

**DEVPORT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PORTS, MARITIME TRANSPORT AND
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Adaptation of maritime, port and logistics actors to hazards of globalization

12-13 June 2014 – Le Havre (France)

The DEVPORT project brings together researchers from different research centers and universities. It wishes to initiate the establishment of a network that will contribute to the popularization research on maritime transport, port organizations and the territorial impact of these activities in the academia sphere but also in the maritime and port business world.

The scientific content of the project DEVPORT is structured around two main topics:

- The first concerns the adaptation of maritime, port and logistics operators to hazards of globalization including strategies of maritime shipping lines, port planning and development, supply chain development. They are part of research fields on which researchers have already significant experience capitalized.
- The second axis is to analyze a number of port models identifiable in foreign contexts and compare them to the particular case of "The Seine Corridor"(Le Havre, Rouen, Paris) or "Seine Axis". The ultimate goal is to find the best operating conditions of a regional port system, associated to a global metropolis.

The aim of this conference is to compare different disciplinary approaches to these questions.

Innovations in transport have facilitated the development of flexible production and distribution systems both locally and globally as well as the emergence of an increasingly specialized and globalized economy.

Maritime transport is the backbone of international trade and a key engine driving globalization. Around 80 per cent of global trade by volume and over 70 per cent by value is carried by sea; these shares are even higher in the case of most developing countries. In the same time, maritime trade patterns and networks as well as their underlying port and shipping policies and strategies are becoming increasingly complex. This continuous growth of sea transport raises important questions about the changing role of nodes in the global transport and value chain such as globalization, trade and development, environmental sustainability, energy security and climate change.

Structural changes in international trade and the evolution of maritime transport have a direct impact on port and surrounding territories. Therefore, these elements and their recent characteristics must be examined.

Authors are invited to submit their papers in relation to the following core topics (list not exhaustive). The scientific committee will give precedence to criteria such as the originality and novelty of the research, while contributions from young scholars are

particularly welcomed, from any academic discipline (e.g. geographers, historians, planners, economists, Management Sciences and transport specialists in general):

- ✓ Global maritime systems
- ✓ Hinterland Strategies
- ✓ Intermodalism
- ✓ River-sea transport
- ✓ Ports and Spatial Planning
- ✓ Shipping Market Analysis
- ✓ Governance and territorial Development
- ✓ Regional studies
- ✓ Sustainable maritime transport
- ✓ Port economics

Organizing Committee:

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Scientific Committee:

The scientific committee of the conference is composed of the following members who are in charge of approving the conference programme in particular the products to be presented in the conference.

Alfred Baird, Professor (Maritime Business) – Edinburgh Napier University (Scotland)

Yves Boquet, Professor (Geography) - University of Bourgogne (France) - Secretary of the IGU.

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Johan Woxenius, Professor (Logistics and Transport) - University of Gothenburg (Sweden)

Selected papers from the conference will be published.

Deadlines

The final deadline for proposals is **October 31th, 2013**. DEVPORT welcomes papers in English, French and Spanish. The proposal must include an abstract (One A4 page maximum, Times New Roman 12 points), the title of the presentation, 5 keywords, the name of the presenter(s), short CV, e-mail address of the author(s). Papers must be sent to:

devport.conference@univ-lehavre.fr

Once the proposal has been accepted, we shall notify participants before February 1st 2014.

The deadline for the full paper is April 30th 2014.

Individual presentations at the Conference are limited to a 20 minute summary to allow for debate and discussion within the session.