

Maritime Human Resources; Maritime Policy Failure; Maritime Disaster

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- Maritime human resources are central to maritime policy-making
- Those individuals outside the maritime sector are also significantly affected
- Environment, safety, security are central to maritime policy-making
- Maritime governance is the framework that makes or breaks policy-making

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- Maritime policy-making exhibits severe problems
- Considerable evidence of failure across all issues, sectors and locations
- Excellent examples come from policies of the EU, the IMO and individual nation-states
- The result is human resource death, disease, injury and economic crisis.

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If we just take the EU as a focus problems in policy-making include:

- Liner shipping regulation
- European Register of Shipping (EUROS)
- Double hulled tankers
- Tonnage tax
- Ports policy
- The IMO and the EU

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- Policy problems have been created as a result of globalisation
- Globalisation has changed drastically the role, status and influence of the nation-state
- Nation-states are now more porous, ineffectual and more open to abuse

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Current maritime policy-making is characterised by:

- State-centrism
- Hierarchies
- Inflexibility

Globalisation has made each of these a drawback rather than an advantage

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- So what is needed?
- Recognition of the manipulation of maritime governance by the maritime industry
- Non-hierarchical structure
- An understanding of the new state
- Full stakeholder representation

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- Move away from the focus on territories, space and borders towards flows and movements of information, finance, influence etc
- A new policy-making institutional structure

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