



UNIVERSITY OF SEYCHELLES

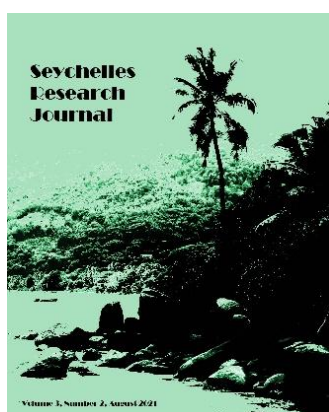
Campus: Anse Royale & Mont Fleuri

Date: Monday 3rd August 2026

Press Release

For immediate release

Seychelles Research Journal



The University of Seychelles is pleased to announce the publication of the latest issue of the *Seychelles Research Journal (SRJ)*, highlighting a diverse range of research on issues of local, regional and international importance.

Published twice yearly as an open-access, peer-reviewed journal, *Seychelles Research Journal* provides a platform for sharing research undertaken in Seychelles and beyond, while contributing to discussions relevant to small island states and the wider Indian Ocean region.

Leading this issue is an article by Dennis Hardy, *Confronting the New World Order: Small Island States in the Indian Ocean*, which examines how changing geopolitical dynamics may affect island nations in the region. The paper considers the historical impact of colonialism and post-colonial power structures before exploring the implications of emerging global and regional shifts for small island states.

Education is featured in an article by Mats Deutschmann, *All Aboard? Language, Multimodality and Epistemic Inclusion in Seychelles Primary 4 Examinations*. The study investigates how language complexity, visual references and examination design influence learner performance, concluding that language proficiency and cultural familiarity can significantly affect educational outcomes.

Health research is represented by a study conducted by Telma Rose, Paola Dubignon, Selma Bristol and Zacchaeus Ayelehin on the oral health status of children in Seychelles. Their findings highlight challenges

relating to programme implementation, dental attendance and continuity of care, while identifying opportunities for strengthening child oral health services nationwide.

Language and identity are explored in Françoise Didon's article on linguistic insecurity among Seychellois living in both Seychelles and France. Drawing on personal experiences and life histories, the research examines how language attitudes influence identity, migration experiences and professional development in multilingual contexts.

Environmental sustainability is addressed by Mariette Dine, who presents innovative approaches to invasive species management in Seychelles. Using *Merremia peltata* as a case study, the article explores how invasive plant biomass can be utilised for craft production and community-based initiatives while supporting ecosystem restoration and long-term socio-ecological resilience.

The tourism sector is examined by Astride Camille in a study investigating sustainability certification among small-scale accommodation providers in Seychelles. The research identifies structural barriers facing operators and offers practical recommendations to make certification systems more accessible and effective for small island businesses.

This issue also includes a doctoral thesis summary by Kelly Hoareau on science, technology and decision-making in the Blue Economy, together with reviews of recent publications on states without armies and international marine conservation law.

Through contributions spanning geopolitics, education, health, language, environmental sustainability, tourism and the Blue Economy, this latest issue demonstrates the breadth and vitality of research relevant to Seychelles and other Small Island Developing States.

Seychelles Research Journal is a free, online publication that can be accessed at www.seychellesresearchjournal.com. The editor can be contacted at dennishardy@gmail.com.

– End –

For more information kindly contact:

Communications Unit - University of Seychelles
Anse Royale, P.O. Box 1348, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles
Telephone: +248 4381222 | Email: comms@unisey.ac.sc