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Geopolitical changes and transport

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Conference session

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Geopolitical changes are the results of political decisions by governments or by international organisations such as the European Union, the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the United Nations. These changes can have significant impacts on use of transport, transport routing and transport investment decisions.

The changing importance of national borders, including the Schengen Open Borders Agreement and its suspension by Denmark and Sweden in the European Migration Crisis, have significant impacts on cross border traffic, including commuting, and investment in cross border infrastructure, such as the Channel Tunnel and the Danish/Swedish Øresund Bridge.

China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), investing in international road, rail and sea transport routes from China and foreign ports, is part of its geopolitical vision as a world power and not just economically motivated. Globalization of trade has been facilitated by lower or zero import tariffs agreed by supranational bodies such as the European Union, North American Free Trade Association and WTO and much lower shipping costs with containerization and bulk tankers.

Strategic routes, such as the Panama and Suez Canals, have increased in importance and required investment in higher capacity. Alternative strategic routes include the Nicaraguan Canal and the Russian High Arctic Sea route. Freedom of Passage in international waters (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea - UNCLOS) can be a political flash point.

This special session is organized by the Transport and Geography Commission of the International Geographical Union (IGU).

Topics of interest

The topics of interest for the special sessions include, but are not limited to:

- Effects on transport of the European Migration Crisis, including impacts on cross - border rail and car commuting of the re-imposition of checks on the Danish/Swedish border, after 60 years of open borders
- China's Belt and Road Initiative
- Strategic Sea Routes

Deadline for abstract submission: January 31, 2019 .

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¹ <http://en.forumviesmobiles.org/agenda/2019/01/01/geopolitical-changes-and-transport-12783>

² <http://en.forumviesmobiles.org/la-communaute/agenda/list%3Ftype%3Dall>

³ <http://en.forumviesmobiles.org/la-communaute/agenda/list%3Ftype%3Dselection>

⁴ <http://en.forumviesmobiles.org/la-communaute/agenda/list%3Ftype%3Dfvm>

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