



Call for Papers: Special Session Tourism for Resilient Regions

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We invite the submission of research papers dealing with **Tourism for Resilient Regions** for a special session at the 57th ERSA Congress. Tourism is an important and increasing sector in many regions. Cities are popular destinations largely because of the urban amenities, and rural areas are attractive because of natural amenities. Stimulating tourism is popular because it is one of the few growing sectors that create employment for medium and lower educated workers. For this group many jobs have disappeared in manufacturing, but also now in the service sector, due to automation and robotization. However, there are also disadvantages of tourism. In popular urban areas like Venice, Barcelona and Amsterdam the large number of tourists has negative effects on the liveability of the local population. And on the German Wadden island Sylt tourism has negative effects on e.g. the housing market for local inhabitants who now mainly live on the mainland and commute to the island for their work. In rural areas tourism might also have negative effects on the natural assets and can lead to damage to the ecosystem. City and place marketing are in this respect important in managing tourist flows and in this respect labels like UNESCO World status, Geoparks, national parks are used in the promotion of regions and cities.

The aim of this session is to attract papers that deal with the above mentioned issues ranging from tourism promotion policies to the impact of tourism on the regional economy and/or the liveability and identity of the inhabitants of the area. Because this session is organized in cooperation with the Waddenacademie, this session especially welcomes papers that deal with tourism related to promoting, marketing and management, and the impact on the cultural and natural values of UNESCO World Heritage sites and/or wetlands and large scale nature reserves. If your recent research deals with the above mentioned issues we invite you to submit a paper for the special session Tourism for Resilient Regions.

Submission and Deadlines

Please note that all submissions have to undergo the usual selection process. Accepted papers will be allocated a 30 minutes time slot for presentation and discussion and are assigned a formal discussant. While initial submission is possible with an extended abstract (1500 words including contribution, theoretical framework, empirical approach and/or first results) or a draft paper (between 5,000 and 10,000 words) to be submitted before the deadline of **February 10, 2017**, all presenters will have to upload a full (draft) paper before the deadline of June 9, 2017. For more information see: groningen.ersa.org

We look forward to your submissions and to seeing you in Groningen.