

## Controversies of Port-City Territories

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### Session description

Flows of goods and people shape spaces from sea to land. These flows coalesce in port city territories. While all ports cater to the same flows—think of the presence of containers everywhere from far-away oceans to inland areas—each port adapts to and is shaped by local geographies, histories, governance systems, or cultures. Starting from the Port City Atlas (2023), which features 100 European port city territories at the same scale, this session focuses on the North West European seaport city territories—including the Danish ones to explore both similarities and differences. In line with the OECD's city basin approach, the session argues that we need to spatialize the flows of goods and people beyond the port city in a territorial context to develop new strategies for coastal defenses, urban and rural planning as well as governance to address challenges of climate change, migration, economic growth in the context of sustainable development. Conceptual rethinking, new methodologies and structured case studies are essential for planning of European coasts and port city territories.