

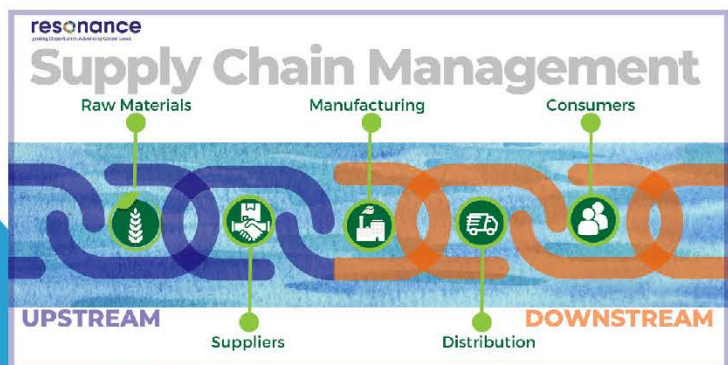
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Upstream, Downstream, Offshore

Before “the chain” became the dominant figure for understanding the dynamics of supply and demand in the 1980s, fluvial landscapes have long undergirded logistical projects for building out and maintaining the infrastructural channels of commerce and travel, especially around estuarial or delta zones where rivers meet the sea. Drawing on contemporary corporate discourses of supply chain management and operational research and on two decades of ethnographic engagements with the original “development deltas” of Post-Mao China, this talk offers an estuarial take on what scholars of modernity and supply chain capitalism have described as a “liquid” world full of uncertainty and volatility. But in lieu of thinking of flows along the global links of “the chain,” the talk focuses on the logistical junctures of upstream, downstream and the offshore that make fluvial landscapes thinkable and thereby, actionable in terms of supply chains.



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