



LPAZ FORUM
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
SPACE FOR ISLANDS

7 – 9 September 2026 | Santa Maria Island, Azores, Portugal

Sunday, September 6th | dimanche 6 septembre

Hotel Santa Maria

19h00 – Welcome Session | Accueil

20h00 – Dinner | Dîner – Restaurante “Santa Bárbara” (Hotel Santa Maria) [to be confirmed]

Monday, September 7th | lundi 7 septembre

Vila do Porto’s Municipal Library | Bibliothèque municipale de Vila do Porto

09h00 – Opening Session | Ouverture

09h15 – Keynote Lecture: Godfrey Baldacchino
Moderator | Modération: António Monteiro, CEI-Iscte; LPAZ.

10h00 – Session 1 – Island Governance, Power and Agency
Moderator | Modération: Licínia Simão, FEUC, Universidade de Coimbra.

Enzo de Oliveira Feliciano, «Man Overboard»: How Small Island States Navigate the Uncertainties of An Exhausted Multilateralism.
University of Brasília, Brazil.

Aleida Borges, Hillary Briffa, Linganaden Murday and Sefa Nyarko, Peripheral Voices, Central Policies: Justice and Equity for Non-Sovereign Small Islands in Climate Governance.
King’s College London.

Marc Franck, Les ethnodiscours antagoniques insulaires réunionnais : étude de cas des luttes territoriales au sein d’un espace limité, habité, disputé et isolé à l’ère de l’anthropocène.
Université Catholique de L’Ouest, La Réunion, France.

11h00 – Coffee Break | Pause-café

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11h30 – Session 2 – Les imaginaires insulaires : utopies, dystopies et représentations

Moderator | Modération: Dominique Faria, Universidade Açores; CHAM.

Ana Maria Binet, L'île entre utopie et dystopie, un espace pour imaginer le futur.

Université Bordeaux Montaigne.

Melissa Melodias, De l'île et de son image.

Université Paris 3 – Sorbonne Nouvelle.

José Domingues de Almeida, Le syndrome de la Sentinelle. L'île comme figuration des tensions civilisationnelles dans *Surchauffe* de Nathan Devers (2025).

Université de Porto, Institut de Littérature Comparée Margarida Losa, Association Portugaise d'Études Françaises.

Mokhtar Belarbi, Symbolique de l'espace insulaire dans *Le Royaume de Kensuké, Seul sur une mer immense* et *Le Naufrage du Zanzibar* de Michael Morpurgo.

Université Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah-Fès.

12h45 – Lunch | Déjeuner

[Light buffet in the library | Buffet dans la bibliothèque]

14h00 – Session 3 – Islands as Laboratories: Science, Innovation and Sustainability

Moderator | Modération: Ana Monica Fonseca, CEI-Iscte.

Cláudio Gomes, The Island: Laboratory of Science, or Space(s) of the Imaginary?

Universidade dos Açores.

Alessio Rocci, Islands of Knowledge during the First Quantum Revolution.

Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and International Solvay Institutes, Belgium.

Orfeu Bertolami, Helping to Boost the Natural Capital.

Universidade do Porto, Portugal.

Tom Greenwood & Rosanna Vitiello, Forever Island: Towards a Model of Ecological Re-inhabitation for Santa Maria, Azores.

The Place Bureau and Meander.

15h30 – Coffee Break | Pause-café

15h45 – Session 4 – Reading the Azores: Literature, Translation and Cultural Memory

Moderator | Modération: José Domingues de Almeida, Universidade do Porto; APEF; ILCML.

Maria de Fátima Outeirinho, Sur les traces de Raul Brandão : les enjeux insulaires chez Jean-Yves Loude.

Université de Porto, Portugal.

Ana Catarina Silveira Brasil, Translating the Azores: A Look at Mau Tempo no Canal and Its Translations

Universidade dos Açores, Portugal.

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Dominique Faria, Traduire l'ultrapériphérie : circulation et médiation de la culture açorienne dans *Des gens heureux parmi les larmes* de João de Melo.
Universidade dos Açores, Portugal.

