For Castells, informational cities are determined by the pre-eminence of the space of flow (i.e. exchanges of information, capital, and power) over the space of places. Informational cities are paradigmatic centres of the geography of the fifth Kondratieff wave. There are specific location factors:

- ICT infrastructure is more eminent than automotive traffic infrastructure.
- There are capital-intensive companies (banks, insurances, etc.).
- There are knowledge-intensive companies and other knowledge institutions (universities, science parks, etc.).
- There are companies with distinctive information market activities (telecommunication, hardware, software, online content).
- Informational cities are world cities with glocal (global and local) orientation.
- There is a fully developed content infrastructure (e.g., a library system). The inhabitants use this content adequately.
- There is an indication of a labour market characterized by job polarization.
- There is a political willingness to establish a knowledge economy.
- There is special source of revenue. In Singapore, it is the port (which is the busiest port of the world).
- There are some specific soft location factors such as shopping malls, broad cultural offerings, many leisure time facilities ("urban theme park"), and an amazing waterfront.

In the team project, we go to outline the main characteristics of (1st) an informational city and (2nd) of Singapore as a case study by intensive research of the available literature. In a further step, the participants will perform a field study in Singapore and will interview representatives of the government, libraries (e.g., The National Library Board of Singapore) and of companies. Participants should be fluent in English, as literature, interview and their final research paper will be in English language.

**Literature**

*a) Theories of "Informational Cities"


b) Singapore as an Informational City

1) ICT Infrastructure


2) Glocality / World City / City Planning


3) Knowledge-Intensive Companies / Institutions


4) The Role of Libraries


B5) Singapore's Port