



# Insularities Connected

*Bridging Seascapes, from the Mediterranean  
to the Indian Ocean and Beyond*

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT THE INSTITUTE FOR  
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## Programme

### Friday, 10 June

Coffee/Tea (9:30-10:00)

Welcome/Introductory Remarks (10:00-10:20)

**Marinos Sariyannis** (Institute for Mediterranean Studies/FO.R.T.H.)

**Antonis Hadjikyriacou** (Institute for Mediterranean Studies/FO.R.T.H.)

*Insularity: Envisioning Space across Time, Place, and Context*

Panel 1: Colonial Regimes (10:20-11:40) Chair: Michael Talbot

**Sakis Gekas** (York University, Canada)

*Regimes of Territoriality in the Ionian Islands. Colonial and National Constructions of Insularity in the Ionian Islands during the Nineteenth Century*

**Valerie McGuire** (Council of American Overseas Research Centers)

*Mobility in Insular Spaces: Mediterraneanism and Italian Rule in the Dodecanese Islands*

Coffee Break (11:40-12:00)

Panel 2: Material Connections (12:00-13:20) Chair: Romain Bertrand

**Ersin Hussein** (Warwick University)

*If You Make Sure You're Connected, the Writing's on the Wall: The Role of Inscriptions in Displaying the Connectivity of Roman Cyprus in the Mediterranean*

**Sarah Longair** (British Museum)

*Objects of Empire: Collecting and Imagining Islands of the Indian Ocean in the Age of High Imperialism*

Lunch (13:20-15:00)

Panel 3: Centres of Diffusion (15:00-16:20) Chair: Sakis Gekas

**Dorit Brixius** (European University Institute, Florence)

*Of Bread, Breadfruit, and Botanists: Eighteenth-Century Isle de France and the Search for Food Crops*

**Simon Jackson** (University of Birmingham)

*From São Paulo to Cyprus: Ottoman-American Auxiliaries of French Empire and Wartime Insular Space, 1916-1918*

Coffee Break (16:20-16:40)

Panel 4: Mediterranean Frontiers, Mediterranean Seascapes (16:40-18:00)

Chair: Nikos Potamianos

**Joshua White** (University of Virginia)

*Ottoman Malta: Connecting Mediterranean Legal Space*

**Elias Kolovos** (University of Crete, I.M.S./FO.R.T.H.)

*Insularities (Dis)Connected: The Ionian Islands on the Ottoman-Venetian Frontier (Late 15th-Late 17th Century)*

Conference Dinner (20:30)

## Saturday, 11 June

Coffee/Tea (9:30-10:00)

Panel 5: Discussing Island Seascapes I (10:00-11:20) Chair: Levent Yılmaz

**Roxani Margariti** (Emory University)

*Red Sea Islands and Indian Ocean Historiography*

**Romain Bertrand** (Sciences Po, Paris)

*Revisiting the 'Southeast Asian Mediterranean'. Coastal Politics, Maritime Networks, and Long-Distance Trade Connections in Eastern Indonesia and the Philippines in the 16th Century*

Coffee Break (11:20-11:40)

Panel 6: Discussing Island Seascapes II (11:40-13:00) Chair: Roxani Margariti

**Eleftheria Zei** (University of Crete)

*Microinsularities: Theory and Politics in Modern Times*

**Benoît Bérard** (Université des Antilles et de la Guyane)

*From Landscapes to Seascapes, from Island to Archipelago: How to Redefine the Pre-Columbian Territories and Maritories in the West Indies*

Lunch (13:00-14:00)

Excursion and dinner (15:00-22:00)

## Sunday, 12 June

Coffee/Tea (9:30-10:00)

Panel 7: Denizens and Corsairs (10:00-11:20) Chair: Joshua White

**Fatma Şimşek** (Akdeniz University)

*Of Islanders and Corsairs: The Struggle between the Ottoman State and the Island of Meis (Kastellorizo)*

**Louis Sicking** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam/Universiteit Leiden)

*Islands, Pirates and Privateers in the Pre-Modern Period in a Comparative Perspective*

Coffee Break (11:20-11:40)

Panel 8: Looking into the Maritime Horizon (11:40-13:00) Chair: Katerina Kopaka

**Bronwen Wilson** (University of California, Los Angeles)

*Marco Boschini's Island Navigations*

**Michael Talbot** (University of Greenwich)

*Separating the Waters from the Sea: The Place of Islands in Ottoman Maritime  
Territoriality in the Eighteenth Century*

Lunch (13:00-14:00)

Panel 9: Peripatetic Islanders (14:00-15:20) Chair: Christos Hadziiosif

**Güneş Işıkşel** (Istanbul Medeniyet University)

*Islanders in Between: Taxation of Tinoians in the Ottoman Lands during the 17th Century*

**Reshaad Durgahee** (University of Nottingham)

*Connected Islands: The Indentured Archipelago, 1829-1916*

Coffee/Tea (15:20-15:40)

Roundtable Discussion/Concluding Remarks (15:40-17:00)

Farewell Party (20:00)

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