Insularities Connected

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

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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./F.O.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 Polities, 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 Hadziiossif

**Güneş İşiksel** (Istanbul Medeniyet University)
*Islanders in Between: Taxation of Tinotians 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)