

## Island Tourism: Economic and Labour Market Implications



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### **Symposium and School organised**

*by the*

Centre for Labour Studies

*and the*

Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture  
University of Malta, Malta

*in collaboration with*

### **RETI – the Network of Island Universities**

18-19 November 2016 (*Symposium*) and 21-22 November 2016 (*School*)

*Venue:* University of Malta Valletta Campus, St Paul Street, Valletta

## PROGRAMME

**Friday 18 November 2016**

- 09:30      **Registration and Refreshments**
- 10:00      Welcome Remarks  
– *Andrew Jones, Institute for Tourism Travel & Culture, University of Malta*
- 10:15      Introducing Island Tourism: An Island Perspective  
– *Godfrey Baldacchino, University of Malta / RETI*
- Discussion**
- 11:00      The Possible Impact of Brexit on Island Country Tourism  
– *Mary L. Tanke, Terry Lease & Nico Rose, Florida International University, USA*
- Discussion**
- 11:45      Island resilience, precarious work and underemployment: Insights from Greek regions during recession  
– *Konstantinos Gourzis, Stergios Seretis & Stelios Gialis, University of the Aegean, Greece*
- Discussion**
- 12:30      **Light Lunch**
- 14:00      **Panel Session 1: Corsica**
- What does Mass Tourism mean? Lessons from some Mediterranean islands  
– *Sauveur Giannoni, University of Corsica, France*
- The socio-economic impacts of seasonality in Corsica  
– *Justine Muzy, Justine Sustranck, Laura Czarnecki and Bruna Laurant, University of Corsica, France*
- Discussion**
- 15:15      **Refreshment Break**

15:30 Welcome Remarks  
- *Mr Leslie Vella, Chief Officer (Strategic Development) and Deputy CEO, Malta Tourism Authority*

**Panel Session 2: Labour Markets, Education and Island Tourism:  
Cases from the Caribbean and North Atlantic**

Higher Education and Island Tourism in the Islands of Scotland  
– *Linda Stewart, University of the Highlands & Islands, Scotland, UK*

Labour Market Dimensions of SITEs: Developments in the Caribbean cases of Aruba and Sint Maarten  
– *Arjen Alberts, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (based on Sint Maarten)*

16:50 **End of Symposium Day 1**

*Free evening*

**Saturday 19 November 2016**

09:15 **Refreshments and Registration**

09:30 **Panel Session 3 – Malta and the ‘Sicilian Archipelago’**

Challenges of Coastal & Marine Eco-Tourism in small central Mediterranean islands  
– *Karl Agius, University of Malta*

Return to Base: Expatriates as Tourists revisiting their former island home  
– *Marie Avellino Stewart & George Cassar, University of Malta*

Intercultural Competence for Labour Markets in Small Island Tourism:  
Focus on Malta  
– *Simon Caruana, University of Malta & Maggie McPherson, University of Leeds, UK*

**Discussion**

11:30 **End of Symposium Day 2**

12:00 **Light Lunch**

*Free Afternoon / Evening*

## **Sunday 20 November 2016**

09:30 to 16:00 - All-Day Field-trip / Study Visit (*Weather Permitting*) – Visiting Megalithic Temples of Hagar Qim and Mnajdra, Old Capital of Mdina, Lunch at Dar il-Bniet, Main Street, Dingli - <http://diarilbniet.com/about-us/> - Ice Cream at Ghadira Bay ... returning to Valletta via Mosta.

*Free evening*

## **Monday 21 November 2016**

09:15           **Registration and Refreshments**

09:30           Welcome Remarks

*School Block 1:*

### **Open Panel Discussion**

Island Studies: New Horizons? New Possibilities?

– *Per Lind, University of Uppsala, Sweden (moderator), Godfrey Baldacchino, University of Malta and other scholars*

### **Discussion**

12:00           **Lunch Break**

13:30           *School Block 2:*

Niche tourism segments and their implications for Malta

– *John Ebejer (moderator), Giusy Cardia, Julian Zarb, James Sultana and Dane Munro, University of Malta*

### **Discussion**

16:00           **End of School Day 1**

*Free evening*

## **Tuesday 22 November 2016**

09:15           **Registration and Refreshments**

09:30           *School Block 3:*

Deterritorialisation and Non-Sovereign Futures: Migration and Tourism in Small Island Jurisdictions

– *Jack Corbett, University of Southampton, UK and Wouter Veenendaal, University of Leiden, The Netherlands*

**Discussion**

12:00           **Lunch Break**

13:30           *School Block 4:*

Victims of their own success: Aruba and Sint Maarten negotiating limits to Small Island Tourism development

– *Arjen Alberts, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (based on Sint Maarten)*

**Discussion**

16:00           **End of School Day 2**

19:30           End of School Dinner (*venue in Valletta – to be announced*)

*15 November 2016*