ANATOMY OF ISLANDS

Invitation to participate in the annual symposium

8th ANATOMY OF ISLANDS

ISLANDS IN FOCUS:
FROM NARRATIONS OF VULNERABILITY TO EMPOWERMENT

Lastovo,
September 29 - October 1, 2019.

We invite you to the 8th Anatomy of Islands symposium, which will be held on the outermost inhabited Croatian island of Lastovo.

Islands and island communities around the world have long been a focus of curiosity, whether of passing sailors and adventurers, or scholars, tourists, philosophers, and artists.



For the past twenty years, mostly thanks to the Internet, islands and knowledge about islands have become more accessible. Distance is no longer perceived as an obstacle and thus narratives of powerlessness and peripherality concerning islands have increasingly been questioned. Islands, moreover, have even become places for testing innovative developmental solutions, for example in the fields of energy and organic agriculture.
Civil and vocational associations on islands—or on the mainland but dealing with the challenges of island development—are more and more willing to overcome the sluggishness of institutions that are obliged with taking into account the complexity and dynamism of the island experience. International associations of island communities, island administrations, and NGOs are, among others, active spaces for the transfer of knowledge concerning islands. Scholars have also developed the field of Nissology dedicated to islands, which has acquired its position as an academic discipline of research over the past twenty years. All these initiatives have complexified and nuanced our understanding of living within islandness, and, in their various ways, have worked within their programs to deconstruct the dichotomies associated with islands. Traditional definitions of islands and the notion of the sea as a barrier have been examined. Islands have been contemplated from the perspective of island experience not only as a place, locus, where phenomena take place differently than on the mainland, but as objects in their own right. There has been a focus on observing islands in their entirety while emphasizing the potentials of insularity.
The theme of the 8th Anatomy of the Islands symposium calls for the inclusion of a wide variety of island 'voices' and narratives on islands. In disciplinary terms, this includes Economics, Ecology, Urbanism and Architecture, History, Archaeology, Ethnology, Literary Studies, Sociology, Linguistics and more. This year, we also invite other actors of island development at the local, national, and international

levels to contribute to the inter- and transdisciplinary perspectives that make up Island Studies and the development of Nissology.

A separate and exciting part of the program is the presentation of Croatian Nissologists gathered together in the international publication *The Notion of Near Islands*, which offers insights into the special features of coastal islands, existing and institutionalized deinsularization policies, and the discussion on the antinomy of small coastal islands: sometimes caught in a net thrown from the mainland.



Some of the thematic areas and issues that have proven to be important for reflecting on the development of islands are:

>> **Islands and islandness** (geographic, literary, discursive constructions of islands and islandness);
>> **Diversity of identification processes** (dynamics of identification processes in local, translocal, and virtual contexts; creating and activating communality of islanders belonging to different generations and having diverse experiences of being on the island);
>> **The role of agriculture on islands** (from full cultivation to complete neglect, new technologies, places of traditional agriculture, profitability and export, labelled island products);
>> **Historical experiences of island communities** (first inhabitants, origins of island communities, settlement formation, antiquity, golden age, stagnation, decay or new beginnings?);
>> **Heritage of life on islands** (the relationship between the new and the old, the need for development, heritigisation and new technologies in the representation of island heritage, heritage and tourism, ethnomusicological themes);
>> **Seasonality of life on islands** (tourist capacities, abandoned housing and production facilities, advantages and disadvantages of touristification processes in the lives of islanders, the relationship between periodically used and permanently used estates, the temporary population);
>> **Transport connectivity of islands** (transport as an obligated public service, ferry lines in the past and present, the issue of (un)connectivity);
>> **Biodiversity and protected natural areas** (adaptation of legal regulations to the economy and individual islands' capacities);
>> **The island economy** (self-sufficiency or specialization, the specific structure of production costs, island consumption, comparative and competitive advantages, so-called Smart Islands);
>> **The specifics of service design** on islands and related geographical areas;
>> **Islands research** in Croatia and possible academic institutionalization, comparison with the EU and other initiatives to create **nissological knowledge**.

Bearing in mind the contemporary fluidity of localities and hence the unpredictability of the levels at which islands are represented, the 8th Anatomy of the Islands invites all interested island thinkers, professionals, activists, and scholars to engage in the discussion.

A special event in the program is *Ethnography on the move,* which will take the form of a walk through Lastovo.

OGRANISERS
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PLACE AND TIME
Lastovo, Cultural centre
Sunday, September 29, 2019
to Tuesday, October 1, 2019

FEE
Registration fee per person is 40 euros (students 20 euros). All symposium events (including the excursion through Lastovo), the summary booklet, and final dinner are included in the registration price.
The costs of transportation and accommodation are covered by the participants themselves.
Members of the association "Anatomy of Islands – Centre for Research and Development" will receive a 20% discount on the registration fee.
The entrance to the symposium is free for the interested population of the island of Lastovo, as well as for members of the local organizer, the "Dobre Dobričević" Association.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION
Applications should be sent by e-mail to:
info@anatomija-otoka.com
Submission deadline is July 1, 2019.

LANGUAGES
Working languages of the symposium will be Croatian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

PRESENTATION SUBMISSION
- Full name of the presenter
- Name of the institution
- Website (personal or institutional)
- Phone/mobile number
- E-mail
- Type of presentation (individual, panel)
- Title
- Technical requirements (PC or Mac, projector, audio)
- Language of the presentation
- Presentation abstract in Croatian and English (up to 300 words)
- Short biography in Croatian and English (up to 100 words)

INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS
Individual lecture submission abstracts should have up to 300 words and include a biography of up to 150 words. The presentations will be organized in thematic sessions of 90 minutes. Each presentation will take 20 minutes followed by a 10 minute discussion.

PANEL PRESENTATIONS
We encourage submissions thematically grouped into panel presentations. An individual panel presentation should take up to 90 minutes, with 3 to 5 speakers presenting, followed by a discussion. All panel speaker applications (up to 300 words per presentation) should be sent together, along with the title and short description of the panel (also up to 300 words).

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