

Climate change beyond SIDS

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Small islands are among the hotspots of global climate change. Sea-level rise and extreme weather events threaten the existence of whole island nations. Hence, media attention is often focussed on Small Island Developing States (SIDS). In fact, the Association of Small Island States (AOSIS) plays a crucial role in climate change policy negotiations. However, a superficial focus on SIDS in media, politics, and science, neglects many island-specific issues that influence the adaptability to climate change. Looking ‘beyond SIDS’ implies the recognition of topics such as asymmetrical governance structures, archipelagic centre-periphery relationships, intra-island movements and inter-island migrant networks in various types of island territories and geographies worldwide.

The special thematic section of *Island Studies Journal* invites submissions dealing with the challenges and opportunities for climate change adaptation on dependent islands, sub-national island jurisdictions (SNIJ), and archipelagic nations that are not SIDS. We welcome contributions from across the globe, including temperate, high-latitude, oceanic, coastal and urban islands; tropical islands and islands/archipelagos belonging to SIDS are equally relevant. Papers may present case studies, comparative analyses, or theoretical approaches.

Moreover, papers should go beyond a mere description of climate change impacts and adaptation on islands and critically discuss island-specific features that influence vulnerability and adaptive capacity, such as island geography, culture, institutions, movements/connections, and/or status under consideration of the existing islands studies literature (e.g., available from *Island Studies Journal*, *Shima*, *Urban Island Studies*, and *Journal of Marine and Island Cultures* – all of which are open access).

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For further information, or if you are interested in submitting a paper, contact special thematic section editors Jan Petzold (jan.petzold@awi.de) and Beate M.W. Ratter (beate.ratter@uni-hamburg.de). Manuscripts should preferably be between 5,000-8,000 words (prepared in accordance with the ISJ house style https://islandstudies.ca/guidelines_instructions.html). Submissions should reach the editors by 30 June 2018 to be considered for this special thematic section. Individual papers may be published on the website ‘ahead of press’ following peer review. Please contact the special thematic section editors with information about your proposed paper before you begin writing it.

Interested persons in this topic might also consider to participate in the ISISA Islands of the World XVI conference ‘The changing future of islands’ with a special session on ‘Climate change beyond SIDS’, held in Leeuwarden and on the island of Terschelling, The Netherlands, on 10-14 June 2018: <https://www.waddenacademie.nl/nl/symposiumisisa2018/>.