

PhD Spotlight:

UK ports, climate change and extreme events

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High winds and snow closes Felixstowe container port

The port of Felixstowe in Suffolk has shut because of high winds while snow grips the county and a severe weather warning is issued by the Met Office.

Heavy snow is hitting east Suffolk and the port has now been closed, with police implementing Operation Stack.

Sea sickener for ferry passengers



Passengers disembark from the ferry

More than 100 relieved ferry passengers have made it back to dry land after a 40-hour ordeal in the North Sea.

Storm Doris Closes Port of Liverpool

UK port owner and operator Peel Ports was forced to close the Port of Liverpool after the Storm Doris battered northern England throughout Thursday, February 23, with wind gusts reaching up to 100 miles per hour.

Dover ferry port chaos leads to 14-hour traffic jams

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1953: 130 die in ferry disaster

A car ferry has sunk in the Irish Sea in one of the worst gales in living memory claiming the lives of more than 130 passengers and crew.

UK'S LARGEST PORT TO IMPROVE ITS RESILIENCE TO TIDAL FLOODING

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Flood defences at Associated British Ports' (ABP) Port of Immingham are due to receive an investment boost of around £5 million which will increase the port's resilience to flooding in the future. Immingham, which is the UK's largest port by tonnage, was extensively flooded during the east coast tidal surge of December 2013, which caused widespread disruption to port users, tenants and key businesses. Although the efforts of ABP's engineers and the wider port community ensured that the recovery process was quick and straightforward, the incident nevertheless served as a timely reminder of the power of nature and its potentially destructive capabilities.

Ferry aground as storms batter UK

A ferry which ran aground at Blackpool has become a casualty of winter storms that have lashed parts of the UK.

Fourteen passengers had to be airlifted from the Riverdance freight ferry, nine remaining crew members were rescued after a second Mayday was declared.




The rescue was filmed from an RAF helicopter

Southampton Container Port shut by the snow

SOUTHAMPTON container port has been shut by the snow and ice.

The terminal, one of the busiest in the UK, was shut this morning because of health and safety fears and staffing problems. It will remain shut for the remainder of the day.



“Adaptation is therefore necessary to deal with the potential impacts of these changes [flooding, storms and sea-level rise] that are already happening”

National Policy Statement for Ports, 2012