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Globalisation policies have been advocated by governments and by international development agencies as the most promising way out from underdevelopment. They argue that these policies would enhance the trading opportunities of the less developed regions in a world-wide market and would promote their internal modernisation by transferring advanced management and technology from global firms. Structural adjustments city marketing and infrastructure modernisation appear simultaneously as a requirement and as an outcome of the new age of globalisation.

The Research Atelier Alfa takes globalisation as an important component of current thinking about city, yet sees the city not as a purely macroeconomic imperative but as a social process of building and negotiations, in which different actors state their interest, propose solutions and generate decisions. The IBIS network has started a three number series about Globalisation and City Ports. As globalisation intensifies greater transformations on the position of regions and cities in the global system as well as on trade and transport system have taken place. This series will identify the effects of globalisation in city ports in three regions: in the Northern Hemisphere (Alfa-Ibis Book 9) - where the main port hubs are located and the main shipping lines circulate; in the Southern Hemisphere (**Alfa-Ibis Book 10**) - where the main transshipping system take place and a forthcoming publication over the Asian Pacific Rim (Alfa-Ibis Book 11) which is the the most dynamic region in maritime transformation (2004).

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