



RESEARCHING RESILIENCE IN ISLANDS

16-17 November 2020

The aim of this online conference is to bring together experts with interests in island studies, to share opinion regarding the specific economic, social, political and geographical dynamics that drive climate change impacts, non-climate stressors, adaptation and resilience in island contexts (especially small island states or subnational jurisdictions), and how successfully these are being captured by current research approaches.

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Monday November 16th

Session 1: Envisioning and enacting island futures

- 09:00-09:10 Welcome and introduction
- 09:10-09:30 Jack Corbett, Politics and International Relations, University of Southampton
- 09:30-09:50 Natalie Cooke, Cook Islands Ministry of Finance and Economic Management
- 09:50-10:10 Graham Neville, NatureScot, Scottish Natural Heritage | Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba
- 10:10-10:40 Discussion

Session 2: Theorising 'islandness' and 'resilience'

- 15:00-15:20 Stacy-ann Robinson, Colby College
- 15:20-15:40 Jon Pugh, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University *and*
David Chandler, University of Westminster
- 15:40-16:00 Godfrey Baldacchino, Department of Sociology, University of Malta
- 16:00-16:20 Laurie Brinklow, Institute of Island Studies, University of Prince Edward Island
- 16:20-17:00 Discussion

Tuesday November 17th

Session 3: Island data-scapes and reflections on 'doing' island research

- 09:00-09:20 Ilan Kelman, Institute for Risk & Disaster Reduction and Institute for Global Health, University College London, and University of Adger
- 09:20-09:40 Rory Walshe, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge
- 09:40-10:00 Lino Briguglio, Islands and Small States Institute, University of Malta
- 10:00-10:30 Discussion

Session 4: Coping capacity and adaptation across islands

- 14:00-14:20 Adelle Thomas, Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Research Centre, University of the Bahamas and Climate Analytics
- 14:20-14:40 Donovan Campbell, Department of Geography and Geology, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus
- 14:40-15:00 Carola Klöck, Centre for International Studies, Sciences Po
- 15:00-15:30 Discussion