To advance both the theory and practice of shipping and port policy further, this special issue (SI) seeks to promote associated research to foster its relevance to both scholars and practitioners. We invite contributors from around the globe to send their best work on specific shipping and/or port issues, to further advance knowledge within the realm of transportation research. By focusing on shipping and port issues, we hope to find emergent ideas to solve practical problems.

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- Port disruption and resilience
- Corporate governance in shipping and ports
- Intermodal and connectivity in shipping and ports
- Efficiency and performance assessment in shipping and ports
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- International shipping conventions and regulations
- Sustainability policy in shipping and ports
- Shipping strategic alliances
- Demand forecasting for shipping and ports
- Technology adoption of shipping and ports
- Environmental challenges to shipping and ports
- Larger vessel development and port congestion issues
- Ship energy efficiency and carbon emission issues

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- Feedback from 2nd round review: 30 JUL 2016
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