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My second year serving as advisor to the Mayor of Rotterdam. Link

Discussion at the top of the Port Authority HQ, Rotterdam

Why? Because the politics of cultural heritage are now at the heart of any enlightened economic and social planning.

My argument – figuring out where we need to go depends upon knowing where we've come from. And it pays to take a long term, historical and *archaeological*, perspective. Archaeological? With a focus on material human experiences and awareness of the crucial role today in people's consciousness of the past in the present. Rotterdam, the biggest port in the world in an liberal minded democracy, with one of the most diverse of populations, is taking an open view of its responsibilities.

For an archaeologist – fascinating!