

# Manuscript

## 1 Maritime Trade in the 17th Century

Dr. Alistair Finch argues that Bristol's maritime networks reshaped Atlantic economies. As noted by [@Finch2023], merchants coordinated flows of capital, commodities, and information across ports.

### 1.1 Background

The *longue durée* perspective frames trade as a system of structures rather than isolated events. This view emphasizes how shipping routes, credit instruments, and port institutions evolved together.

### 1.2 Chapter 1 — Bristol and the Atlantic

Bristol's ship registries reveal dense ties to Ireland, the Iberian Peninsula, and the Americas. Surviving manifests show iterative risk-sharing arrangements among syndicates.

#### 1.2.1 Method

This manuscript uses primary customs ledgers and port books, cross-checked with secondary sources. Tables and figures are omitted in this short sample.

### 1.3 Conclusion

Early-modern trade networks laid foundations for global capitalism [@Braudel1982].

## 2 References