



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
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SMALL ISLAND CULTURES
RESEARCH INITIATIVE

2026 ISLAND STUDIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

LEYTE-SAMAR HERITAGE CENTER
UP TACLOBAN COLLEGE

TACLOBAN CITY, LEYTE, PHILIPPINES
25-28 JUNE 2026

CONFERENCE THEME

Navigating Island Futures: *Intersections of Heritage, Transitions, and Regenerative Practices*

SUB-THEMES

Reclaiming and Reimagining Island Heritage

The role of cultural identity, indigenous knowledge, and heritage sites in shaping future development

Regenerative Livelihoods and Blue Economies in Small Islands

Innovations in fisheries, marine-based industries, eco-tourism, and community enterprise for long-term well-being

Climate Adaptation and Island Ecological Stewardship

Community-led approaches to environmental conservation, disaster resilience, and living with climate change

Island Innovations and Green Technologies

Grassroots solutions, renewable energy, and adaptive infrastructure suited to small island contexts

Education, Youth, and Intergenerational Island Futures

Empowering the next generation of islanders through inclusive education and the transmission of cultural knowledge

Island Migration, Mobility, and Identity in Transition

The impacts of outmigration, urbanization, and global connectivity on island cultures and communities

Governance, Justice, and Participatory Development on Small Islands

Local autonomy, policy-making, and inclusive planning for equitable island futures



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 - Contact information: *First and surname, rank, affiliation, affiliation country*
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 - 5 relevant keywords
 - An **Abstract** up to 250 words.
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SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

- To submit, **scan the QR code** to access the submission form.
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REVIEW

- Your submission will undergo double-blind peer and a final review by the SICRI Advisory Board.

RESULT

- Notification of results will be sent **by mid-January**. If your abstract is accepted, you will be invited to register for the conference, and a Letter of Acceptance will be sent to your registered email address.

REGISTRATION

- Submit your registration payment by the deadline. A confirmation email with your official receipt will be sent upon payment. Submissions will not appear in the Abstract Book unless you or a co-author register on time.



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REGISTRATION FEES

TIER 1

EARLY BIRD **USD 220**

REGULAR **USD 250**

ELIGIBILITY Applicants from US/North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau

TIER 2

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REGULAR **USD 190**

ELIGIBILITY Applicants from India/South Asia, China, and the rest of Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania

TIER 3

EARLY BIRD **USD 120**

REGULAR **USD 140**

ELIGIBILITY Applicants from the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and other countries; *graduate students and independent scholars without institutional support*

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION 17 OCT 2025 – 15 DEC 2025
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE 15 JAN 2026 – 15 FEB 2026

 **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** 15 FEB 2026 – 15 MAR 2026
REGULAR REGISTRATION 16 MAR 2026 – 30 APR 2026



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ **Meals and refreshments during** on-site activities
 - June 25** Dinner
 - June 26** AM and PM Snacks, Lunch
 - June 27** AM and PM Snacks, Lunch
- ✓ **Airport transfers** to/from Tacloban Airport
- ✓ **Workshop kit**
- ✓ Access to **keynote speeches, panel discussions, workshops, and cultural performances**
- ✓ **Certificate of Participation**

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ⊖ **Cultural and Heritage Tour of Eastern Visayas**
Estimated rate: PHP 3350-3750 / USD 57-65 per person
(depending on the final number of participants)

EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS



**Yolanda (Haiyan)
Commemorative Marker**
Tacloban City



**MacArthur Leyte Landing
Memorial National Park**
Palo, Leyte



**River Cruising and
Mat Weaving**
Basey, Samar



**Sangyaw Festival's
Parade of Lights**
Tacloban City

29 JUNE 2026

28 JUNE 2026



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HOST UNIVERSITY



The **University of the Philippines Tacloban College (UPTC)** is a constituent unit of the University of the Philippines (UP) System. It has four academic divisions: the **Division of Humanities**, the **Division of Social Sciences**, the **Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**, and the **Division of Management**. The college currently offers 10 undergraduate programs and two graduate programs, including a Master of Science in Environmental Science.

CONFERENCE VENUE



The **Leyte-Samar Heritage Center (LSHC)** is the **official venue of ISIC 2026**. It is dedicated to promoting the tangible and intangible heritage of Eastern Visayas through research, cultural programs, and public engagement. It regularly hosts forums, workshops, exhibits, and performances that celebrate the region's diverse histories, traditions, and creative expressions.

THE ISLANDS



Situated in the island group of Eastern Visayas, **Leyte** embodies the vitality of island life. Surrounded by vast seas and lush landscapes, it thrives on a deep connection between land and water, which is seen in its vibrant culture, livelihoods, and the warmth and creativity of its people. It is linked to the island of Samar by the iconic San Juanico Bridge symbolizing connection and shared heritage across the Visayas.

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