

# Port competitiveness and the (new) world order

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### A few words about IAPH

- Founded in 1955
- ▶ Today:
  - 170 ports
  - 140 port-related businesses
  - 90 countries
- Principal roles:
  - Advocacy (NGO status with IMO and other UN bodies)
  - Collaboration (e.g. World Ports Climate Initiative)
  - Network (e.g. World Ports Conference, Women's Forum, ...)
- Change process:
  - New constitution
  - ► Future: www.surveymonkey.com/r/IAPH2017

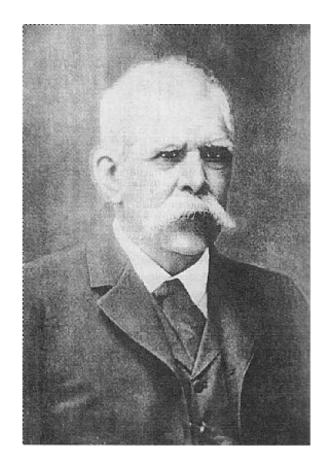


### Overview

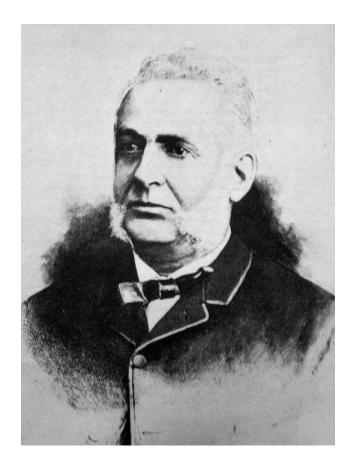
- 1. Evolution of the port concept
- 2. Geo-political factors
- 3. Sustainable development
- 4. Conclusions



# 1. Evolution of the port concept



Luis Huergo (1837-1913)



Eduardo Madero (1823-1894)

