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

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Monday 29 - Tuesday 30  
April 2019

## 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

## 30 April

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 Restauration, 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)