Urban waterfronts have historically played a crucial role in the processes of urbanization in port cities around the world - whether viewed from the perspective of the growth of the built environment, the economy, or socio-cultural systems and institutions. While this remains the case, recent large-scale socio-economic changes make the conference particularly opportune at this time. Large investments have been made, and more are being planned, in urban waterfront development projects around the world that are envisioned to have major influences on the form of cities, their role in both local and international systems, and the social relations that occur within them. Waterfront developments are being promoted as spaces of promise and crucial territorial wedges in 21st century competitive-city growth strategies.

The ‘fixity and flow of urban waterfronts’ is an exciting and innovative concept that captures the many tensions that give rise to change on urban waterfronts. It also provides a critical lens through which to analyze the dynamism and interconnectedness of the tangle of relations and organizations associated with waterfront development. While waterfronts have always been special places where land and water meet, they have recently become leading sites for achieving urban transformations as cities compete at a global scale to attract corporations in the new information processing economy and their high-income jobs. A spatial expansion and integration of the global economy is fundamental to these recent urban waterfront developments.

Hamburg provides a particularly appropriate location for the conference: it is a city with a long and rich waterfront history, and recent changes to these lands and plans for additional expansion of port facilities all make for an exciting case to see and study.

Directions: from ZOB Bus-Port Hamburg (Adenauerallee - next to Central Station) take bus 120 or 124. Get off at ‘Billhorner Röhrendamm’ and walk 3 minutes to Brandshofer Deich 114-118 (follow green line).

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All participants will receive abstracts of all presentations and CVs. Coffee, tea and water as well as lunch sandwiches on both days are included in the fee of 80 € and 40€ for students. Also included are the boat tour on Friday and the guided tour in the HafenCity area on Saturday. As there are only about 50 places for participants the number is limited and registration will be made on first come first registered basis.

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Friday - October 10th

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome and Introduction
- Steven Spier, President HafenCity University, Hamburg
- Dirk Schubert, HafenCity University, Hamburg

9:15 Session I: Nature, Sustainability and Waterfront Development
Chair: Gene Desfor, York University, Toronto, Canada
- Mike Raco, King’s College London, U.K.
  - Bluefields, Waterfronts, and Urban Regeneration: The Case of Paddington, London
- Stephanie C. Kane, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, U.S.A.
  - Visibility and Contamination on the Buenos Aires Waterfront: La Boca, Puerto Madero and the Delta
- Jasper Rubin, San Francisco State University, U.S.A.
  - Stemming the Tide: San Francisco’s Waterfront in the Age of Neoliberal Urbanization
- Kevin Ramsey, University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A.

11:00 Coffee and Refreshments

11:15 Session II: Starting from Poetry, Ending with Real Estate: Waterfront Property Development
Chair: Jennefer Laidley, York University, Toronto, Canada
- Susanne Heeg, Wolfgang-Goethe University of Frankfurt/Main, Germany
  - Property-led Development as a New Approach in Urban Planning: South Boston Waterfront in Boston as a Case Study
- Hans Thor Andersen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
  - Copenhagen Harbour as Strategic Tool for Resurgence
- Tuna Tasan-Kok, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands & Yesim Sungu-Eryilmaz, Lincoln Institute of Policy, Cambridge, U.S.A.
  - Land Market Challenges of Waterfront Redevelopment: An International Review
- Quentin Stevens, The Bartlett School of Planning, London, U.K.
  - The German “City Beach” as a New Waterfront Development Model

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Session III: Hamburg’s Recent Waterfront Developments
Chair: Dirk Schubert, HCU, Hamburg, Germany
- Jörg Knieling, HCU, Hamburg, Germany
  - Adaptation to Climate Change in Growing Flood Prone Areas – Risk Management in Metropolis Hamburg/Germany
- Sybille Bauriedl, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany
  - Variety of Governance Strategies for Urban Waterfront Development: Political Participation of the Local State, Social Movements, Artists and Urban Researchers
- Hans Lied, IBA Hamburg GmbH, Germany
  - IBA and Regeneration of Wilhelmsburg - the Largest River Island in Europe
- Jürgen Bruns-Berentelg, HafenCity Authority, Hamburg, Germany
  - Overview of HafenCity Hamburg Development

4:00-5:30 Boat Tour of Hamburg Harbour
- The boat has a 70 person maximum

Saturday - October 11th

8:30 Coffee and Refreshments

9:00 Session IV: Historical Perspectives on Urban Waterfront Change
Chair: Mike Raco, King’s College London, U.K.
- Dirk Schubert, HCU, Hamburg, Germany
  - Waterfront Redevelopment in Hamburg: A Historical and a Comparative Perspective
- Gene Desfor, York University, Toronto, Canada
  - The City Walks on Water: The Social Production of Toronto’s Port Industrial District
- Paul S.B. Jackson, University of Toronto, Canada
- Gunter Gad & Scott Prudham, University of Toronto, Canada
  - Disinfecting the Flows: Cholera and Quarantine on Atlantic Ports
- Lars Amenda, University of Hamburg, Germany
  - Chinese Quarters at the Waterfront: Global Migration and Local Imagination in West European Port Cities, 1890-1960

11:15 Coffee and Refreshments

11:30 Session V: Global-Local Dynamics in Waterfront Change
Chair: Tuna Tasan-Kok, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands
- Sue Brownill, Oxford Brookes University, London, U.K.
  - The Dynamics of Waterfront Development: London Docklands Revisited
- Wei Xu, University of Lethbridge, Canada
  - Urban Renewal, Functional Upgrading, and Waterfront Redevelopment: the Making of Shanghai as a Global City
- Johannes Novy, Columbia University, NYC, U.S.A.
  - New York City’s Waterfronts as Strategic Sites for Analyzing Neoliberal Urbanism and its Contestations
- Peter V. Hall, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada
  - Maritime Ports and the Politics of Reconnection

1:15 Lunch

2:15 Session VI: The Local in an Era of Global Development: Place Identity & Institutional Thickness
Chair: Hans Thor Andersen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Harry Smith, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland
  - The Power of the Waterfront: A Pragmatic Approach to Urban Waterfront Theory and Practice
- Melanie Gidel, University of Paris, France
  - Urban Fragmentation on the Waterfront: Coastal Squatting Communities and Urban Renewal Projects in the Caribbean
- Astrid Wonneberger, Hamburg University, Germany
  - Community and Social Organisation in the Context of Dockland Regeneration in Dublin

4:00 Closing

4:30 Walking Tour of HafenCity

6:30 Brief Open Meeting of the International Network of Urban Waterfront Research