

Call for papers

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

Location: The Shared (Dutch/French) Island of Sint Maarten/St Martin

Venue: The University of St Martin, Philipsburg

Dates: 11-14 March 2018

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: October 1, 2017

The International Steering Committee proposes the first ever conference to discuss life, governance, and global engagement on, for, and with SIDS and SNIJs. We do so by encouraging conversations and presentations that engage critically with multiple levels of 'island living':

- The unfolding of daily life on small island states and/or territories, involving the challenges of securing decent livelihoods and navigating the opportunities and threats of living on small island jurisdictions. These include coping with monopolistic services; tightly networked communities; partisan politics; flight and ferry schedules; the strategic resort to migration.
- The role of institutions, whether public or private on small island states and/or territories in facilitating, exploiting, or guarding against the spaces and practices created by globalization. What development strategies are preferred? How best to avoid over-dependence on one main export product or service? How best to promote innovation and entrepreneurship? How to avoid uneven development and centrifugal tensions, especially in archipelagic jurisdictions?
- The role of national and regional elites and interest groups, including political parties and governments, in seeking to take maximum advantage of sovereignty (in island states) or non-sovereignty (in island territories), as the case may be. Initiatives to discuss include nation-building, constitutional reform, regionalization and diaspora engagement.



We welcome submissions that look at these dynamics on a case by case, or island by island, basis, and from different disciplinary standpoints. We are especially keen to engage with presentations that adopt a more comparative framework or methodology in their critical analysis.

Abstracts of around 150 words are invited on any of the above themes. These should be accompanied by the full name and institutional affiliation of the author/s. They should be submitted electronically via the Conference website: <http://projects.upei.ca/unescochair/call-for-papers/> by Sunday, October 1, 2017.