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## Global Shipping and Ports

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Global shipping has experienced huge changes over the past decade. It began with the shipping boom prior to 2007, radically slowing during the recession period, but picking up again in late 2013. But over the past 18 months, shipping has slowed again, while the industry is continuing to increase capacity. This cycle has changed the way in which seaports compete and the investments they attract for expansion. Prices for multi-modal, intermodal, and port services have cycled accordingly while the demand for high service levels increased. However, since early 2015 global shipping has slowed, creating excess capacity, and driving down container shipping prices, some routes as much as 75%. This has created a shift in how global seaports compete and their effect on intermodal and multi-modal services. The purpose of this special themed issue on global shipping and ports is to examine how the shift in global trade has affected global shipping and port competitiveness and performance including shipping and port services, multi-modal shipping, hinterland services, intermodal carriers, and linkages to short-sea shipping, as well as how shipping and ports respond to sustain their competitiveness. This themed issue is designed to examine the effects of the change in shipping and port competitiveness, their long term economic sustainability by creating and advancing new theory, testing existing theory, and examining application through empirical studies.

Submitted papers for the themed issue should emphasize a primary research question that addresses the change in shipping and port competitiveness, their supporting infrastructure, as well as changes in the ports to attract new customers, how they view future investments, and how they address economic sustainability. Manuscripts should utilize a robust methodology that contributes to theory advancement, theory testing, empirical application, and analytics. All methodological approaches are welcome, but those using a multi-method approach are especially encouraged. The special issue is not limited to commercial applications, but also includes charitable and humanitarian logistics.

Examples of topics include, but are not limited to:

Shipping Services and Competitiveness  
New Theory Development or Theory Testing in  
Port Competition  
Balanced Theory of Port Competitiveness  
Applications  
Seaport Sustainability – Future Viability  
Resource Dependency Theory Applications  
Humanitarian Supply Chains  
Port Risk Management

Containerization or Bulk Cargo  
Military Applications  
Carrier or Shipper Issues  
Intermodal and Multi-modal Logistics  
Distribution & Warehousing Networks Linked to Ports  
Port Services and Port Innovation  
World Bank Investment in Ports & Public-Private  
Partnerships

We are pleased to announce that the themed issue will be the Summer 2018 issue. Manuscripts should be submitted no later than **August 31, 2017** for consideration. Please refer to [www.editorialmanager.com/TransJour](http://www.editorialmanager.com/TransJour) for author and submission guidelines. The *Transportation Journal* has been the leading journal of logistics and supply chain-related transportation research for over 50 years.

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