

Call for Papers

Special Topic on “Economy, Industry and Business in Asia-Pacific Islands”

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Important Dates:

Submission Entry Deadline: May 31, 2024

*The title of the paper (Minor changes are acceptable.), authors' name(s), affiliation(s), and full postal and email addresses should be submitted by email.

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About the special topic on “Economy, Industry and Business in Asia-Pacific Islands”

This special topic for Volume 6 of the Okinawan Journal of Island Studies aims to uncover challenges and opportunities in Asia and the Pacific islands, focusing on the economy, industry, and business.

Background

Small islands in the Asia-Pacific region have unique traits compared to other regions in terms of modern history, particularly colonial rule, natural environments, and economic geography. Building a strategic framework for achieving sustainable development remains one of the most challenging and unresolved problems in Asia-Pacific small islands. Whereas a growing body of literature on the small islands has

focused on Western islands, the research in Asia and the Pacific islands remains fairly underrepresented. Little is known about realizing potential and building capabilities for small-sized businesses in Asia-Pacific islands.

Aim and Scope

This special topic is intended to understand idiosyncratic characteristics and obstacles of the economy in Asia and the Pacific islands. We provide a basis to investigate the impacts of unique traits on the island economies and set an agenda for designing alternative development strategies tailored to the Asia-Pacific small islands.

In addition, we aim to deepen and refine how we understand the nature of small islands. Island studies, or nissology, have often been substantially limited due to the lack of both data availability and theoretical novelty. Recent innovations, such as in data collection and empirical methodology, help to overcome existing difficulties.

Objectives of this Special Topic

In this context, we solicit submissions to a special topic of the *Okinawan Journal of Island Studies* on the Asia-Pacific-specific challenges of understanding and managing island economies.

We welcome contributions addressing, but not limited to, the following inquiries:

- Identifying a promising developing path and growth pattern for prosperous small islands to overcome adverse effects of natural geographical characteristics.
- Comparing structures and growth trajectories between small islands and other regions to uncover both advantages and disadvantages of Asia-Pacific islands.
- Deepening insights about major characteristics of islands, such as oceanity, remoteness, smallness, and vulnerability, and combining them with concepts drawn from economics and management science like competition, coordination, and economies of scale.
- Examining the impacts of secular, irreversible transformations on small islands such as climate change, an outflow of young labor force, geopolitical shift, and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Offering practical implications in decision-making and problem-solving supported by rigorous evaluation of deliberated interventions with relevant datasets.

Recognizing that problems that arise in small islands are inherently multifaceted, we welcome the full breadth of the interdisciplinary studies grounded in social science. Through multilateral studies, we expect to advance a comprehensive understanding of features and problems in small islands in the Asia-Pacific region and to concretely seek policies and strategies compatible with both development and sustainability. This special issue also provides a forum for researchers and practitioners to re-discover small islands as a thrilling topic of intellectual journey.

Topics of Interest

This special topic seeks a wide range of articles pushing the previous literature's boundaries and providing novel insights into economy and life in small islands. Manuscripts discussing case studies in the Asia-Pacific islands or a cross-territorial comparison that involves non-Asian localities are welcome. Novel approaches using new datasets are encouraged.

- Marine resources, Maritime transportation, Blue economy
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery, Natural resource businesses
- Tourism management and hospitality
- Marketing strategy, Innovation
- Human capital, Capacity building
- Public finance and local governance
- International cooperation and aid
- Income gap within island and with other regions, Change of consumption, improvement of quality of life, Economic opportunities
- Investment and economic growth (spillovers/leakages from foreign investment)
- Transboundary flows of people and goods (trade, transportation, distribution, migration)
- Social mechanisms and activities that promote the use of renewable energy
- Potential by advancement of IT and telecommunication
- Empirical regularities in comparative economic development
- Risk management and improvement of resilience to natural disasters and pandemic-induced disruption
- Measures and policies to address/mitigate social damage by environmental threats (adoption of climate change, payments for ecosystem services, waste management, etc.)
- Other topics related to economy, industry, and business in the Asia-Pacific islands

Guidelines for All Types of Manuscript

1. The title of the paper, author's or authors' name(s), affiliation(s), and full postal and email addresses should be submitted on a separate page (the title page).
2. Contributors should submit by email an electronic copy of their manuscript as a docx file to the email address informed on the OJIS website in April 2024.
3. Copyrights of accepted manuscripts belong to RIIS.
4. Formatting of English manuscripts for OJIS should follow the most updated edition of the **Chicago Manual of Style** for author-date style.
5. Manuscripts should be written in excellent English. Regional varieties of English are acceptable if they are consistent throughout the paper. If you have questions about this, please contact the editors.
6. Names used in the manuscript should be written in the order of given name followed by family name. If your manuscript uses a different name-ordering convention, please indicate so on the title page for consideration.
7. Manuscripts should use A4 or letter paper-size with the following format: (a) a margin of 2.5cm (1 inch)

should be set for every edge; (b) double-spaced text; and (c) 12 point font in (d) Times New Roman.

8. JPEG or TIFF or PDF format is preferred for graphs and photographs. The minimum resolution must be 600dpi for black and white, and 300dpi for color images.

Guideline for “Paper”

1. Papers should be no longer than 9,000 words, including figures, footnotes/endnotes (if any), and a reference section. Papers should be accompanied by an abstract of about 300 words.
2. Please add a short biography of less than 200 words. Information should include institutional affiliation, publications, and current research projects or interests.
3. Please list up to five keywords for the manuscript.
4. The headings “Abstract,” “Notes,” and “References,” as well as section headings, should be 14 in boldface; subsection headings should be in boldface and italics. If endnotes are used, they should follow the body of the paper and be followed by the list of works cited.
5. All submissions must be formatted according to these guidelines in order to be considered for publication.

Guideline for “Book Review”

1. Book reviews should be no longer than 3,500 words, including figures, footnotes/endnotes (if any), and a reference section.
2. Please add a short biography of less than 200 words. Information should include institutional affiliation, publications, and current research projects or interests.
3. All submissions must be formatted according to these guidelines in order to be considered for publication.

Guideline for “Forum”

1. We welcome reports on the current economic and fiscal situation in the Asia-Pacific islands and related data.
2. Written works should not exceed 3,000 words and must be sent in docx format.
3. Follow guidelines #4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the Manuscript Guidelines section above for formatting.
4. Visual art submissions must be in either JPEG or GIF or PDF format.
5. In principle, submissions must not have been previously published in print or online. Authors are responsible for determining whether fair use may be invoked for third-party materials (authors will still need to obtain permission for third-party works that are not utilized under fair use and to pay all reproduction fees).
6. Any documents granting permission for use of third-party materials should be kept by the author, who will provide copies when submitting final materials for publication to the editorial assistant. Since OJIS is a peer reviewed journal, all forum submissions will be screened and reviewed to determine if the contents align with the objectives of the forum.

Guideline for Others:

1. Interviews/conversations (2,000-3,000 words) with economists, financiers, policy makers, business owners, scholars, etc. in your island.
2. Reports/reflections/essays (1,000 words) on events or actions related to the economy, business, and livelihood organized in your island.
3. An audio, video, or multimedia piece (1,000-word research statement).