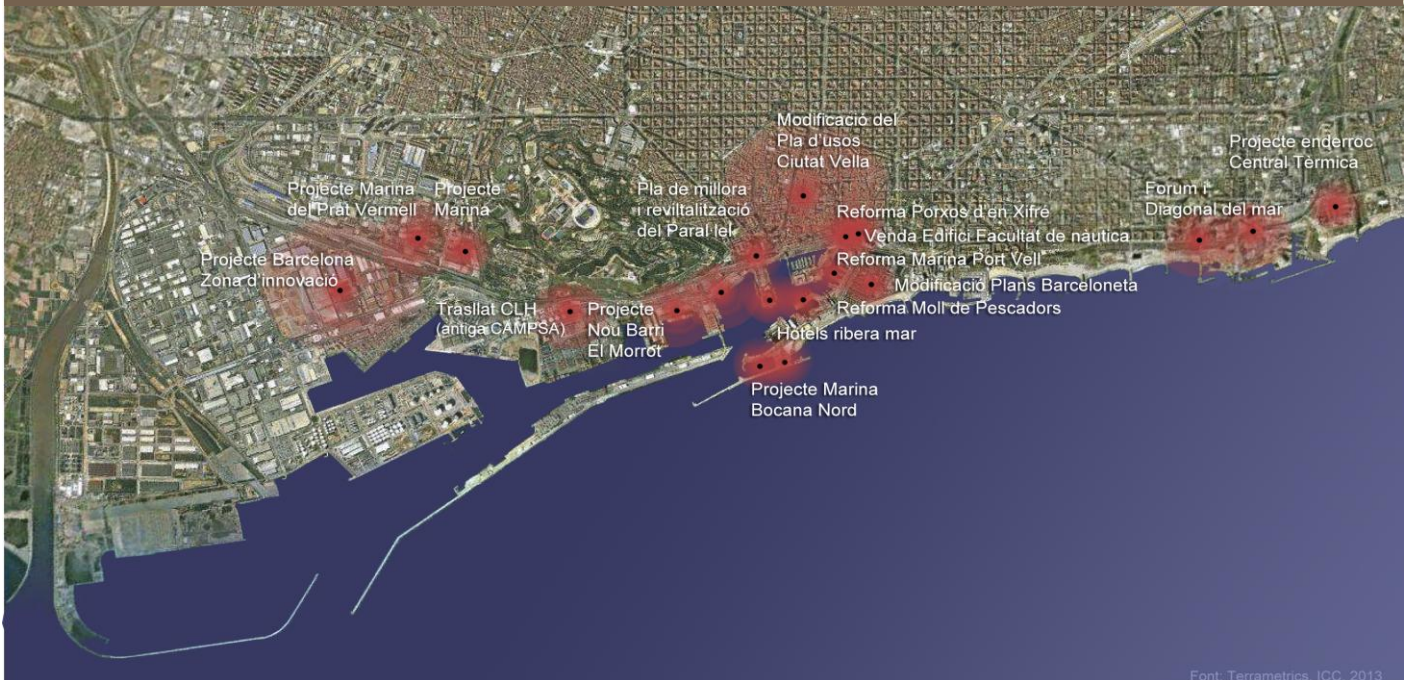


Barcelona Ciutat Port

Dynamics of coastline transformation



GEOCRÍTICA SEMINAR: STRATEGIES AND CONFLICTS IN THE PORT AND THE BARCELONE COASTLINE

Barcelona, June 18th, 2013.

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In Barcelona, the sea is one of its significant elements of identity. The relationship which has been established between the city and the port has changed with time and redraw his shore.

The coastline contains a significant heritage which is the result of the city evolution. It's a place of memory, history and a cultural reference.

The Barcelona port, which has been displaced of its historical place halfway through the last century, took a significant turn in its citizenship role since the urban reforms of the end of the 1980's with the Olympics Games as purpose. The main focus of the transformation was "*open the city to the sea*". However, this aim is today in danger.

Currently, there are several projects which pretend continue the development of the port land, without take care of the applicable Coast Law and about the urban land, they put pressure with changes inside the land-use plans of the adjacent quarters to install hotel facilities.

The direct impacts of those projects on the social body, urban as well as cultural are several and even more significant are the impact on the way to operate in the city, the tourism and development model which is proposed.

Before this situation, projects information, their main disagreements and references was available to citizens to detail the information, like their relationship with the loss of cultural heritage. This heritage is not only a property but a cultural reference which gives identity and memory to Barcelona.

This seminar, which summons people working with the city, wants to bring arguments to raising awareness and promote the public debate about the future that people wish to Barcelona.

The agenda for the seminar is a day of debate around four major issues and a closure session to make proposals.

Associated to the seminar are organized a range of activities to meet and spread the port dynamics and heritage.

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 18th June

9.:00 am : Inscription

9:30 am: **Welcome.**

10:00 am to 11:00 am

CITYPORT, WHATS BARCELONA WE WANT?

With the large projects of buildings, we want to open the discussion on the relationship we want to establish between the sea and the city and how to operate in urban development.

Reference projects: Marina Prat Vermell, Barcelona Zona d'Innovació, Nou Barri el Morrot, Revitalització del Paral·lel i la Modificació del Pla d'Usos de Ciutat Vella.

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

IDENTITY HERITAGE AND TOURISM

The *Modificació del Plan de Usos de Ciutat Vella*" project, aims to act in areas with strong cultural tradition to convert them into tourist areas. This forces us to think about how to protect and balance tourism development with city needs.

Reference areas: Conjunt monument to Colom, Passeig de Colom and Port Vell.

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

THE CITY FOR WHO? USES, INVESTORS AND CITIZENS

The conversion of public and private buildings like a property investment strategy or as hotel development, illustrates the necessary balance between city activities, ways of life and the role of public institutions in the urban planning.

Reference areas: Conjunt Pla de Palau, Porxos d'en Xifrà and Av. Marquès de l'Argentera- Estació de França

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

PORT, CITY AND CITIZENSHIP

The projects like the Hotel Vela and the transformation projects with a view of private and luxury activities, like the Port Vell reform, Nueva Bocana project, Moll de pescadors reform and the impact of these projects into the social fabric of Barceloneta's quarter have caused a split between city, port and citizens that we have to fix.