

# SRC Newsletter

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## *JST*: Now Accepting Submissions

The *Journal of Shipping and Trade (JST)* is now accepting submissions. *JST* aims to promote best practices in shipping and to improve the management of global trade activities. *JST* also aims to strengthen the theoretical base of decision making with regard to managing shipping and trade activities. The journal covers, but is not limited to, the following fields: Shipping Economics, Trade and Economic Development, Transportation Management, Global Port Management, Regional Studies, Environmental Management in Shipping and Trade, and Business Model Development.

Please visit *JST*'s homepage for more information:

<http://www.jshippingandtrade.com/>

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Please use the online submission system to submit your manuscript:

<https://www.editorialmanager.com/jlst/default.aspx>

## GPRA 2015

The GPRA Conference 2015, themed *Port and Logistics Connectivity*, hosted by the Shipping Research Centre of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, was held on 21-22 May. With more than 200 participants who are academic researchers and industry practitioners from around the world, the event was aimed at enhancing collaboration between academic researchers and finding solutions to current and emerging shipping and port related issues. It also promoted multi-stakeholder dialogue on tackling challenges in port operations and management.



Group photo of officiating guests and keynote speakers

In response to the global and complex challenges faced by the port sector and the related maritime and logistics industries, the Global Port Research Alliance (GPRA) was formed among global leading universities. GPRA's constituent institutions are:

- Imperial College London - Port Operations and Technology Centre
- Malaysia Institute for Supply Chain Innovation - MIT Global SCALE Network
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics
- National University of Singapore - Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University - Shipping Research Centre
- University of Hamburg - Institute of Information Systems
- University of Sydney - Institute of Transport and Logistics Studies
- University of Sao Paulo, Innovation Centre for Logistics and Ports Infrastructure

The welcoming speech was delivered by Prof. Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, Secretary for Transport and Housing of the HKSAR Government

Press release from HKSAR Government:  
<http://www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/speeches/transport/land/2015/20150521.htm>

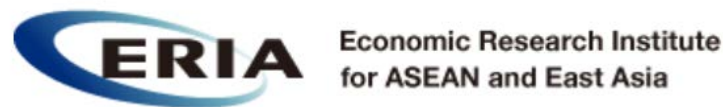


## ERIA Research Project

Dr Venus Lun (Director of SRC) was invited by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to engage in the ERIA Research Project on “Maritime Connectivity in South East Asia: Its Role and Challenges Toward Integration”.

The objectives of this research are to answer the following questions:

- How should ASEAN improve its intraregional maritime connectivity in the following regards?
- What are the contributions of increased maritime connectivity to the economy of ASEAN countries? How should the Ro-Ro system be modified for the purpose?
- What is the best way to develop modern seaports with focuses on value-added activities?
- What are country-specific challenges in developing modern seaports?
- How should ASEAN build a joint institution to accelerate maritime connectivity?
- How should ASEAN expand its maritime connectivity to connect to extra-ASEAN seaports and production network? What are the challenges and the best ways to approach them?



The ERIA is an international organization established by a formal agreement among 16 heads of government. The ERIA works closely with the ASEAN Secretariat, researchers and research institutes from East Asia to provide intellectual and analytical research and policy recommendations.

## Public Policy Research Project

The Central Policy Unit of the HKSAR Government introduced the Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme to promote policy research. Dr Mike Lai (Deputy Director of SRC) successfully secured funding support for the project “Evaluation on Green Practices for Grocery Retailers in Hong Kong and the Policy Implications for Sustainable Development”. The co-investigators of this project are Prof. Edwin Cheng, Dr Venus Lun, Dr Ailie Tang, and Dr Christina Wong.

This PPR project aims to:

- Investigate grocery retailers’ adoption of green practices in Hong Kong;
- Ascertain the performance value of green practices to grocery retailers in Hong Kong and identify areas for their improvement;
- Analyze if grocery retailers in Hong Kong vary in their green practices adoption levels and examine their organisational characteristics; and
- Recommend policy actions to promote and enhance the adoption of green practices among grocery retailers in Hong Kong.

## Special Issues

The *Journal of Shipping and Trade* will publish a special issue on “Environmental Challenges and Solutions in Shipping”. This special issue is devoted to publishing research results presented at the World Conference on Transport Research Society (WCTRS) Special Interest Group 2: Ports and Maritime (SIGA2) 2015 Conference. It will consist of various contributions in the field of environmental issues in maritime shipping and ports, dealing with problem identification as well as solutions that can be put in place to mitigate or strengthen impacts.

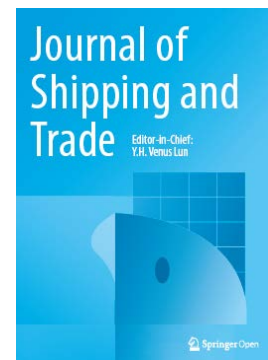


For details of WCTRS, please visit the following link:

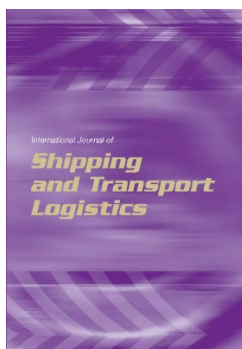
<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/rg/transport-and-regional-economics/news-and-events/events-and-conferences/wctr-sig-2-conferenc/international-scientific-committee/>

Guest Editors:

- Thierry Vanellander and Edwin van Hassel, University of Antwerp
- Venus Lun, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



The *International Journal of Shipping and Transport Logistics (IJSTL)* recently published a special issue on “Advances in Low-Carbon Logistics Management”. This special issue is devoted to publishing recent original works related to low-carbon transport and logistics. The Guest Editors selected six papers from more than 250 papers presented at the 2012 International Conference on Low-carbon Transportation and Logistics, and Green Buildings, and other submissions.



Guest Editors:

- T.C. Edwin Cheng, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Feng Chen and Guowei Hua, Beijing Jiaotong University
- Shouyang Wang, Chinese Academy of Sciences

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Homepage of this Special Issue:

<http://www.inderscience.com/info/inarticletoc.php?jcode=ijstl&year=2015&vol=7&issue=3>