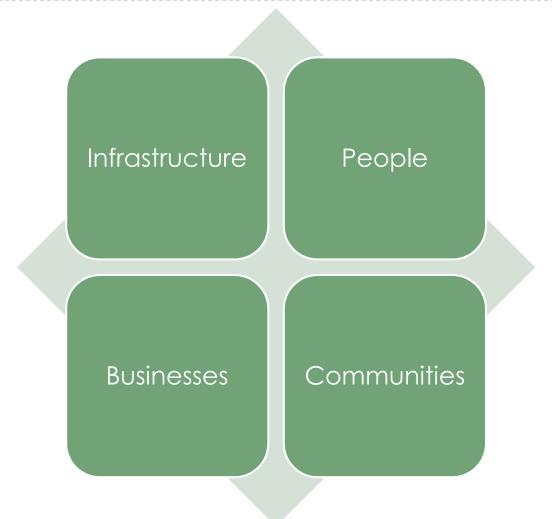


## 5th generation port: the Smart Port



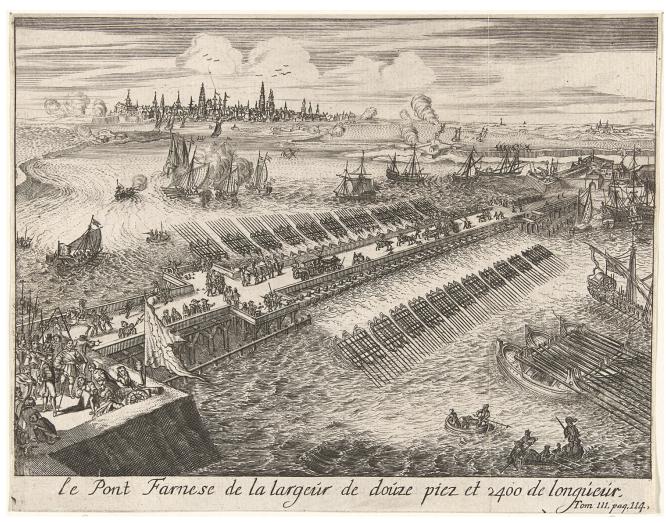


### Ports connect ...

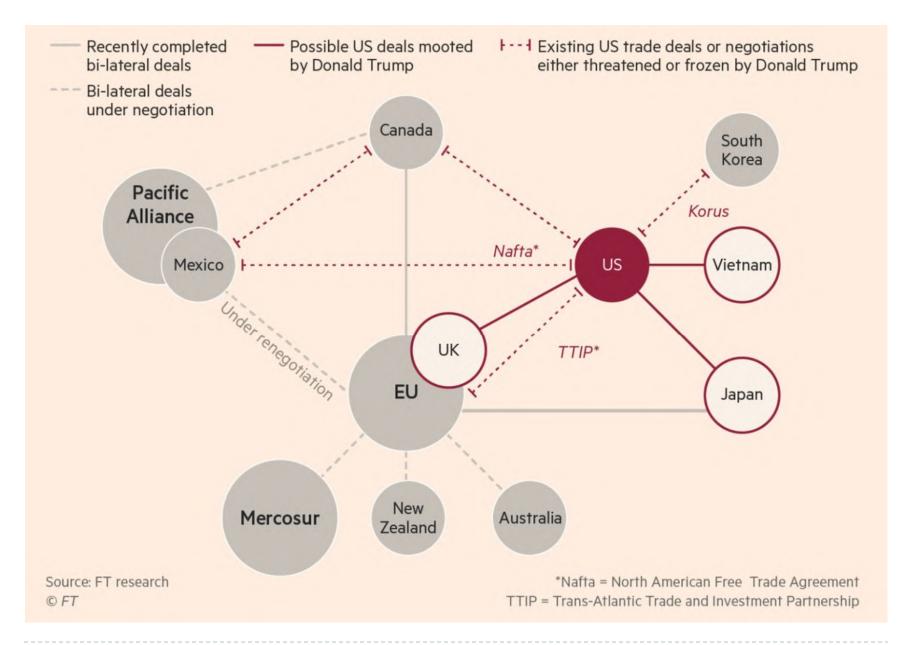




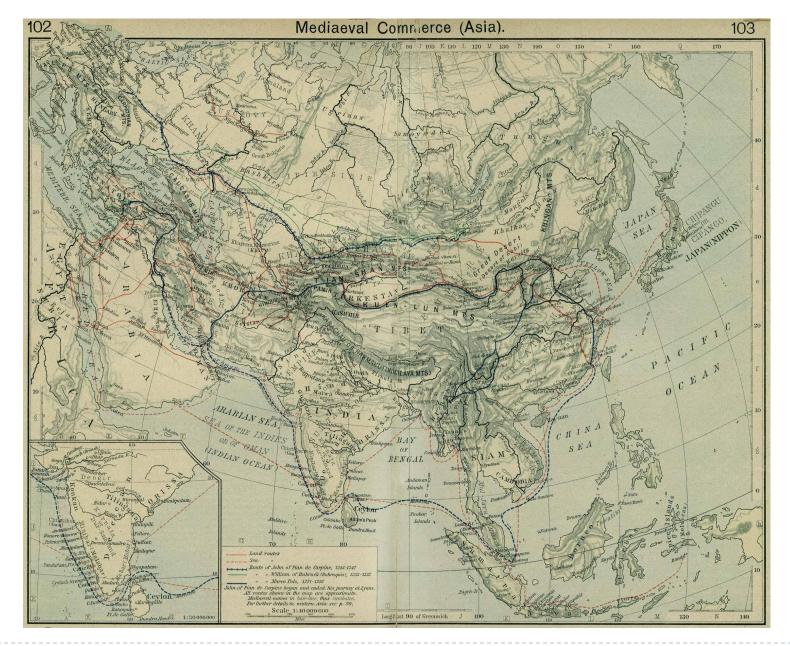
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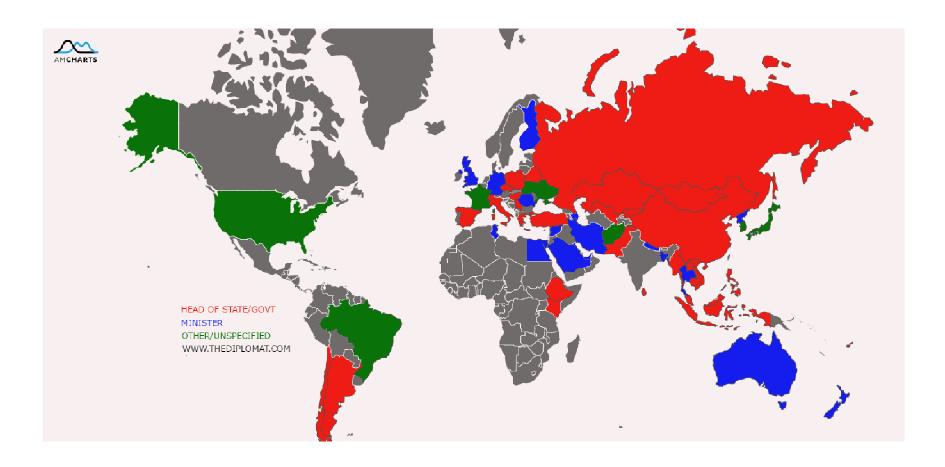












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# 3. Sustainable development









































### World Ports Sustainability Program

- Concept:
  - Library of best practice
  - Platform for existing projects
  - Laboratory for new projects
- ▶ Thematic areas (work in progress):
  - Future-proof infrastructure
  - Climate and energy
  - Societal integration
  - Safety and security
  - Governance and ethics
- Horizontal areas: reporting innovation collaboration
- Initiative and lead: IAPH
- ▶ Partners: AAPA ESPO AIVP PIANC







WORLD PORTS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Official launch – Antwerp, 22-23 March 2018



### 4. Conclusions

#### Port competitiveness:

- looking beyond the sea: logistics & industry
- ▶ looking beyond business: people & environment
- embracing sustainability in its fullest meaning

#### (New) world order:

- free trade is far from dead
- new trade deals / routes = new opportunities for ports
- local benefits to be articulated and secured







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