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The construction of free ports: political communication, commercial development and administrative control



Louis François Cassas, Trieste Harbour, 1802

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29 April

9.30
Welcome address,
Andrea Torsello, Vice Provost for Research

9:40-13:00
Session 1
chair **James Stafford** (Bielefeld)

Introduction
Koen Stapelbroek (Helsinki/Rotterdam)
& **Antonio Trampus** (Venice)

Giulia Delogu (Venice),
*What is a free port? Creating the institution
and defining the concept*

Francesca Savoldi (Lisbon),
*Dire strait: colonial free ports and the mixed
fortunes of Tangier and Gibraltar*

Ida Fazio (Palermo) & **Rita Foti** (Palermo),
*The construction of the free port of Messina
in its Italian commercial and institutional contexts*

Discussion

15:00-17:30
Session 2
chair **Giulia Delogu** (Venice)

Eduardo Jones-Corredera (Cambridge),
*'Lords of the Seas': the eighteenth-century
Spanish case against free ports*

Giulio Ongaro (Bicocca Milan),
*Free ports in a controlled market: the role
of Ancona, Livorno, Genova and Trieste
in the grain trade in eighteenth-century Italy*

David Do Paco (Sciences Po Paris),
*Free port and captive city? A socio-political
history of eighteenth-century Trieste*

Discussion

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9:00-11:30
Session 3
chair **Koen Stapelbroek** (Rotterdam/ Helsinki)

Jesús Bohorquez (EUI),
*Eighteenth-century free ports as failed projects:
Lisbon and the winners and losers in international
markets*

Antonio Iodice (Exeter),
*'La maladie des Marseillais', Marseille's
free port between Revolution and Restoration,
1789-1817*

Stella Gervas (Newcastle),
*Odessa: The Rise and Fall of a Free Port,
1819-1858*

Discussion

11:30-13:30
Session 4
chair **Antonio Trampus** (Venice)

**TransPort: the journey as a transfer of
knowledge: ports cities in the global system:
project idea(s) from an interdisciplinary
discussion**

Introduction
Antonio Trampus & **Giulia Delogu** (Venice)

Discussants
Stella Gervas (Newcastle)
Domenico Cecere (Naples)
James Stafford (Bielefeld)

With
David Do Paco (Sciences Po, Paris)
Koen Stapelbroek (Rotterdam/Helsinki)
Fabio D'Angelo (San Marino)
Silvia Zabeo (Ca' Foscari Research Area, Venice)