

Ports, Islands and Maritime Connectivity: A Power Perspective

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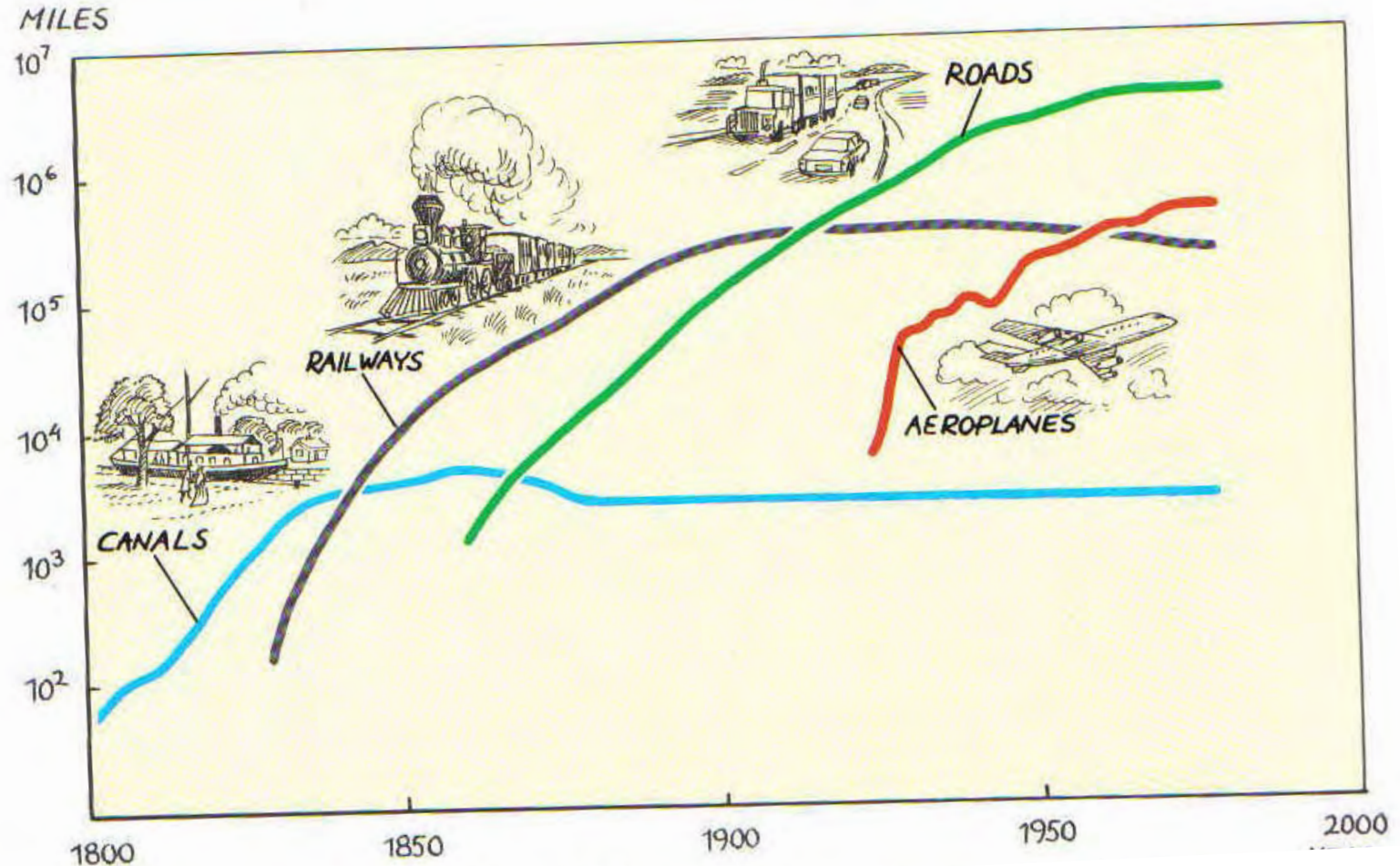
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The drive to connect....



and the rise and fall of transport paradigms



Port Cities: Centres of Trade and Commerce
Dynamios of Inter-Cultural Exchange

**Palma de
Mallorca,
Spain**



Maritime Infrastructure on (Small) Islands

No Economies of Scale

**Less Choice / More Expensive / Less Regular /
Multiple Insularity**

**Monopoly Bottlenecks (cargo handling, transport,
other services)**

Heraklion, Crete

Coast Use Conflict (tourism, residence, industry, fishing, recreation)



Mytilini, Lesvos



Another kind of 'cargo' at the port

Valletta, Malta



Creeping Urbanisation



Corfu Town, Corfu



Capital city, port city, administrative centre, military base, centre for transport/transit of travellers, commerce and cargo, educational and intellectual HUB.

Port City versus 'The Rest'

ENTREPOT	WILDERNESS
LIBERAL	CONSERVATIVE
URBAN	RURAL
GLOBAL	NATIONALIST
IRREDENTIST	PROTECTIONIST
Political Minority	Political Majority

Challenges

- Taking the Port City Ethos beyond the City
 - Switching to Cleaner Energy Practices
 - Adding Value to Tangible Products
 - Shifting to Knowledge Rich Industries
- Improving Global-to-Local Connectivities

Who benefits?

Who loses?

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