

# AUSTRALIAN MARITIME LOGISTICS RESEARCH NETWORK (AMLRN)

## Call for Engagement

### **The AMLRN Annual Symposium 2020: Maritime Transport and Logistics in an Era of Reglobalisation - Contemporary Issues and Interfaces**

#### **Context**

The year of 2020 has been a challenging year for both industry and academia. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused widespread impacts on virtually every sector of the global economy, including international trade and global supply chains. It has been widely reported that significant disruptions have been experienced by many firms around the globe. Such disruptions and the resultant restrictive policies imposed by governments in many countries have revealed acute bottleneck in global supply chains and affected many trade regions. On top of that, political uncertainties (e.g. BREXIT, trade wars) and trade renegotiation among different countries have added additional complexities to the overall picture of international trade. Instead of addressing the root causes of such roadblocks, some argued that the existing globalised economies are too vulnerable and might require to be entirely restructured in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some governments and firms started to re-strategize their critical supply chains through reshoring and near-shoring (i.e. reglobalisation). Given the importance of logistical and technological factors in supporting interconnected supply chains, reconfiguration of global supply chains and restructuring of their associated operations may be inevitable. Without properly evaluating the long-term consequence, however, such decisions may significantly harm the basic concepts of global supply chains' integration and coordination, and adversely affect the foundation of trust which has evidently taken a long time to be built among various partners over the past decades.

As the backbone of and having its demand derived from international trade, maritime transport and logistics play a critical role in the global economy. In the aftermath of COVID-19 and other global trends, there have arisen critical issues both in maritime transport and logistics domains and their interfaces with international trade which need further research investigation. It is expected that such investigations will contribute to enriching the literature of maritime transport and logistics, as well as supply chain and logistics management relating to this special chapter in the international trade history. In addition, findings from such investigations will aid effective and efficient managerial decision making and policy design and implementation.

On this note, the **AMLRN Annual Symposium 2020** will be an excellent opportunity for AMLRN members and other prospective participants to get together and exchange practical experience, research results, ideas, commentary, feedback in various forms of engagement e.g. paper presentation, case study presentation, panel discussion, etc. Topics of research investigation include, among others, the following:

- Capacity management of the various maritime supply chain sectors to adapt to the fluctuating market demand,
- Mitigation strategies of shipping, port and other maritime sectors in the post-pandemic business environment,
- Strategies to address vulnerability and build more resilience and responsive maritime supply chain networks in the aftermath of COVID-19,
- Global logistics and supply chain in the aftermath of COVID-19,
- International trade and global business in the aftermath of COVID-19,

- New trends of supply chain, logistics and maritime competencies development,
- Risk and resilience in global supply chain and maritime transport and logistics contexts,
- Sustainability in global supply chain and maritime transport and logistics contexts,
- Contemporary technological developments and their implications to supply chain and maritime transport and logistics.



We would like to call for engagement from AMLRN academic and industry members and your affiliates to participate in the **AMLRN Annual Symposium 2020** with the theme of *Maritime Transport and Logistics in an Era of Re-globalisation: Contemporary Issues and Interfaces*. The Symposium shall be held online on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**.

### Important dates

- Registration of engagement: 01 November 2020
- Submission of presentation file (presentation of paper, abstract, case study and panel discussion topics): 15 November 2020
- AMLRN Annual Symposium 2020: 10 December 2020

### Supporting journals

Research papers presented at the AMLRN Annual Symposium 2020, as well as abstract presentation which shall be developed after the Symposium, can be submitted for further consideration of publication on the Special Issues of the following journals:

- Maritime Business Review (MABR):  
<https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/journal/mabr/post-covid-19-global-trade-and-business-environment-and-maritime-supply-chain>.
- International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management:  
<https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/journal/ijpdlm/supply-chain-management-era-reglobalization>
- International Journal of Logistics: Research and Applications:  
<https://www.journalconferencejob.com/sc-resiliency-reglobalization>

## **Registration**

Please register your engagement in the AMLRN Annual Symposium 2020 using the following URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/australian-maritime-logistics-research-network-amlrnannual-symposium-2020-registration-124054029943>

## **Further contact**

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