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The CRT wishes all our newsletter recipients a merry christmas and a happy new year by sending out the call for papers for the 11th Islands of the World Conference, which is to be held on Bornholm in August 2010:

Call for papers

International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA)
Islands of the World Conference XI:

Celebrating Island Connectivities

CRT and ISISA welcome scholars, students, policy makers and practitioners to the 11th Islands of the World Conference, to be held from Monday 23 August to Thursday 26 August 2010 on the island of Bornholm, Denmark.

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Although physically isolated, economically separated from markets, and having their distinct cultural identity, islands largely depend on, and are deeply embedded in, complex relations, intrinsic linkages and strategic connections to the surrounding world. These configurations of connectivities will be thematically organized around the pertinent issues of change facing the islands of the world today.

Abstracts of around 150-200 words each are therefore invited from scholars, students and practitioners interested in submitting a paper at ISISA XI. Papers will be organized around the following eight themes, all of which are intended to be interdisciplinary. (Those submitting an abstract are encouraged to indicate one theme - A to H below - that they feel best fits the subject matter of their proposed paper.) Papers drawing on a wide array of research techniques and methodologies are welcome.

The themes

A. Knowledge driven economic development

The engagement of islands in knowledge-driven economic development (including the role of higher education, skills upgrade, diaspora tapping, brain rotation and economic differentiation).

B. Sectoral perspectives to innovation

Sectoral perspectives to island innovation (including the role of local creative industries, food, crafts, information technology, niche manufactures, tourism and the experience economy), and with special emphasis on small and medium scale businesses.

C. Climate change challenges

The challenges posed by global climate change on islands (including the impact of sea level rise on low-lying islands and island states).

D. Sustainable futures

The challenges of switching to alternative and renewable energy on small islands in the search for sustainable futures (including green energy production, reduction of carbon footprints, and island eco-branding experiences).

E. Land use planning and environmental stewardship

Land use planning and environmental stewardship on small islands (including the balance between natural and cultural assets; waterfront/coastal development; and conflict mitigation and management strategies).

F. Transportation and access challenges

Transportation and the challenge of access (including comparative cost, regularity and choice in island-mainland links).

G. Arts, Culture, History and Heritage

The role of the Arts, Culture, History and Heritage in island identity, character and resilience.

H. Social services and economic opportunities

The provision of basic social services as well as the promotion and development of opportunities to engage in a sustainable lifestyle, inclusive of wage employment, informal economic activity, subsistence and labour migration.

Practical information

All abstracts will be adjudicated via a double-blind peer review.
Abstracts should be submitted electronically to Denbeigh Armstrong at:
Denbeigh.Armstrong@utas.edu.au by Friday 26 February 2010.

The organizers reserve the right to reallocate papers to different themes, or to edit existing themes on the basis of interest and 'goodness of fit' with the conference program.

Find out more about [the conference on Bornholm](#) and about [ISISA](#).
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