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## **NEO-LIBERAL REALITY IN POST-INDUSTRIAL WATERFRONTS IN THE POST-SOCIALIST CITY. THE CASE OF TRI-CITY, POLAND**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Urban transformation, from industrial city of production to post-industrial city of consumption, clearly affects the waterfront areas that have functioned as a port and/or industrial zones of the city. These areas were generally not available for public use, blocking open access to the water-to-land line. Processes of revitalization of waterfronts, leading to changes in the character of the area and the creation of the new features are welcomed and create new opportunities for the development of the city.*

*However, we must remember that in the process of creating an urban waterfronts important issue is the past of this place. It is crucial to memory and respect for the historical and cultural heritage. On the other hand, existing users of revitalized areas: residents and staff are often the losers of these changes. The projects of waterfront transformation usually include the interests of the local community as a starting point for urban planning and decision making. The concept of "public interest" is sometimes used only as a game of interests and ignores the socio-cultural characteristics of these places.*

*This article is an attempt to analyze the changes taking place in the post-industrial areas of waterfront in Tri-City of Poland (the former shipyards and harbor areas) in the context of neoliberal urban management. It is also necessary to emphasize community involvement and activities for the protection of significant sites and creating new social and cultural functions. The clash of the two approaches seems to be very interesting aspect of the study.*