

The opening of the Suez Canal and the “Trieste system”



PASQUALE REVOLTELLA

1837-1869
DIRECTOR OF GENERALI

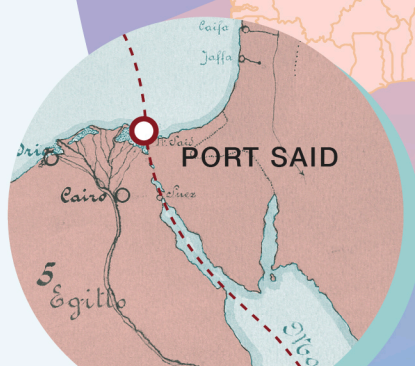
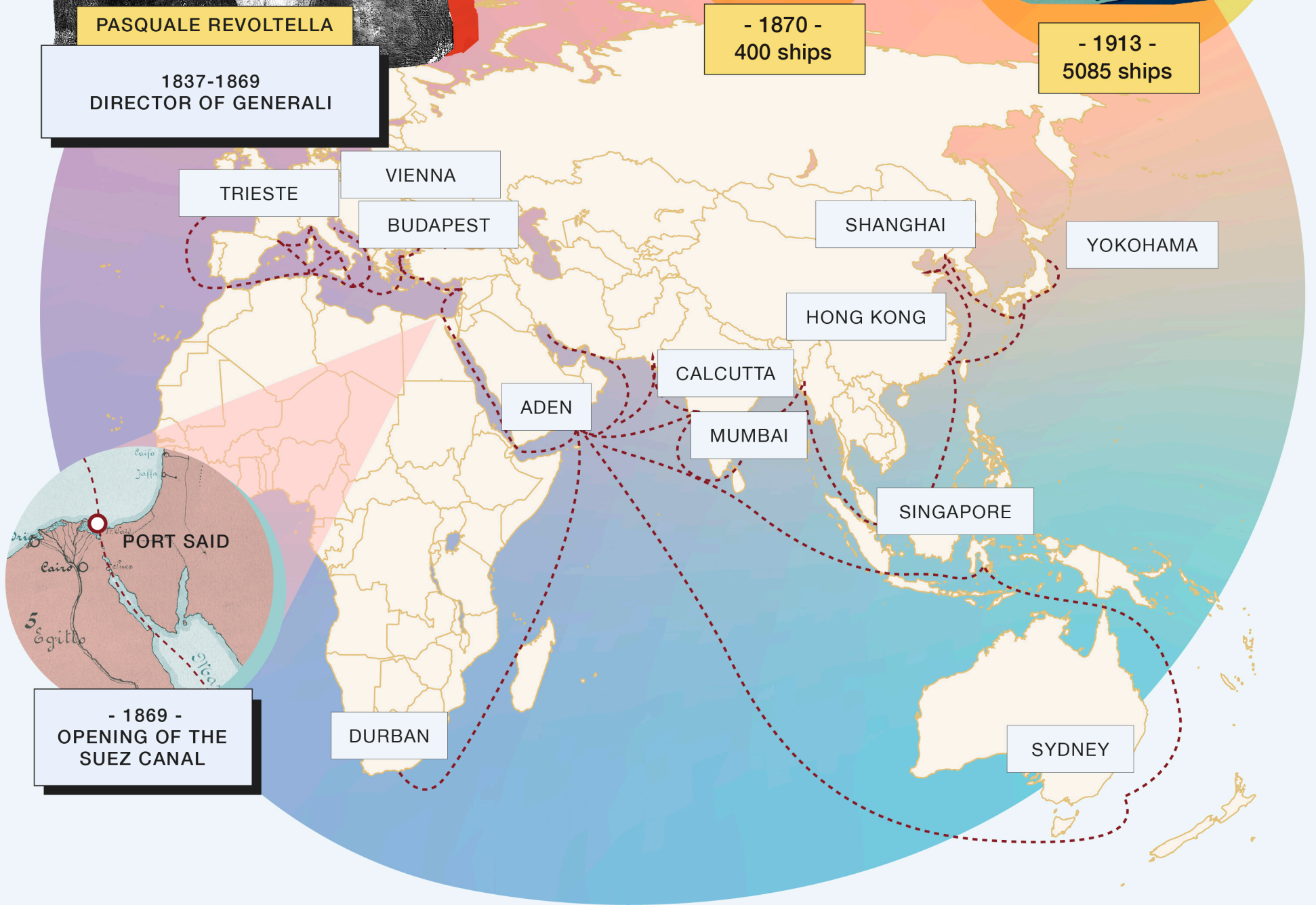
MARITIME TRAFFIC FROM THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL



- 1870 -
400 ships

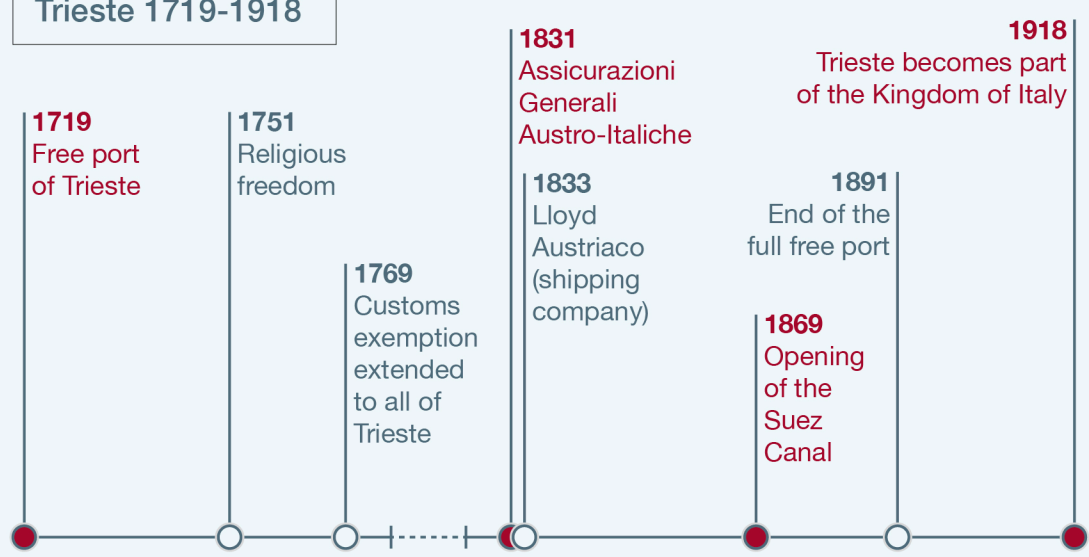


- 1913 -
5085 ships



- 1869 -
OPENING OF THE
SUEZ CANAL

Trieste 1719-1918



The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 revolutionised the global trade map of the time, opening routes to the East without having to circumnavigate Africa. Realised by Ferdinand de Lesseps according to the plans by Luigi Negrelli, the work was also promoted by **Pasquale Revoltella from Trieste**. An entrepreneur, financier, town councillor, and philanthropist, Revoltella was also a prominent high-profile figure in Generali and held the position of Vice President of the universal Suez Canal Company. The whole “**Trieste system**” benefitted from the project, in constant development since Emperor Charles VI granted the city the privilege of a free port in 1719. **With the opening of the Suez Canal, Generali expanded its markets around the world:** from the Eastern Mediterranean to North Africa, in major ports in the Far East and the Americas.