

CREW / DIG Seminar

Contemporary Issues in Seafaring

16 September 2026

Programme

- 15:30 **Welcome**
Chair: Laura William (University of Greenwich, UK)
- 15:35 **Who is responsible for seafarers' welfare? A historic perspective on the support of government, industry, labour and voluntary associations** - Jason Zuidema (International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA), Canada)
- 15:55 **Maritime trade unions and the Maritime and Labour Convention** - Helen Devereux (Southampton Solent University, UK) & Çağatay Edgücan Şahin (Ordu University, Turkey)
- 16:15 **Enabling social partnership through knowledge exchange in the Port of Lagos** – Graham Symon (University of Greenwich, UK)
- 16:35 Break
- 16:50 **Occupational identity and the impact of the P&O Ferries Mass Dismissal in 2022** - Jonathan Lord (University of Salford, UK)
- 17:10 **AI, MET and the quest for future work force** - Gesa Praetorius (Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute (VTI), Sweden & Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway) and Amit Sharma (TalTECH, Estonia)
- 17:30 **Roundtable discussion**, chaired by Khanssa Lagdami (World Maritime University, Sweden)
- 17:55 **Closing**

**Programme may be subject to change.*

Location

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