

Call for papers

Bridging Knowledge and Practice for Resilient Island Societies



Öckerö, Sweden, 15–16 October, 2026

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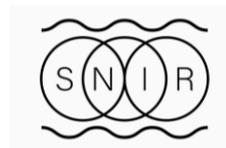
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Rationale

Södertörn University, Gothenburg University, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Öckerö Municipality and The National Archipelago Federation, kindly invites scholars from all disciplines to make their contribution to the conference: Bridging Knowledge and Practice for Resilient Island Societies. The primary objective of the conference is to promote small island research and facilitate the gathering of scholars, island experts, island communities to deliberate on the latest research findings and novel ideas in the realm of island research. The conference will foster collaboration between academics in various countries and provide a platform to explore and shape new research initiatives that hold significant relevance. The conference is organized by Södertörn University in collaboration with The Swedish National Archipelago Federation.



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Keynotes



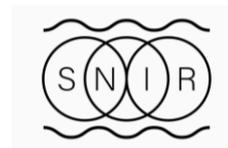
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Themes

We invite scholars, public officials, practitioners and islanders to share and present research and knowledge from all disciplines with the common denominator of a focus on islands. This is aligned with our commitment to inclusion, collaboration with civil society, public office and industry, as well as forward-thinking research. We invite scholars, practitioners and public officers, from all disciplines, covering all types of themes related to island studies. Suggested, although not compulsory themes are:

- Resilient island communities
- Climate adaptation and local leadership
- Environmental studies, biodiversity and biocultural heritage.
- Digitalization, digital development and digital inclusion in remote communities
- Current themes concerning tourism studies
- Mobility and accessibility in island environments
- Diversity and inclusion in small communities
- Human–nature relationships on islands
- Building bridges between community, research and industry
- Cross-disciplinary perspectives for new solutions
- Cultural heritage, history and identity
- Performing arts sciences
- Economic development and livelihoods
- Energy and infrastructure
- Migration and population change
- Governance and policy innovation
- Education and educational sciences
- Preparedness, geopolitical issues and crises management
- Knowledge building and island study theory and methods

Milestones:

Submission of abstracts: 15 Aug 2026

Deadline for registration: 15 September 2026

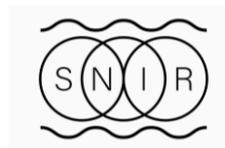
Link for abstracts and registration: <https://axacoair.se/go?6QJOCVm4>

Conference fee: 1000 scr. per participant.

Payment information: Bankgiro 766-0525, Recipient: Skärgårdarnas Riksförbund.

If you want an invoice, please send an inquiry to info@skargardarna.se

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Accommodation options:

Hotels and hostels on Öckerö are pre-informed about the conference. See following alternatives:

Maritimt Centurm, <https://omc.nu/kurshotell/>
Nimbusgården, <https://nimbusockero.se/>
Havskatten hostel (Hönö), <https://www.havskatten.com/>

More information is available at Visit Öckerö,
<https://www.vastsverige.com/visitockero/>

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