University-Industry Collaborations in the Blue Economy Sector

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What is a UIC?

- University-industry collaborations (UIC) refer to the interaction between any parts of the higher educational system and industry aiming mainly to encourage knowledge and technology exchange.
- UICs are characterized by three critical features that shape their nature and performance:
 - first, they are populated by people from different professions (academics and industry practitioners);
 - second, the collaboration is between individuals and not organisations;
 - third, the collaborators are members of differing organisations

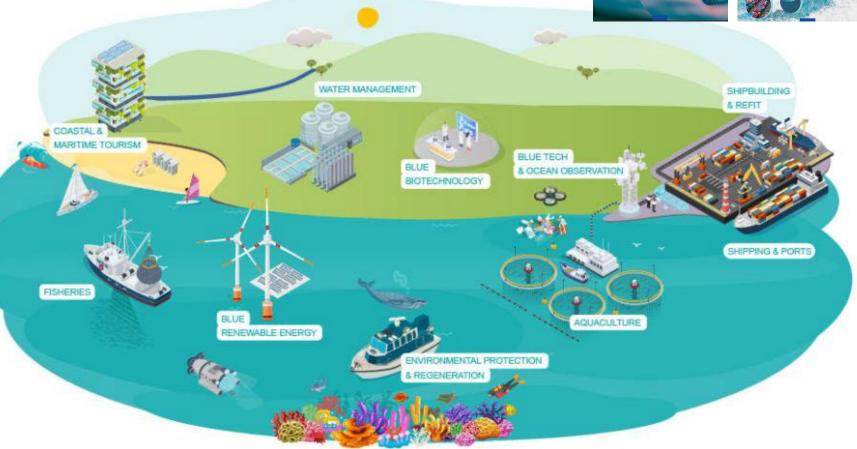




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The Blue Economy

- According to the EU: *the Blue Economy* established sectors include:
 - Marine living resources,
 - Marine non-living resources,
 - Marine Renewable energy,
 - Port activities,
 - Shipbuilding and repair,
 - Maritime transport and
 - Coastal tourism





My Research Group



- Interdisciplinary research group at the Department of Planning (Technical Faculty)
 - Staff trained in the fields of Anthropology, Sociology, Human Development, Economy, Law, Politics, International Relations...
 - Close relationship and partnerships with DCEA: Danish Centre for Environmental Assessment
- Governance: the study of decision-making processes (in the various blue economy sectors)
- CBG's 3 core research strings:
 - Institutional Dynamics
 - Coastal Communities
 - Democratic Participation
- Ongoing international projects at CBG:
 - > ECOTIP: Arctic biodiversity change and its consequences:
 - > SEAwise: Shaping Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management
 - > MARINE SABRES: MARINE Systems Approaches for Biodiversity Resilience and Ecosystem Sustainability
 - > OBAMA-NEXT: Observing and Mapping Marine Ecosystems Next Generation Tools
 - > PERMAGOV: Multi-layer governance performance of marine policies

Ex. of IUC with AAU/PLAN/CBG

- EU-funded Horizon Europe project
- RIA Research and Innovation action
- H2020-EU.3.4. SOCIETAL CHALLENGES Smart, Green And Integrated Transport
- MG-2-6-2019 Moving freight by Water: Sustainable Infrastructure and Innovative Vessels
- Funding obtained: EUR 7,5M / DKK 56M
- 12 industry and academic partners from 4 countries (Norway, Denmark, Finland and Germany
- AEGIS: Advanced, Efficient and Green Intermodal Systems
- **Outcome**: a new waterborne transport system for Europe that leverages developments in autonomous navigation and cargo handling in short-sea and inland waterways, prompting the redevelopment of small and medium enterprise ports





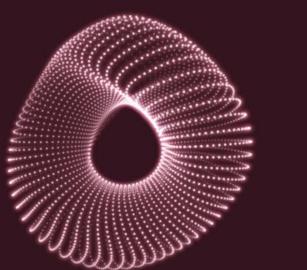


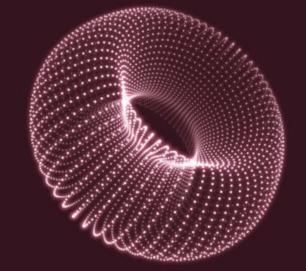


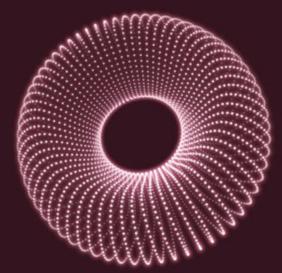




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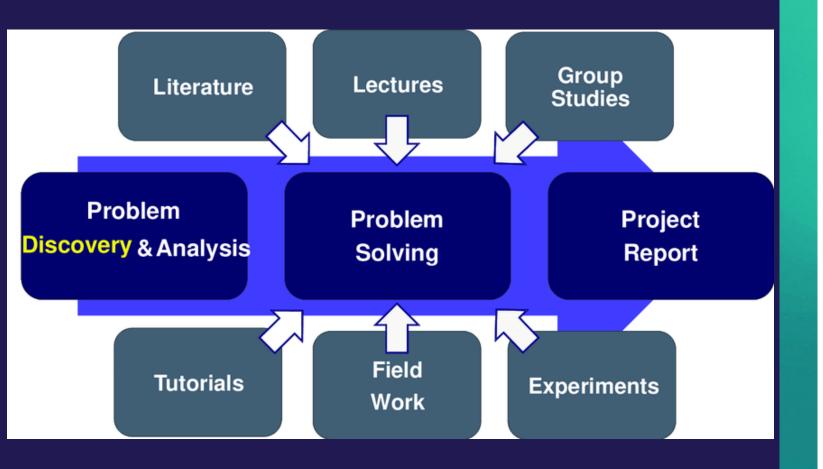






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AAU Problem-Based Learning model





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Theme: Technological transformations

Participants:

Supervisors: Supervisor 1: Nelson Coelho

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Abstract

This project investigates how stevedoring, which means "to load or unload something", is being affected in the transition from manual to automated dockwork in Denmark.

This has led to the following problem formulation:

"How is stevedoring in Danish ports affected in the transition to automation?"

Furthermore, this project examines three different ports in Denmark to get insights into the complexity that this transition encapsulates. Derived from a lack of a theoretical framework, this project has taken departure from Clarke's situational analysis to let the empirical data highlight the present condition of the transition to automation in Denmark.

Finally, the project discusses how the transition of automation and non-scalability play a vital role in the future of ports in general.

> Project period: Autumn 2021

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The "industrial PhD"

- Industrial PhD projects create commercial benefits for companies, strengthen universities' relationships with the industry and allow students to see their research applied in real life.
- Collaboration between a private company, a university and an Industrial PhD student.
- Co-financing the company's expenses for the student's salary and travel activities as well as the university's expenses for the project.
- Examples of ongoing collaborations:
 - With Danish Coastal Authority
 - Climate Justice in Coastal Adaptation Planning
 - With DFDS
 - Sustainable Transport Ecosystems: Autonomous ships as an enabler for green and innovative business models



UIC with AAU: what's in it for you?

• For students

- Exposure to real problems in the blue economy
- Collaboration with potential employers
- Developing competences in a professional setting
- Work with emerging industrial sectors
- Broader dissemination of results

• For companies

- Being part of *international* research projects
- Creating networks and relationships with other industrial partners
- Train potential future employees with new skills
- Influence the research agenda of students and study programs
- Access to new data and cutting edge research



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