



Call for Contributions:

International Conference:

Port Cities in Comparative Global History: Potentials and Issues

Date: **15-16 June 2023**

Venue: **Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong**

Sponsored by Lloyd's Register Foundation via the University of Portsmouth and the History Department and Modern History Research Centre at the Hong Kong Baptist University

The University of Portsmouth's 'Port Towns and Urban Cultures' group and Hong Kong Baptist University kindly invite papers and contributions from their collaborators and partners to their international conference: **Port Cities in Comparative Global History: Potentials and Issues**.

The conference aims to explore the emerging scholarship on many aspects of maritime heritage and culture in the public sphere and work towards new partnerships and collaborations, resulting in the development of ideas leading to tangible public history outcomes.

We invite 20-minute papers on the following themes:

- Exploring multi-national maritime histories – work, migration, cultures, public health, and diseases
- Linking to the past - the regeneration of deindustrialized maritime spaces
- The impact of imperial and global factors on our understanding of 'the past'
- Conserving and protecting maritime heritage sites – threats and opportunities
- Communicating hidden, underexplored, or 'challenging' maritime heritages
- Linkages between industrial pasts and environmental futures

We also invite contributions to the following roundtable discussions comprising a 10-minute presentation on the following topics:

- Cross- and trans-disciplinary opportunities for maritime heritage (e.g., practice-based museum professionals, academics, practitioners in the sciences, arts and/or digital technologies)
- New approaches to colonial and imperial histories – reimagining and re-telling stories that restore balance and agency in unequal power relationships
- International collaboration and public engagement between multiple global locations: towards a shared history

Participation:

- **The themes and discussions will foster the continuation of a network created in support of the Lloyd’s Register Foundation-sponsored project at the University of Portsmouth, ‘Lloyd’s Register Surveyors in China, 1860-1918’.**
- The conference aims to connect practitioners and academics to work towards new opportunities for collaboration and partnership. The event will take place over 3 days, with all participants contributing to the discussions. Visits to Hong Kong heritage sites and opportunities to collaborate on funding applications will also form part of the programme.
- Presenters are to arrange their own travel and accommodation in Hong Kong.
- **We especially welcome contributions from museum and heritage professionals, and postgraduate or early career academics.**

How to apply

20-minute papers - Abstracts should be 300 words maximum and can be submitted in English. Please also additionally include the author(s) name, affiliation(s), corresponding email, and a short biography of a maximum of 100 words.

10-minute roundtable presentations - Abstracts should be 100 words maximum and can be submitted in English. Please also additionally include the author(s) name, affiliation(s), corresponding email, and a short biography of a maximum of 100 words.

All submissions should be emailed to portcitiesconference@gmail.com no later than 30 April 2023, with “Port Cities Conference” in the subject line.

The organizing committee will notify applicants by 7 May 2023 if they have been accepted to present.