Globalization, Identities and Island Cultures

Academics, scholars and researchers from any disciplinary field, as well as managers and practitioners who are interested in island issues, are invited to attend the 11th International Small Islands Conference and engage in these debates.

The conference will consist of keynote presentations, round tables and a variety of oral presentations held in thematic sessions. The core conference sub-themes are:

- Island Archaeology and Ancient History
- Contemporary Developments in Island Studies

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About Gozo

A 5km stretch of water transports you from Malta to an island where myth, megalithic temples and medieval villages sit in a dramatically rugged landscape dotted with baroque churches and ancient stone farmhouses. This is the island of Gozo.

Malta’s sister island is just a third of the size with a population of 31,053 and is much sought after by both foreigners and locals for its charm and tranquility. Here life’s rhythms are dictated by the seasons, by fishing, agriculture and primitive pastoral activities. In fact Gozo produces 60% of all the Maltese Islands’ agricultural output and more recently it started ploughing into vineyards and olive groves. The island is also home to the world’s oldest structure, the megalithic temple of Ġgantija, which dates back to 3600 BC making it 1,000 years older than the Egyptian pyramids.
Call for Papers

The Small Islands Cultures Research Initiative (SICRI), in partnership with the University of Malta, is pleased to announce a call for papers for ISIC 11.

Two types of paper will be considered: Papers delivered orally should be of 20 minutes duration and will be programmed in panels; and Poster papers, which will be displayed together with scheduled discussion times at the main conference venue.

The organisers invite proposals addressing any of the Conference themes. Papers not aligning to these will also be considered if the schedule permits. Abstracts for papers should be submitted to the conference organiser Dr Arianne Reis: arianne.reis@scu.edu.au by March 31st 2015. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and should include the author’s name, institution and email address.

All accepted papers will have their abstracts published in the Conference handbook. Attendees will also be invited to submit full versions of their papers for consideration for inclusion in a special issue of Shima: The International Journal of Research into island Cultures <www.shimajournal.org>. All papers will go through an anonymous peer-review process, normally involving at least two reviewers. Submission guidelines and further information will be provided to interested authors.
Provisional Programme

- June 22 – Morning/Afternoon: Pre-Conference Study Trip (additional cost); Evening: Conference Opening and Dinner
- June 23 – Conference Presentations and Round Table (Topic: TBD)
- June 24 – Conference Presentations and Round Table (Topic: TBD)
- June 25 – Conference Presentations and Closing Keynote (TBD)

Registration
Registration fee: €180. Students and local residents at discounted price. Registration costs should be paid in cash at the first day of the conference. Full registration includes morning and afternoon teas (23-25 June) and attendance to all keynotes, conference presentations and round tables. Tours are at an additional cost.

Venue and Accommodation
Conference will be held at the Hall of Government Farm in Xewkija Village. Accommodation options at the village are limited but access from Rabat (Gozo’s capital) is quick and easy (bus ride). We suggest that participants make their bookings as soon as possible as availability and prices might change closer to the date.

Three suggested options are:

- Mariblu B&B (affordable but simple accommodation in Xewkija – please contact conference organizers to make your booking);
- Grand Hotel (at Mgarr Harbour) – 4 stars hotel about 20 minutes’ walk from conference venue;
- Downtown Hotel (Rabat, Gozo’s capital) – 3 stars hotel about 10 minutes bus ride from conference venue