



AUSTRALIAN MARITIME LOGISTICS RESEARCH NETWORK (AMLRN)

Call for Engagement

The AMLRN Annual Symposium 2021: *Maritime Logistics in the Post-Pandemic Era*

Context

Although the COVID-19 pandemic is still challenging every industry and sector globally in the year 2021, increasing attention has been paid to the global economic recovery in the post-pandemic era. Due to the promotion of COVID vaccination rollout programs and the implementation of COVID-19 government stimulus packages, production, consumption and trade activities within and between countries gradually increase. According to UNCTAD's Global Trade Update released on 19 May 2021 (<https://unctad.org/news/global-trades-recovery-covid-19-crisis-hits-record-high>), world trade in the first quarter of 2021 has recovered from the COVID-19 crisis, with an increase of about 3% relative to the start of the pandemic-induced recession in Q4 2019. The global recovery from the COVID-19 crisis together with a positive outlook for future world trade further drives the demand for maritime logistics and supply chain services which constitute the backbone of world trade.

To accommodate this, both industry and academia in the maritime logistics domain have raised concerns regarding how to build sustainable and resilient maritime logistics and supply chains in the post-pandemic era. However, this has faced a variety of challenges such as policy uncertainty, trade imbalance, global container shortage, maritime digitalisation and cybersecurity. These challenges need in-depth research. It is expected that such investigations will contribute to better understanding the role of maritime logistics and supply chains in promoting economic recovery, resilience and prosperity in the post-pandemic era. Meanwhile, recent research findings have important implications for policy design and implementation.

The **AMLRN Annual Symposium 2021** will be an excellent opportunity for AMLRN members and other prospective participants to get together and exchange practical experience, research results, ideas, commentary and feedback in various forms of engagement, like paper presentation, case study presentation, panel discussion, etc. Topics include, among others, the following:

- Capacity management of the various maritime supply chain sectors to adapt to the fluctuating market demand.
- Mitigation strategies for shipping, ports and other maritime sectors in the post-pandemic business environment.
- Strategies to address vulnerability and build more resilience and responsive maritime supply chains in the aftermath of COVID-19.
- Global logistics and supply chains in the aftermath of COVID-19.
- International trade and global business in the aftermath of COVID-19.
- New trends in supply chain, logistics and maritime competencies development.
- Risk and resilience in global supply chains, maritime transport and logistics.
- Sustainability in global supply chain and maritime transport and logistics contexts,

- Contemporary technological developments and their implications for supply chains, maritime transport and logistics.
- Cruise research post-pandemic.
- Workers in global supply chains.

We would like to call for participation from AMLRN academic and industry members and your affiliates in the **AMLRN Annual Symposium 2021** with the theme of *Maritime Logistics in the Post-Pandemic Era*. The Symposium shall be held online on **Thursday, 2 December 2021**.

Important dates

- Submission of extended abstract: 26 September 2021
- Notification of acceptance: 25 October 2021
- Deadline for registration for presenters: 18 November 2021
- Deadline for registration for audience: 1 December 2021
- Submission of PPT slides: 1 December 2021
- AMLRN Symposium date: 2 December 2021

Registration

Please register your engagement in the AMLRN Annual Symposium 2021 using the following URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/australian-maritime-logistics-research-network-amlrn-symposium-2021-tickets-164808626037>

Further information

For further information (presentation of paper, abstract, case study, and panel discussion, general audience etc.) please contact the AMLRN Annual Symposium 2021 Organizing Committee:

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