
What is the current state of Caribbean ecocritical studies?
Jeanne de Brujin and Leo Huberts, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
How does quality of governance relate to resilience in small island states? The Case of Hurricane Irma in Saint Martin

**6C BUILDING RESILIENCE**
Room C
Bianca Peters, 360º of Innovation
How do we make our islands future proof?
Jemi Laclé and Stephen Snider, World Bank
(Your) responsibility to (your) environmental heritage
Gerard Prinsen, Massey University
Panic and policy: Island responses to pandemic threats and to global guidelines
Jemi Laclé
The Power of the NextGen: Youth shaping small island states

14:30-15:00  CLOSING
with Jim Randall, Conference Chair, and Glenn Thodé, Rector, University of Aruba
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