

CENTRE FOR BLUE GOVERNANCE



THE CENTRE FOR BLUE GOVERNANCE (CBG) AT AALBORG UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
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We are a multidisciplinary social science research group focusing on the interactions between people and the sea. By addressing issues of legitimacy, democracy, and sustainability in governance, we seek to improve understanding of the strategies used by people in response to social, economic, environmental, and political change.

RESEARCH

VISION

Political and environmental changes affect and alter the relationships between people and the sea.

Centre for Blue Governance (CBG) seeks to understand interconnected cultures and relationships to marine environments, space, and resources, and how political and environmental changes and their respective impacts manifest. Our centre analyses how coastal communities, governments, international organisations, and industry adapt to, seek to alter, and govern these changes.

WHAT WE DO

We envision that blue governance should contribute to aims of sustainability, democracy, and legitimacy. To achieve this, CBG strives to:

- › Foster a blue governance network of scholars
- › Develop methodologies and theories that bridge disciplines and institutions
- › Effectively engage with society

RESEARCH THEMES

The interconnected, diffuse, and overlapping ways in which natural and human processes and activities take place in marine and coastal environments pose specific and unique challenges for governance. To address the multiplicity of challenges and the limitations of existing arrangements, our research is organised in three interconnected research themes:

- › Institutional dynamics
- › Coastal communities
- › Democratic participation

COLLABORATION

WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR RESEARCH

All users of the sea including those whose livelihoods and cultures depend on marine and coastal resources and access to and use of marine space, such as local communities, private industry, managers, policy makers, governmental bodies, and non-governmental organisations.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- › Coastal communities and stakeholders in maritime sectors
- › Global network of universities
- › Global and national networks of public and private institutions

OUTPUT

EXAMPLE RESEARCH OUTPUTS

- › [Implementing ecosystem-based marine management as a process of regionalisation](#)
- › [Motivations for indigenous island entrepreneurship](#)
- › [Maritime and coastal cultural heritage](#)
- › [Socio-economic consequences of Brexit for four larger fishing ports and their communities](#)
- › [Midnight at the Oasis](#)



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CURRENT PROJECTS

PERICLES

Preserving and Sustainably Governing Cultural Heritage and Landscapes in European Coastal and Maritime Regions.

The project promotes sustainable, participatory governance of cultural heritage in European coastal and maritime regions through a unique interdisciplinary and geographically wide-ranging approach.

<https://www.pericles-heritage.eu>

MERCES

Marine Ecosystem Restoration in Changing European Seas.

The MERCES project is focused on the restoration of different degraded marine habitats.

CBG is co-coordinating a work package on the governance of marine restoration.

<http://www.merces-project.eu>

VIDEO PRESENTATION



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