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Islands in Relations:  
Conflicts, Sustainability, and  
Peace

April 4-6, 2023

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OSAKA, JAPAN

Hybrid Sessions (open to the public online)

The IGU Thematic Conference Osaka 2023 will open the hybrid webinar sessions to the public online (for free). If you are interested in attending the sessions virtually, please register by **March 31** at:



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Open Hybrid Sessions

The opening ceremony, six keynote speeches, and joint closing session will be open to the public online.

Day 1 (April 4, time in UTC+9)

9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremony  
**Michael Meadows** (IGU President) and **Takashi Yamazaki** (IGU-TC Osaka LOC)

9:40-10:40 Keynote  
**Godfrey Baldacchino** (Univ of Malta)  
Island Ports: Insights into the 'Betweenness' of Island Spaces

11:00-12:00 Keynote  
**Hiroko Matsuda** (Kobe Gakuin Univ)  
The Ryukyu Islands in East Asian Relations

Day 2 (April 5)

8:30-9:30 Keynote  
**Alison Mountz** (Wilfrid Laurier Univ)  
Island Detention and Asylum's Afterlives

9:40-10:40 Keynote  
**Moritake Tomikawa** (Okinawa International Univ, Emeritus)  
Changes and Future Prospects of Okinawa Economy: Development Strategy of Island Economy

11:00-12:00 Keynote  
**Akihiro Iwashita** (Hokkaido Univ)  
The Changing World after Russia's Invasion in Ukraine: As seen in Border Studies & Geo-Politics

Day 3 (April 6)

11:40-12:40 Keynote  
**Philip Steinberg** (Durham Univ)  
The Disappearing Island: Land, Liquid, and the Liminal in the Ocean Environment

17:10-18:10 Closing Ceremony  
Joint Session with **Marcella Schmidt** (IGU Commission on the History of Geography)

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