



SICRI Annual Report 2021

2021 marked the completion of *phase one* of SICRI's redevelopment that saw the establishment of a new Advisory Board, several new initiatives, partnerships and collaborations, the development and launch of a new website that provides a platform for creative multimedia outputs, as well as a more engaging social media presence. The redevelopment was driven and implemented by the two co-convenors with the guidance and full support of the AB. The only cost incurred was the website registration fees which were donated by JICAS.

As a result of the pandemic no ISIC event took place this year, but a regional research symposium was co-hosted online, starting thus a new way of engaging regionally/locally with alternative events. It is believed that SICRI is now in a good position to move to *phase two* that includes registering SICRI either as a research institute or an incorporated society that will enable income generating opportunities.

The following provides a detailed breakdown of all activities.

1. Establishing a New Advisory Board:

Chair - Prof. Henry Johnson

Honorary Chair - Prof. Phil Hayward

AB Members: Dr Helen Dawson, Dr Solène Prince, Dr Meghan Forsyth, Prof. Glenda Tibe Bonifacio, Dr Sean Dettman

2. Organizing AB Meetings:

Feb 26, 2021

May 27, 2021

Several email-based communications with the AB members seeking advice and feedback throughout the year

3. Designing and Launching New SICRI Website and Logo: <https://www.sicri.net/>

Re-organizing Past ISIC Programs & Proceedings Database:

<https://www.sicri.net/conference-events>

Increasing the resources in the Links Page:

<https://www.sicri.net/links>

Launching the "Island Conversations Podcast Curated Series"

Published 5 podcasts:

- island conversations 1 with Prof. Henry Johnson, hosted by Dr Evangelia Papoutsaki



- island conversations 3 with Dr Solène Prince, hosted by Dr Meng Qu
- island conversations 2 with Prof. Philip Hayward, hosted by Prof. Henry Johnson
- island conversations 4 with Dr Jon Pugh, hosted by Prof. Philip Hayward
- island conversations 5 with Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino, hosted by Dr Evangelia Papoutsaki

Recorded 5 podcasts

- island conversations 6 with Prof. Ilan Kelman hosted by Dr Jon Pugh
- island conversations 7 hosted by Dr Meghan Forsyth
- island conversations 8 with Dr Meghan Forsyth hosted by Dr Solène Prince
- island conversations 9 with Dr Philip Benoit hosted by Prof. Henry Johnson
- island conversations 10 with Prof. Christian Fleury by Prof. Henry Johnson

Launching Island Notes Curated Audiovisual Essays

- island notes 1 Isle of Barra-Eilean Bharraigh by Sarah MacKinnon

Introducing Island News with Updates from the Network

4. Managing SICRI communication (email list, Facebook page)

Increased postings and page engagement
Facebook membership has increased from 300 to over 900

5. Setting up Sounds Cloud link for podcast and YouTube channel for online events/proceedings

6. Conference and events:

Regional event: “Islands and Migration Research Symposium”, 27 November 2021

In collaboration with the Centre for Global Migrations, University of Otago

Co-hosted by Henry Johnson and Evangelia Papoutsaki

The event initially planned to take place at Quarantine Island was hosted online due to covid travel restrictions in NZ.

Program: <https://www.sicri.net/symposium2021>

Presentations:

1. Quarantine Islands by Yuki Kihara (keynote presentation)
2. The effects of migration on migrants, diaspora communities in NZ and on the Pacific Island communities of Samoa, Niue and Tonga
3. Moanaroa: The Pacifica Mamas
4. Maintaining and promoting Niue Pacific heritage artform in New Zealand
5. Tongan diasporic media and its influence on island politics
6. “Teu le va”: mediating Va through mobile communication in Samoa and its diaspora
Marion Muliaumaseali’I (Indigenography and Design)



7. Refugees as Homo Sacer: visualising the exercise of Australia's neo-colonial bio-power in 'offshore' detention
8. A Quest for Identity: First Daughters of Tongan Migrants in New Zealand - A Talanoa Approach to Cultural Identity, Gender Roles and Tongan Diaspora Fakama'opo'opo
9. Migration and #Metoo: Feminist Activism and the Pacific Diaspora
10. Gender and Migration in Leyte Island: Post-Haiyan Continuities and Transformations
11. Lifestyle migrants in Japan's Seto Inland Sea's islands: beyond Western-based conceptualizations of lifestyle migration
12. Nepalese chadparva in Singapore: Physical Representations of Identity and Culture
13. Migration, Place naming and nostalgia: The paling evocation of a mythical Arthurian Island in international settler cultures

7. Publications:

1. Forthcoming: completed manuscript of "Island Cultures and Festivals: a Creative Ecosystem", a co-edited volume by Evangelia Papoutsaki and Sonjah Niaah Stanley containing the proceedings of ISIC 2019 in Jamaica. The volume is expected to be published in 2022 by the University of West Indies Press.
2. Forthcoming: completed OJIS (Okinawan Journal of Island Studies)-SICRI co-edited special issue on Interdisciplinary Approaches to Small Island Cultures and Heritage (March 2022)
3. Forthcoming: Islands and Migration symposium proceedings (to be published on Sici's website with curated recorded presentations).

8. Scheduled ISIC events:

1. ISIC 2022 Shetland hosted by the UHI
2. ISIC 2023 to be hosted by Hiroshima University
3. ISIC 2024 to be hosted Prince Edward Island (in negotiation)

9. Partnerships:

1. International Center for Island Studies, Kagoshima University, Japan
2. The Jersey International Centre of Advanced Studies
Research Institute for Islands and Sustainability, University of the Ryukyus
3. Island Innovation

10. Small Islands e-Networks Initiatives:

1. Amami Islands International Research Network (AIIRN)
2. Gender, Migration & Post-Disaster Asia Pacific Island Countries Network

11. Internships Scheme

1. Invitations were sent to UHI, PEI and JICAS
2. Lauren Rose, JICAS graduate, has been engaged as the first Creative Media Editorial Assistant (CMEA)

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Dr Meng Qu and Dr Evangelia Papoutsaki
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