



Workshop, January 9-11, 2013

# Global Gateways, Local Dead-Ends?

## The Transformation of Port Cities between Blockade and Mobilization

The transformation of port cities, most obviously, appears as a series of material manifestations of local dynamics. Large container terminals are erected, and new waterfront regeneration projects are launched to replace derelict warehouses and docks. However, these striking transformations of the urban fabric are also physical manifestations of social processes and local imprints of trans-local flows and networks. Port city transformations, then, appear as socio-material processes that take place at the intersection of global and local forces.

The workshop brings together leading international scholars and practitioners from a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds. The workshop in particular seeks to explore the benefits and limitations of research strategies that venture beyond the established analytical distinctions between the material and the socio-economic fabric of cities, and beyond the tired dualisms of local dynamics and global flows.

### Organizers:

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# Program

## Wednesday, 9 January 2013

Venue: HafenCity Hamburg Info Center, Kesselhaus,  
Am Sandtorkai 30, Hamburg

### 17.00 Public Lecture

Harris Steinberg (University of Pennsylvania):  
**A new hope: From deadlocks to grand schemes for Philadelphia's Central Delaware riverfront**

Discussant:  
Jürgen Bruns-Berentelg (HafenCity Hamburg GmbH)

## Thursday, 10 January 2013

Venue: Amerikazentrum, Am Sandtorkai 48, Hamburg

### 9.00 Welcome and Introduction

Inmi Kim Patterson (Consul General of the United States)  
Walter Pelka (President HCU Hamburg)  
Gernot Grabher (HCU Dean of Urban Planning Master Course)

### 9.30 Port Cities as Nodes: Placing Global Networks in Cities

Chair and Discussant: Gernot Grabher

Wouter Jacobs (ITMMA, University of Antwerp)  
**Port cities as trading places?**  
**A geographical perspective on global commodity trade and the movement of freight**

Alain Thierstein (TU Munich)  
**Nodes and networks in the knowledge economy**

Christof Parnreiter (University of Hamburg)  
**Conceptualizing transnational urban spaces**

Kevin Ward (University of Manchester)  
**Cities as nodes of assembled urban policies**

12.00 Lunch break

### 13.30 Port Cityscapes: Urban Space at the Intersection of Global Networks and Local Dynamics

Chair and discussant: Carola Hein

Anne Langer-Wiese (TU Munich)  
**European port cities between spatial ambitions and functional realities**

David Gordon (Queens University, Toronto)  
**The rise and fall of Toronto as a waterfront model?**

Stephen J. Ramos (University of Georgia)  
**The expansion of the Panama Canal and strategic planning for the Port of Savannah (Skype presentation)**

Felicitas Hillmann (Free University of Berlin)  
**New teeth for an old lady – waterfront development in Genoa**

### 16.30 HafenCity Tour

Meeting point Kesselhaus, Am Sandtorkai 30, Hamburg

19.00 Dinner

## Friday, 11 January 2013

Venue: Amerikazentrum, Am Sandtorkai 48, Hamburg

### 9.30 Port Cities as Planning Sites: The Waterfront as Emblematic Locus of the Local-Global Interaction

Chair and discussant: Dirk Schubert

Peter V. Hall (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver)  
**Making new routes out of old: Port-logistics and the city-region**

Hans van der Made (City of Amsterdam)  
**How the city of Amsterdam re-invented its waterfront**

Piotr Lorens (TU Danzig)

**Redeveloping the post-harbour structures in Gdansk Metropolitan Area**

Pedro Garcia (Universidade Lusófona Lisbon)  
**Transformations of Lisbon waterfront: Plans and planning from EXPO 98 to a regional perspective of redevelopment**

Elizabeth Jane Stevens (Architect, AIA)  
**Stringing pearls: Incentivizing the private sector along the Philadelphia waterfront**

12.00 Lunch break

### 13.00 Hamburg – Philadelphia: Comparative Research of Port City Transformation

#### Input

Dirk Schubert:

**Divergence and reconvergence – relational, transdisciplinary, comparative approaches for waterfront redevelopments**

Gernot Grabher:

**Conflict, collaboration and collusion: A relational analysis of waterfront politics in Philadelphia and Hamburg**

Carola Hein:

**Philadelphia and Hamburg: Global networks and urban transformation**

14.30 Coffee break

### 14.45 Workshop:

**Common Agendas, Research Topics, Research Grants, Publication Opportunities, Future Collaboration**

Chair: Carola Hein

17.00 End