

15th Port Performance Research Network (PPRN)

Annual Meeting

Kyoto, Japan

Dear PPRN Members,

In line with the tradition, PPRN 2017 will take place at the eve of IAME Annual Conference,

Tuesday 27 June 2017,

09h00-13h15.

Hotel Granvia Kyoto

Programme

The goal of each session is to hold in depth discussions and dialogue on challenges, ideas, critical issues and future projects in port research. There will be no formal presentations on projects or case studies, but we expect intensive discussion on the roundtable topics.

09:00 - 10:30 Port Performance Research Network Meeting Part 1

I. Welcome and Announcements

Moderator: Gordon Wilmsmeier

A short session to present new and old members and to announce and briefly discuss, special issues and any other business.

II. Roundtable-1: Port Strategies

Moderators: Francesco Parola & Theo Notteboom

Co-operation, integration and co-ordination are much researched themes in mainstream economic and management literature. The port industry has witnessed a multiplication of port co-operation/integration schemes in recent years partly driven by governance reforms, public policy, political forces and market pressures. The cooperation among ports comes in various forms: port authority mergers (Ningbo-Zhoushan, Copenhagen-Malmö, Port Metro Vancouver, Genoa-Savona), port alliances (Seattle/Tacoma), far-reaching coordination (Haropa, Kobe-Osaka), etc.

Key questions are:

- Why is this area relevant for current and future research?
- What sub-areas are particularly relevant?
- What are the conceptual and theoretical questions to be answered?
- Do you have ideas of proposal for research projects?

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

III. RT-2: Sustainability and ports

Moderator: Gordon Wilmsmeier

Today the port industry is under significant pressure to meet not only economic, but also social and environmental criteria. In this context the environmental and social dimension as factors of port performance are becoming more relevant. Port authorities and terminal operators have started to become aware of reaching sustainability goals, and many of them are increasingly concerned with their emission profiles, as regulation are becoming more stringent. A clear link exists between sustainability, efficiency, competitiveness and profit of a terminal. This sustainability efficiency link between is still not well understood or analysed in detail. Issues like measuring performance beyond traditional efficiency and productivity measures is an emerging challenge and offers new research opportunities.

Key questions are:

- What are the new opportunities for research in the area of sustainability of ports and terminals?
- What are the conceptual and theoretical questions to be answered?
- What are new and emerging data and information requirements and needs? particular sub-areas of this topic are relevant for current and future research?
- What are the challenges in obtaining such data?
- What are current project of PPRN members to address sustainability challenges?

IV. RT-3: “Twittering or Research” - a discussion on the future of port research

Moderator: Thanos Pallis

Port studies are an emerging, and maturing research field, the number of published port studies increased substantially over the last decade. The huge output leads to important advances in the field. However, we would argue that the quality of published research could be improved substantially. Perhaps a greater focus of the research community on quality of research output to some extent opposed to quantity of research output) would lead to greater advances of port studies?

- What do you perceive as major challenges in research?
- How have the use and perception of new media outlets influenced your research?
- In how far has the increasing volumen and acceleration of information flows altered your research and dissemination activities?
- What is your opinion on the quality and contribution to theory advances of recent recent research? Give good and bad examples
- What can we learn from other disciplines?
- Is the room and need for a movement of „slow port studies“?

V. In-camera meeting – to discuss organisational issues and the way forward.

Moderators: Gordon Wilmsmeier & Thanos Pallis

The goal of the “in camera” meeting is to discuss organisational issues and to hear your proposals for the future development of PPRN

- What possible projects can we develop?
- How do we increase the visibility and value added of PPRN to its memers?
- Is there interest to organize specific PPRN reserach seminars among members?

Please confirm you participation via email (g.wilmsmeier@uniandes.edu.co) or doodle: <http://doodle.com/poll/r5x73rw238nu4929>

Special issues

The current issues are being developed by PPRN members:

- Special Issue on “Shipping and Port Marketing: Policy and Strategy” in Transport Policy - Guest editors: Francesco, Thanos and Dong-Wook:
<https://www.mar-economists.org/blog/2017/03/22/shipping-and-port-marketing-policy-and-strategy-call-for-papers/>
- Special issue on “Port co-operation” Research in Transportation Business & Management (RTBM) - Guest editors: Theo, Geraldine and Francesco:
<https://www.mar-economists.org/blog/2017/03/21/call-for-papers-for-rtbm-special-issue-on-port-co-operation/>