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### Small (island) economies – approaches and perspectives

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#### Abstract

Small (island) economies have always been a curse and blessing for its regions and locales. Advantages of strategic trading hubs, gateway islands and cities, offshore financial centers, tourism and niche economies, the blue economy or the exploitation of continental shelves, were contrasted by being land-locked, remote, peripheral and dependent as work benches, accompanied by strong out-migration and ageing society, high unemployment, rentier capitalism, remittances and dutch diseases. To give some examples: whereas the Caribbean island Anguilla currently capitalizes on the hype surrounding artificial intelligence (companies are spending huge sums on web addresses that end with ".ai"), land-locked and remote economies are highly dependent on remittances (e.g. Tajikistan (51 % GDP), Tonga (44%), Lebanon (36%)). Against this background, the session (re-)visits small (island) economies based on new and old realities and invites theoretical, methodological, and empirical papers with regard to the aforementioned themes and/or beyond.