



SICRI Annual Report 2023

2023 saw SICRI engaging in multiple activities and events, including hosting **ISIC 2023**, launching a **new initiative** (*New Voices in Island Studies*) led by Jens Westerskov Andersen and partnering with Unitec and MIT to host a **Pacific Research Symposium** (with SICRI sponsoring two Awards for best emerging and new island studies scholars).

The two co-convenors continued their voluntary work in collaborative spirit, each contributing with their unique skills regarding networking, new creative content creation, social media and general communication managing, events organizing and proceedings and other publications.

This year saw the first ISIC event that has **generated an income** for SICRI. ISIC 2023 held in Miyajima, Japan and in partnership with Hiroshima University and hosted by Dr Meng Qu widely considered successful with over 40 presentations (both online and on location), including two exceptional fieldtrips to Setouchi Inland Sea islands.

The income generated by registrations covered conference expenses, SICRI website hosting plan, a stipend for the digital media intern, and additional expenses for maintaining the website, as well as cover three Awards for the best student/emerging island scholars presentation at the ISIC event.

SICRI also signed an agreement with Island Innovation for its **membership to Island Innovation Academic Council**; The Academic Council Program facilitates connections and collaboration between island communities and academic institutions, encouraging the dissemination of academic research with local stakeholders.

The following provides a detailed breakdown of all activities.

1. **Organizing AB Meetings:**

One Advisory Board meetings took place in November 2023.

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

2. **Maintaining SICRI Website and Creating New Content:** <https://www.sicri.net/>

ISIC Programs & Proceedings:

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

Maintenance of the Links Page:

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



Island Conversations Podcast Curated Series- We Published 5 podcasts:

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

- island conversations 15 with Wheeler hosted by Anaïs Duong-Pedica (in partnership with OJIS special volume on island activism: Unsettling Knowledge Production about/in the French-Colonized Pacific (<https://u-ryukyu.repo.nii.ac.jp/records/2019694#!>))
- island conversations 16 with James Ellsmoor hosted by Evangelia Papoutsaki
- island conversations 17 with Helena Bennett hosted by James Ellsmoor
- island conversations 18 with Laurie Brinklow hosted by Evangelia Papoutsaki
- island conversations 19 with Maria Hnaraki hosted by Evangelia Papoutsaki

Recorded 2 podcast:

- Island conversations 20 with Jens Westerskov Andersen hosted by Evangelia Papoutsaki (to be released in Feb 2024) – part of the New Voices in Island Studies initiative.
- Island conversations 21 with Kirsten Gow hosted by Jens Westerskov Andersen (to be released in March 2024) – part of the New Voices in Island Studies initiative.

Island Notes Curated Audiovisual Essays

- Island Notes 3: David family's rural island migration experience in Japan by David Douglas Stuart <https://www.sicri.net/ruralislandmigration>
- Island Notes 4: Marinduque Creative Island: The Heritage and Traditions of Lent Visual Arts, Moryonan Street play, Cenukulo Performance and Easter Sunday Festival by Randy Noblesa (to be released in 2024)

Island News with Updates from the Network

- <https://www.sicri.net/island-news>

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

Facebook membership is currently at 1.1K followers and over 1K likes. The page is regularly updated which maintains its currency.

4. Conference and events:

- **ISIC 2023 Miyajima Japan**, June 2023. In collaboration with Hiroshima University. Program/audiovisual proceedings: <https://www.sicri.net/isic-2023>
- **Pacific Research Symposium** Dec 2023. SICRI sponsored event with Unitec and MIT, NZ
https://www.sicri.net/_files/ugd/4bc3d3_ed49b2a68afb4dba963795ee6e24e34e.pdf

5. Publications:



1. ISIC 2022 peer reviewed proceedings *Island Studies Journal* (ISJ), vol 18 (2) 2023. Special section: [Island creativity, ingenuity, and practice](#).
2. ISIC 2023 audiovisual proceedings on sicri website
3. ISIC 2023 selected peer reviewed proceedings planned and under way with *Shima* (to be published in 2024)

6. Scheduled ISIC events:

1. SICRI Endorsed event: Islands and Audiovisual Media
University of the Faroe Islands, Tórshavn, June 26–28 2024
<https://shimajournal.org/conferences.php?fbclid=IwAR0a-iaDxWTmy-umDcwIZgRm-0738kCNkHvyve2RrDiKMAir13LT6ASJAGE#gsc.tab=0>
2. Exploring co-hosting ISIC 2025 with JICAS/SHIMA, Jersey Island

7. New Initiatives:

- a. **New Voices in Island Studies:** <https://www.sicri.net/general-4>

8. Internships Scheme

1. Lauren Rose, JICAS graduate, has continued her Creative Media Editorial Assistant (CMEA) role with stipend now added for the work carried out.
2. We also had inquiries from a graduate student in the UK for an internship position.

9. Income/expenditures (JPY)

Period	3 years plan 2023-2025					
2022-2023	Wix domain	¥1,800	1	¥1,800	paid	Mo
2022-2023	Transcribing software	¥15,000	1	¥15,000	paid	Valia
2022-2023	Editorial assistants (300 USD)	¥42,955	2	¥85,909	paid	Lauren
2023-2025 July	Wix domain	¥1,800	3	¥5,400		
2023-2025	3-Years Wix Premium plan	¥40,000	1	¥40,000		
2023-2025	Transcribing software	¥15,000	3	¥45,000		
2024-2025	Editorial assistants (300 USD)	¥43,000	2	¥86,000		
			Total	¥279,109		
			ISIC 2023 saving	¥288,100		
			Balance	¥8,991		

SICRI Convenors
Dr Evangelia Papoutsaki & Dr Meng Qu
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