

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 of Prince 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 of Aruba**

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 Rauzduel, 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

18:15-20:15 Conference dinner  
Entertainment  
**The Old Cunucu House Restaurant**  
Palm Beach 150, Noord, Aruba

## 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**

Theorizing 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 Voukitchevitch, 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 Príncipe 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 Bruijn 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, 360° of Innovation**

How do we make our islands future proof?

**Jemi Laclé and Stephen Snider, World Bank**

(Y)our responsibility to (y)our 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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