This is an invitation to the 7th Anatomy of Islands Symposium, which this year will be held on the remotest inhabited Croatian island – the island of Lastovo. From 16 to 18 September our focus will be on islands and we will be discussing insularity, marginalisation, interpretations of island life, the benefits and difficulties of living surrounded by the sea, island mobility and emigration, the present and the future. Following the symposium, an international architecture and urbanism workshop will be held. Students and their professors will study the landscape of Lastovo and suggest developmental conceptual designs on chosen locations.

Topics of the 7th Anatomy of Islands

The topic highlighted as crucial by the locals when discussing the future of their communities at previous Anatomy of Islands events was the population drain afflicting the islands and how to stop it and reverse the trend in order to increase island population.

This year’s symposium is therefore dedicated to island migrations, from the past, to the present, and into the future. Understanding the complexity of island mobility and the necessity of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approach, we invite speakers to join the discussion on the following subtopics:

- Islanders on the move – permanent and temporary mobility of island population
- Tourist migrations – from summer to winter to next summer...
- Seasonal workers’ migrations in tourism, agriculture, construction industry...
- Immigration of young urban population to small island communities – state and local government incentives, motives for immigration (return to ancestral estates, opportunity for a healthy lifestyle etc.)
- Locals and settlers – is co-existence possible
- Migrations of knowledge – searching for knowledge, accessibility of knowledge, knowledge from the mainland, application of knowledge
- Role of the islands in global migrations – islanders are leaving, who is coming
We remain open to other topics as well. If migration topics are not your focus, you can speak on other, equally important ones:

- So-called SMART islands – what are they and how does one become SMART
- Islands, innovations, and new, specifically island professions – can we, and should we, outgrow traditions
- Climate change, environmental policies and islanders – are changes threatening our way of life and how should we act
- Methodology of island research and establishment of nissology, the study of islands – islands are special, do they require a special island science
- Cadastre and property – can we get over the hurdle
- Island education – can it get to the island (school boat), can it be used remotely (e-school)
- Medical doctor on the island – do we need a separate island health standard, what about telemedicine
- Island cultural heritage – a source of new professions and a resource for keeping the population on the island
- Social entrepreneurship on the islands, civil society, and international initiatives – opportunities for self-employment, can we interconnect them
- Links between islands – we know they are weak, how can they be improved
- Common property on the islands and its management – we used to be good at it, how do we stand today
- Island natural heritage and tourism – are we cutting the branch on which the most profitable island economic activity is sitting
- National and nature parks on the islands – are we able to manage our natural heritage
- Administrative division of the islands – can/should a local board on a small island manage the development independently
- Spatial planning on the islands – do we plan an island municipality/town or the whole island
- Islands and EU funds – how do we get the money
- New Islands Act – what is new, is it enforceable
- European Parliament Resolution of 2016 on the Special Situation of Islands – 2018 is drawing to a close, are we participating

**TIME AND LOCATION:**

**Croatia, island of Lastovo**

Arrival – Saturday, 15 September 2018
Departure – Wednesday, 19 September 2018

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Applications should be sent by e-mail to: info@anatomija-otoka.com

**Submission deadline is 15 June 2018.**

Notifications of acceptance will be sent to the presenters by 30 June 2018.
LANGUAGES
Working languages of the symposium will be Croatian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

PRESENTATION SUBMISSION
- Full name of the presenter
- Name of the institution
- Website (personal or institutional)
- Phone/mobile number
- E-mail
- Type of presentation (individual, panel)
- Title
- Technical requirements (PC or Mac, projector, audio)
- Language of the presentation
- Presentation abstract in Croatian and English (up to 300 words)
- Short biography in Croatian and English (up to 100 words)

INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS
Individual presentations will be organized in thematic sessions of 90 minutes. Each presentation will take 20 minutes followed by a 10 minute discussion.

PANEL PRESENTATIONS
We encourage submissions thematically grouped into panel presentations. An individual panel presentation should take up to 90 minutes, with 3 to 5 speakers presenting, followed by a discussion. All panel speaker applications (up to 300 words per presentation) should be sent together, along with the title and short description of the panel (also up to 300 words).

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