Yu Sasaki, Redefining "Islands" through the Social Distribution of Knowledge in Folk Performing Arts.
Tohoku University, Japan.

19h15 – Dinner | Dîner

Central Pub

Tuesday, September 8th | mardi 8 septembre

09h30 – Session 5 – Island Networks, Governance and Connectivity

Moderator | Modération: Luís Nuno Rodrigues, ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa.

Beniamino Peruzzi Castellani, Networking Islands: Infrastructures of Insular Governance in Italy, Portugal, South Korea, and Japan.
Scuola Normale Superiore / Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy.

Marlene Payva Almonte, Establishing Interconnectedness between the Arctic and Small Island States through Climate.
University of Lapland, Finland.

Gianmario Demuro, Constitution and islanders: a written constitution new perspective
Department of Law, University of Cagliari, Italy.

10h30 – Coffee Break | Pause-café

11h00 – Session 6 – Island Communities: Identity, Heritage and Cultural Practices

Moderator | Modération: Leonor Simas-Almeida, Brown University.

Blanca Navarro Pardiñas, Le Canada atlantique : promenade littéraire dans l'île-aux-Puces d'Antonine Maillet.
Université de Moncton, Canada.

Estelle Amilien, Critique du régime et contre-modèles possibles dans le roman *Jaasa Liz'u y sus amigos en el país del gigante* du Guinéoéquatorien Francisco Ballovera Estrada (2022).
Université Grenoble Alpes, France.

Cristina Maria Paulino, Local Identity and Politics Through Taste: The First Collection of Traditional Cape Verdean Recipes.
Universidade dos Açores, Portugal.

Rita Albuquerque, On Another Plate – An Ethnography of the Paths of Flores Island.
Iscte-IUL.

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12h30 – Lunch | Déjeuner

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14h00 – Session 7 – The Azores in the Atlantic: History, Geopolitics and Future

Moderator | Modération: Pedro Parreira, Governo dos Açores – Estrutura de Missão para as Comemorações dos 600 Anos da Descoberta e Povoamento dos Açores

Onésimo Teotónio Almeida, The Control of the Atlantic at the End of the 16th Century: Revisiting the Obsession of Philip II.

Brown University, USA.

Alexandre Monteiro, Steam, Shipwrecks and Island Connectivity: Maritime Transport and the Transformation of the Azores.

HTC/UNL & UNIDCOM/IADE.

Luís Nuno Rodrigues, The Portuguese Revolution in the Context of the Cold War: The Importance of Lajes Air Base in Luso-American Relations.

ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Portugal.

Sarah Carreira da Mota, Between Imaginary and Agency: A Critical Approach to Sociotechnical Imaginaries, Democracy and Island Agency in Portuguese Space Governance

FE-EC, CEIS20, Portugal.

19h30 – Closing Dinner | Dîner de clôture

Bar do Blues, Lugar dos Anjos

Wednesday, September 9th | mercredi 9 septembre

10h00 – 18h00 – Santa Maria Strategic Roadmap | Santa Maria – Feuille de route stratégique

Visit to Portuguese Space Agency; the Santa Maria Teleport, Santa Maria RAEGE Station; Pico Alto; Santa Maria Oceanic Air Traffic Control Centre; cultural classified site “Lugar do Aeroporto”, and INCUBA+. Open to public, under inscription until September 5th at forumlpaz@gmail.com.

Visite de l'Agence spatiale portugaise ; de le téléport de Santa Maria ; de la station RAEGE de Santa Maria ; des bunkers de Pico Alto ; du centre de contrôle océanique de Santa Maria ; de la propriété classée d'intérêt public « Lugar do Aeroporto » et d'INCUBA+. Ouvert au public, l'inscription est obligatoire jusqu'au 5 septembre à forumlpaz@gmail.com.

13h30 – Lunch | Déjeuner

Restaurante Ponta Negra, Baía de São Lourenço

19h30 –Dinner | Dîner

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