

Call for Symposium Papers

## Détroits (Straits)

*An interdisciplinary and international perspective*

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Boulogne-sur-Mer, France

November 24, 25, 26, 2021



As part of the **University of the Littoral Côte d'Opale's emerging project "Détroits" (Straits)**, led by the LARJ (Laboratoire de Recherche Juridique) and TVES (Territoires, Villes, Environnement & Société) research teams, this call is open to the research community and to actors able to shed light on the dynamics of international, internal or anthropogenic (canals) straits. Taking place over two and a half days (Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and morning of Friday 26th, of November 2021), **this symposium will provide an opportunity to confront perspectives, fields and objectives, to reflect upon novel approaches to interdisciplinary collaborations in order to advance understanding of phenomena impacting the dynamics of these major oceanic, maritime or territorial crossroads.**

These spaces are particularly salient given the growing importance of the maritime economy, an intensification of human migration and the pressing need to adopt ecological approaches for the management of seas, oceans or coastlines. **Reconciling environmental, technical, sociological, maritime, logistical or legal issues**, particularly those that arise in areas of cooperation, tensions and conflicts, demands **strongly interdisciplinary approaches**. In particular, such studies must integrate the operational expertise of actors who contribute to the management of straits. The Symposium, which will compare different straits and high-lights the diversity of practices and disciplines underpinning this emerging field, will reveal the richness and innovative nature of the straits research context. This inaugural meeting is expected to spur the development of new collaborations apt to favour the production of empirical and operationally grounded studies employing novel methodologies.

**This symposium thus represents an important and unique opportunity to unite a wide variety of actors to take stock of the current state of the art and to reflect upon the future evolution of practices.** The very broad nature of this call for papers is the very essence of the "Détroits" (Straits) project which aims to regroup the straits community and to promote the emergence of new ideas via an open discussion framework.

This call for papers and communications is open to researchers and young researchers, to operational actors from the public, private, civil society or non-governmental institutions and to experienced stakeholders whose knowledge is likely to stimulate debate.

Contributions are invited from diverse disciplinary and thematic fields including (but not limited to): **geography, geopolitics, law, political science, literature, sociology, economics, management, anthropology, ethnology, history, archaeology, environmental and natural sciences, ecology,**

**marine biology, physical oceanography, hydrodynamics, climatology, geology, geomorphology, engineering sciences, geographic information systems, spatial planning, health risks, technological risks, cybersecurity, etc.**

This event will take place in Boulogne-sur-Mer, a town on the ‘Pas de Calais’ Strait (the Dover Strait). This zone defines a space which structures the north-western European territory whose status as the largest strait in the world is rivaled only by the Malacca Strait. The University of Littoral Côte d’Opale will host the Symposium.

Given future challenges raised by an increasingly connected world, we are convinced that straits represent key **research objects** for the analysis of the multi-faceted notion of globalization. This is a scientific challenge apt to rally both public and private researchers and operational staff to **contribute to an inclusive and innovative research program for the benefit of knowledge end-users**, regardless of their status.

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## Organizing Committee

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## Key dates

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Call launch date: March 15th, 2021;

Abstract submission deadline: **May 31st, 2021;**

**Notification of acceptance:** from June 21st, 2021;

Presentation and extended abstract submission deadline: November 10th, 2021;

Symposium dates: November 24th, 25th and 26th (morning), 2021;

**Final paper submission deadline: February 4th, 2022.**

## Detailed Schedule and Submission Requirements

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**The symposium will take place on the 24th, 25th and morning of the 26th of November 2021.** Depending on the health situation, the event will adopt a hybrid approach (videoconference and face-to-face) or will be entirely online (by videoconference only).

**Proposals must be submitted before midnight (Central European Time) on May 31st, 2021.** They must include the following elements (clearly and in the given order): title; name(s); contact(s); disciplinary field(s) or activity(ies); laboratory(ies), university(ies) or employer(s); abstract (maximum

3,000 characters – no footnotes); possibly a document; if necessary, a bibliography containing a maximum of 7 references from the abstract. The .pdf format should be used when possible. The file name must include the name of the main author. Abstracts and papers may be submitted in **French or English**.

Notification of acceptance will be announced **on June 21st, 2021**.

**The oral presentation should be 15 minutes long** in order to allow sufficient time for discussion. It may include a presentation (.ppt, .pptx, .pdf, .odp format). The presentation should contain no more than 15 slides, including the title and end pages, and there shouldn't be any animations between the slides. Each slide must be easily readable and, when available, include the design template of the originating institution. The presentations are also subject to copyright and corresponding legal guidelines thus apply.

**Selected participants will be asked to submit an extended abstract** (contextualized highlights of the presentation) and their presentation to the organizers two weeks prior to the event. The latter is not considered final and may be modified up to the day of the symposium.

## **Publication Schedule and Standards**

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Texts for inclusion in the proceedings must adhere to the limit of **30,000 to 45,000 characters (including bibliography and footnotes)**. The bibliography must adopt the **APA standard (7th edition available at [apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples](http://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples))**.

Authors may include documents (tables, maps, diagrams) in their text, subject to full respect of copyright. If the documents are not original documents, it is strongly recommended that authors contact the authors of the published documents to ensure that their rights are respected.

For illustrations, black and white (grayscale level) should be privileged to improve readability. Color should be reserved for illustrations that owing to their complexity cannot be faithfully represented in black and white (e.g. maps, complex figures, photographs). A minimum of 300 DPI is recommended for complex illustrations, a minimum of 150 DPI should be used for simple diagrams.

Texts **will be published after the symposium to allow** authors sufficient time to modify their submission, particularly further to remarks and questions raised during the presentations. The texts will be published in a journal or a book which is still to be defined. Final versions of the **texts will be due on February 4th, 2022, in order to expedite publication**.

**Texts may be proposed in French or in English**. We recommend that the abstract, communication and text should be drafted in the same language.

**The absence of an indicative bibliography for this call conveys the openness and scientific freedom bestowed upon authors with respect to their chosen subjects and themes.**

## **Valorization of the Event**

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In addition to the publication of the symposium proceedings:

**The event will be broadcast live**, subject to participant consent (non-consent will not affect participation in the symposium);

**Podcasts may be** offered to the authors to convey the main ideas and highlights of oral presentations;

Noteworthy fact: **the symposium will take place in synergy with the 30th anniversary of the University of Littoral Côte d'Opale**. This will ensure broad media coverage and a marked involvement of university actors.