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"Research Themes" PORTUSplus

PORTUSplus – published by RETE, International Association for the Collaboration between Ports and Cities – is an open-access journal, peer reviewed and indexed, dedicated to the multidisciplinary study of themes concerning the **relationship between port and cities and urban waterfronts**.

The Journal publishes and promotes scientific products and investigations – original works, studies experimental or theoretical, research results, etc. – concerning different fields of interest and from around the world.

The objective is to encourage the dissemination of knowledge and stimulates the international debate, promoting an systemic and interdisciplinary approach in the investigation and application, also exploring the interaction between policies and practices in the process.

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Promoting the communication and development of scientific research, that plays a increasingly relevant role in our society, PORTUSplus invites scholars and researchers, experts and professionals to respond to the **Call for papers "Research Themes"**, sending original works and research results in the several disciplines inherent to the themes described below.

Themes of Interest

The topics addressed in the papers may concern the plurality of involved dynamics in the evolution of urban waterfronts and contemporary port cities, from the point of view of different scientific-disciplinary approaches (economic, social, city-planning, cultural, etc.). In particular, the proposals should concern an issue related to the thematic areas specified below:

- A. HISTORY OF PORT CITIES
- B. ECONOMY AND BUSINESS
- C. CONTEMPORARY PORT CITIES AND NEW PORT-CITY RELATIONS MODELS
- D. FUTURE SCENARIOS: PLANNING AND PERSPECTIVE
- E. RESTRUCTURING URBAN-PORT WATERFRONTS
- F. ARCHITECTURE AND PORT CITY LANDSCAPE
- G. URBAN-PORT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- H. CULTURE AND IDENTITY
- I. PORT CITY DIDACTICS
- J. COMMUNICATION RESOURCES AND TOOLS
- K. INFRASTRUCTURES, TRANSPORT, INTERMODALITY, LOGISTICS
- L. PORT, CITY AND TERRITORY
- M. Others (Special Issues)

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Process of Paper Submission

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Participation in the selection for publication in PORTUSplus Journal (<https://portusplus.org>) requires to answer the "Call for papers" before the established deadline and following the instructions for the online "[Submission Step by Step](#)".

More information <[Online Submission](#)>, <[Submission Preparation Checklist](#)>

Acceptance of papers is based on originality and importance of observations and investigations, works quality and evidences validity, presentation clarity, and relevance both for readership and for fields of interest of the Journal.

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Language

Articles must be submitted **exclusively in English** (American English, translated or revised by a native speaker or professional in translation). If deemed appropriate by the Author(s), the same work may also be presented **eventually in a second language** among those admitted by the Journal (French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish).

Deadline for Paper Submission

The deadline for the submission of papers is **July 30, 2023**. Subsequently the documents deemed suitable and in line with the standards of the Journal are subjected to a double-blind peer review process (neither the Authors nor the Reviewers know the identity of each other) to avoid bias in the evaluation.

Any submission received after the deadline is reviewed afterwards for possible inclusion in the following issue of PORTUSplus.

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The articles will be published collectively, after the completion of the review and editing process, as part of a single issue of the Journal, with the table of contents.

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More information

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