

'Issues of time and space on internationally trading cargo ships'

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Both time and space have emerged as central concerns in relation to research undertaken in the international cargo sector. Most seafarers work in institutionalised spaces that are set apart from the human world by expanses of ocean. Space is segregated on board by hierarchy and sometimes nationality and ashore as a result of the location of ports, security concerns, and the rapidity of vessel turnaround. This constrains and limits the life experiences of seafarers who are also affected in relatively unique ways by time. This paper will consider space and time at sea and will reflect on how the structure and organisation of the industry impacts worker experience in the context of globalisation.

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Building 80, Level 5, Room 12

Helen Sampson has a BA in Sociology from the University of Durham, a PGCE from the University of Lancaster and a PhD in Sociology from the University of Salford. She holds a Chair in the School of Social Sciences at Cardiff University and in 2003 she was appointed Director of the Seafarers International Research Centre.



In relation to seafarers and the shipping industry Helen has published work on multinational crewing, training, women seafarers, the impact of changing technology on seafarers' work, issues of regulation, family life, globalisation, corporate social responsibility and seafarer health and safety. In 2014, her book *International seafarers and transnationalism in the twenty-first century* won the BBC/British Sociological Association *Thinking Allowed Award for Ethnography*.

Helen also has a strong track record with regard to publications relating to qualitative research methods. She has published several articles relating to researcher risk and has also written about innovative research methods such as the use of Delphi groups and vignettes. Her most cited article considers the use of a pilot study in conjunction with qualitative research methods.

Helen's current advisory roles include Specialist Advisor to the UK House of Commons' Transport Select Committee and Scientific Advisor to RISKOP, Stord Haugesund University.

