



Special issue

“What Future for European Small Islands? Challenges and opportunities”

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Call for papers

In 2021, the European Directorate for International Policies published [Island of the EU](#). The study aimed to indicate both the 'state of play' and the 'future challenges' of European island regions. The document explicitly refers to the post-COVID scenario and is linked to the current EU Cohesion Policy and Regional Development strategies.

On the one hand, islands are presented as one of the forefronts of the Union's main geographical challenges (depopulation, climate crisis, welfare, social justice, spatial inequalities, regional cohesion, blue growth, migration), on the other hand, they deal with a future traced by marginalisation and mono-economy horizons (mainly as touristic destinations).

According to this background, “Future” seems to act as a keyword in the definition of the geography of European archipelagos.

The special issue, referring to Island Studies, Future Studies, Youth Studies and Regional Studies, promotes a reflection, both geographical and political, on the opportunities and dialectics shaping the future of archipelagic and island regions (and islanders) in Europe.

The issue focuses on Europe's island regions, but papers about non-EU cases will be considered. Contributions, both theoretical and empirical, on the following topics are encouraged.

- Small Islands and Youth Geographies
- Small Islands and Marginalization
- Small Islands and European Policies
- Small Islands and Geographical Challenges
- Small Islands and EU Next-Gen
- Small Islands and Migration
- Time-space Geographies of Small Islands

How to submit a proposal

All authors should submit their abstract to Issue Editors by **September 15th 2024**, using the form: <https://forms.gle/LS6nrjER8mKkFVgDA>.

Every abstract should be 350-500 words long, accompanied with Title, Name and Surname, Affiliation and a Short Biography (150 words) of the Corresponding Author, up to 3 References and up to 6 keywords.

Issue Editors will reply to all proponents by September 30th 2024. Then, all accepted papers must be submitted by **February 15th 2025**.

Papers must be 6.000-8.000 words long, written exclusively in English and have to follow editorial guidelines of the Journal: <https://jmic.online/information/>.

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