SOCIAL DYNAMICS IN ATLANTIC PORTS

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VLIZ, FLANDERS MARINE INSTITUTE
WANDELAARKAAI 7, 8400 OOSTENDE, BELGIUM

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Ports were the main nodes in the network that framed the Atlantic world since the XVIth century. They were the focus of commercial life, maritime activities and financial life. These activities created specific social dynamics which characterized port cities. In this conference we are going to deal with the broad topic of social relations and dynamics in the Atlantic port cities on both sides of the Atlantic, and both north and south.
The Governance of Atlantic port network was created as an initiative of Spanish, Portuguese and French specialists. It includes also members from other European countries, South America and Northern Africa. We encourage historians working on other parts of the Atlantic to join the network in order to create a real transatlantic port studies network.

The papers will address the following fields:

- Social and professional groups (sailors, shipbuilders, dockworkers, ship-owners, merchants, navy)
- Social organization, networks, social mobilization
- The role of women
- Migration, diasporas
- Social problems, poverty, inequality
- Crime, conflict, violence, legal regulation and criminal persecution
- Intervention and policies of public authorities related to these fields

Conference venue:

The conference will take place at the
InnovOcean site of the
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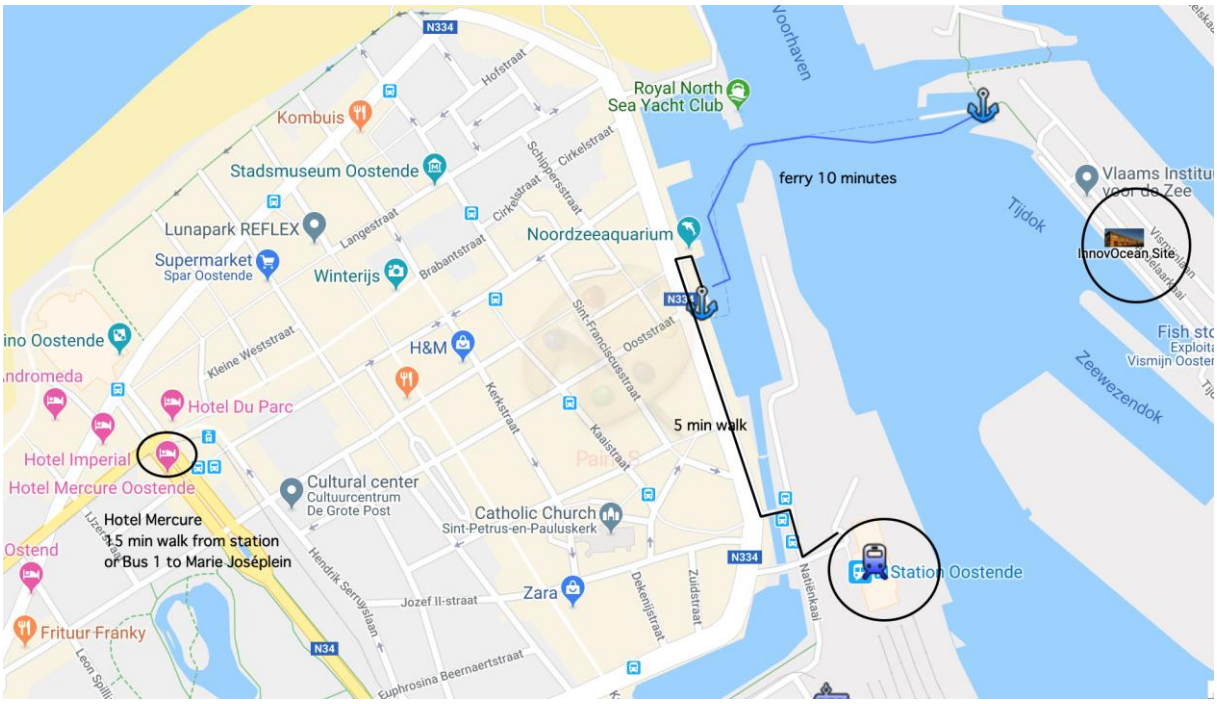
The offices of VLIZ – and the other institutions located at the InnovOcean site – are housed in the former warehouses of the Ostend fish market. The buildings are situated on the east bank of the harbour and overlook the harbour channel and the centre of Ostend.



Access

By airplane via Brussels airport

On the lower floor of Brussels Airport, take the train to Brussels-Midi/Zuid (frequency: every 20 min.). Then take the hourly direct train to Ostend (1 hour 42 minutes) or transfer in Brugge (Bruges) (1 hour 47 minutes).
From the airport you can also take the train to Gent (Ghent) – St.-Pieters and continue to Ostend from there (2 hours 19 minutes).

By Train

The Ostend railway station is located in the city centre, within walking distance of the promenade and the shopping streets. There is a direct connection to and from Kortrijk, Ghent, Brussels and Antwerp. For international trips there is a direct connection with Lille and a connection with Paris operated by Thalys (via Brussels).
Timetable and route planner

Ferry

Pedestrians and cyclists can take the **free ferry** from the centre of Ostend (Visserskaai) to the VLIZ offices located on the other side of the harbour channel. To reach the ferry from the Ostend railway station, turn right, cross the bridge and turn right again at Visserskaai towards the **ferry bridge** near the North Sea Aquarium.

TIMETABLE:
from 1 April to 30 September:
during week: 06.30 until 9.00 pm
(last crossing to the east bank: 8.40 pm –
last crossing to the west bank: 8.50 pm)

By car

At the end of the E40/A10 motorway you enter Ostend and take exit 4 towards Blankenberge (N34). When you have passed the traffic lights, a roundabout, a viaduct and the blue bridges, turn left at the fourth traffic light (follow the sign 'VLIZ – InnovOcean site'). Mind the tram!
After crossing the tram line, immediately turn right and then take the first street on the left (Nieuwewerfkaai). At the end of the road turn right (Vismijnlaan). At the bottom of Vismijnlaan – just in front of the passageway through the fish market – take Wandelaarkaai on your left. Ample parking facilities are provided by the waterside.

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