



Connecting short and long distance perspectives in freight transportation

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Short and long distance freight transport are often analyzed separately. On one side, works focused on city freight/logistics consider the urban freight flows in isolation, ignoring other segments of the transport chains they are part of. For example, the location of warehouses within an urban area cannot be reduced a problem of distance minimization to local customers, since all the urban logistics activities are not exclusively oriented to local deliveries (Sakai et al, 2017). On the other side, works on long distance transport are generally aware of short distance issues (i.e. market areas of ports/intermodal terminals), but often fail to analyze the whole transport chain in an integrated manner (Robinson, 2002, Carbone and de Martino, 2003).

This special session proposes to integrate short and long distance dimensions of freight transport through papers tackling less known aspects or within broader geographical contexts. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Location of intermodal terminals
- Food supply of cities (local food systems...)
- Freight flows and urban hierarchy
- Inter/intra urban freight transport
- Multi-leg road transport (organization, outsourcing strategies,...)
- Hinterlands/Market areas of transport terminals
- Connections between short sea and Deep sea segments in maritime transport
- Work issues and other social dimensions of city supply

We aim to attract contributions that engage critically and constructively on freight transportation debates, going beyond case studies or monographies. Papers stressing on the following aspects are very much welcome:

- Chronological aspects. The optimality of transport decisions may change with time.
- Diversity of geographical contexts.
- Hot topics. Provide insight on controversial topics, such for example, the impact of logistics sprawl on transport emissions, or the impact of robotization on employment.

Selected papers would eventually be published in a special issue/section of Journal of Transport Geography, depending on their number and quality.