



THE ATLANTIC RURAL CENTRE LUNCH SEMINAR SERIES

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TITLE: Bridging Two Solitudes? The Contribution of Island Studies to Rural Studies

DATE: Friday, January 29, 2010, 1:00pm-2:00pm(HFX) or 1:30pm-2:30pm (NFLD)

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided at both the MUN and HFX locations.

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ABSTRACT: Both are seen as geographically isolated, transportation challenged and peripheral regions, risking a drain of skills, population and capital, basking in naive and stifling parochialism. Both are experienced by their residents as political backwaters, out of sight and out of mind of policy makers in distant, densely populated urbanized metropolises. Strange therefore that a conceptual connection between the study of islands and rural regions has not yet been seriously investigated. This presentation hopes to kick start this process by presenting ongoing theoretical work in island development, and the challenges that this analysis poses to and for concerned communities and policy makers.

BIOGRAPHY: Godfrey Baldacchino PhD is the Canada Research Chair in Island Studies and Full Professor in the Dept of Sociology & Anthropology at UPEI. He is also Visiting Professor to the Dept Sociology at the University of Malta and former Director of its Centre for Labour Studies. He has co-edited (with R. Greenwood and L. Felt) Remote Control: Governance Lessons for and from Small, Insular and Remote Regions (St John's NL: ISER Press, 2009)