



Newsletter

➤ *IJSTL* Impact Factor

The *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics (IJSTL)* was launched by SRC members in 2009 with the aim of providing an international research forum on shipping and transport logistics. *IJSTL* is dedicated to publishing original, high-quality, and methodologically rigorous research papers that address significant management issues pertinent to shipping and transport logistics.

IJSTL has been listed in ISI Web of Knowledge under the categories of “Management” and “Transportation” since 2010. The latest release of the ISI Journal Citation Reports (JCR) by Thomson Reuters reported that *IJSTL* secured an impact factor of 1.844.

The submission rate to *IJSTL* has been increasing continually. We are especially pleased to see that the quality of the submissions has also improved significantly. As the number of paper submissions is expected to multiply in the time ahead, the publication of *IJSTL* will be increased from four issues a year to six issues a year with effect from 2013.



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➤ **Faculty Award**

Dr Mike Lai won the Faculty Award for Research and Scholarly Activities. In the past four years, Dr Lai was awarded, in his capacity as sole Principal Investigator, four GRF (General Research Fund) grants and, in his capacity as Principal Investigator, one PPR (Public Policy Research) grant from the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. As Co-investigator, he obtained another three GRF/PPR grants for projects undertaken together with his former PhD student in the department.



Dr Mike Lai (right) and Faculty Dean Prof. Edwin Cheng

➤ **Special Issue on “Container Security and Supply Chain Visibility”**

The *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics* published a special issue on “Container Security and Supply Chain Viability” in 2012. This special issue was edited by the Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics.

Six papers were selected for inclusion in this special issue. Vilko and Hallikas report the impact of supply chain risks in Finland. Prokop discusses a technology focus on smart containers and the use of the public goods approach for supply chain security. Wang, Pulat, and Shen deal with data mining for the development of a global port-to-port freight movement database. Scholz-Reiter, Haasis, and Daschkovska investigate a cost-benefit model for a secure container network. Harder and Voß discuss a cost model for investment decisions on RFID. Finally, Arendt, Meyer-Larsen, Müller, and Veenstra report findings of the European R&D projects Chinos and Integrity.

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<http://www.inderscience.com/browse/index.php?journalID=304&year=2012&vol=4&issue=2>

➤ Ranks First in Shipping Research

By tracking publications on shipping studies under the category “Transportation”, members of the SRC examine research on shipping and shipping-related topics captured in Thomson Reuters’ database of *ISI Web of Science* between 2009 and 2011.

They compile a report that provides information on the number of shipping articles published between 2009 and 2011, key journals publishing shipping research outputs, and worldwide rankings of shipping schools.



The citation report for the Transportation category (compiled by Thomson Reuters’ *ISI Web of Science*) records a total of 283 shipping-related articles were published between 2009 and 2011. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is ranked first in the world for shipping research in terms of number of SCI/SSCI journal papers published. Among the highly-cited papers are Dr Venus Lun’s co-authored articles “Fleet mix in container shipping operations” and “An empirical model of the bulk shipping market”.

Click the following link to read the “Top Shipping School Research Rankings”:
http://www.lgt.polyu.edu.hk/Research/SRC/SRC_ResearchRankings.asp

➤ Consultancy on SCS for the Insurance Industry

The Shipping Research Centre (SRC), in collaboration with the Management and Executive Development Centre (MEDC) of PolyU, has secured a consultancy project from the HKSAR Government. The project relates to the “Provision of Consultancy Services on Production of Specification of Competency Standards (SCS) for Insurance Industry”.

This is the third consultancy project secured by the SRC team from the Qualification Framework Secretariat. In 2011, SRC members undertook to provide expert advice on the production of SCS for the Logistics Industry and the Import/Export Industry.



The Qualification Framework aims to “help Hong Kong people set clear goals and directions for continuous learning to obtain quality-assured qualification”. It also aims to “enhance the overall quality and competitiveness of the local workforce”.

➤ **Newly Secured Research Projects**

SRC members have secured two research projects recently. Dr Christina Wong, Dr Mike Lai, Dr Venus Lun, and Prof. T.C.E. Cheng have successfully secured funding from the Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) under the Public Policy Research Scheme (10th Round) for their project on “Beyond Eco-labeling: Embedding Green Supply Chain Management Practices in Apparel Trade”.

The RGC of Hong Kong and the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) recently announced new awards of the ESRC/RGC Joint Research Scheme (4th Round). Dr Christina Wong and her collaborator, Professor Chee Wong, the University of Hull, received a grant for their project on “How Partner Firms Coordinate their Environmental Management Practices? Green Supply Chain Integration and its Performance Implications”.

➤ **Call for Papers: Multi-methodological Research in Production and Operations Management**

A member of the SRC will co-edit a special issue of *Production and Operations Management (POM)* on “Multi-methodological Research in Production and Operations Management”. This special issue aims to publish papers that, on one hand, adopt two or more mainstream research methodologies to explore POM research problems, while on the other hand, the methods are rigorous, significant, and result in a resonance that establishes solid and significant results. This special issue will become a classic volume on the probable future development of POM research.

Examples of multi-methodological POM research include the following recently published papers:

1. Veeraraghavan, S., R. Vaidyanathan. 2012. Measuring seat value in stadiums and theaters. *Production and Operations Management* 21: 49-68.
2. Özer, Ö., Y. Zheng, K.Y. Chen. 2011. Trust in forecast information sharing. *Management Science* 57: 1111-1137.
3. Bendoly, E., M.J. Cottleer. 2008. Understanding behavioral sources of process variation following enterprise system deployment. *Journal of Operations Management* 26: 23-44.
4. Siemsen, E., S. Balasubramanian, A.V. Roth. 2007. Incentives that induce task-related effort, helping, and knowledge sharing in workgroups. *Management Science* 53: 1533-1550.

POM Special Issue Guest Editors:
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