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# Workshop

• <u>Title:</u>

## Smart Freight Transportation: Last - Mile Logistics Challenges in the "New Normal"

• <u>Contents:</u>

This workshop will address the "last-mile" during the "New Normal" by discussing critical issues affecting freight transportation, planners, and policy makers. Also, it will identify innovative strategies and technologies which are being employed/developed to facilitate 'smart freight transportation' / 'last mile' delivery challenges from around the world. Additionally, it will analyse the adaptation of various newly emerged initiatives after the pandemic era. Examples of initiatives are sustainable logistics, methods for last-mile deliveries, logistics terminal's location, and operations and smart freight initiatives.

Format: Half Day

Organizers:

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<u>Professor Kaisar</u> is the director of the <u>Freight Mobility Research Institute (FMRI)</u>, which received a <u>five-year, \$7 million award from the United States Department of Transportation</u> to improve Florida's and the nation's mobility of people and goods. FMRI is a Tier 1 University Transportation Center housed in the Department of Civil Environmental and Geomatics Engineering within Florida Atlantic University's <u>College of Engineering and Computer Science</u>. The FMRI is an FAU- led partnership with the University of Florida, University of Memphis, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), Portland State University, Texas A&M University (College Station), and Hampton University. The primary goal of the Institute is to help strengthen the nation's economic competitiveness. Kaisar is an associate professor in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering, and the Director of the <u>Multimodal Intelligent Transportation Systems Laboratory</u>. His main expertise and interests are in the areas of freight transportation and logistics, simulation, emergency response, infrastructure resilience, supply chain security, and ITS. He is a leading freight mobility and transportation



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Dr. Dimitriou's educational background includes Doctorate in econometric modelling for quantitative demand forecasting in transportation, MSc in Airports Planning and Management, MSc in Infrastructures Environmental Management, and Diploma (equivalent to 4 years BA and 1-year MSc) in Civil Engineering (Transportation planning). His 25 years' professional experience shared 3 pillars of activities: education, research and management in the transportation sector. His specialization deals with the subjects of large investment appraisal, large projects financing, project management, transport and supply chain economics, evaluation of management performance, decision making, project development, strategic management, sustainable development and transportation planning. His research output includes more than 300 papers and presentations in globally distinguished international events; peer reviewed journals; scientific books and workshops; and participation in 21 large research projects. In 2018 he was awarded the Professional Achievement Award in Greece by the British Council for the Study UK Alumni awards.

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