

Tourism Geographies

Call for papers

Special Issue on: *Island Tourism Destinations, Lifecycles, System Decline and Resilience*

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1. Background

Tourism to islands is a special form of tourism that often requires specific consideration as there are distinctive characteristics of islands such as fragile environments and historical and socio-cultural aspects that can result in unique challenges to developing a successful tourism destination. This Special Issue in *Tourism Geographies* will provide an avenue to progress research to advance knowledge and improve the outcomes of island tourism development, and seeks to address emerging issues in relation to developing and managing tourism in island environments including financial leakages and inclusive growth, environmental quality and waste management, inter-island transportation, tourism migration and diaspora issues in island tourism. The regionalism of tourism activity based on the nature of island formations and the proximity of islands to tourist generating markets are key ingredients for successful tourism development.

This Special Issue will include islands at various stages of their tourism development, particularly small islands and archipelagos with unique historical and cultural contexts and will build on emerging research in the subject (see Baldachinno, 2015; Graci and Dodds, 2010; Hamzah and Hampton, 2013; Lim and Cooper, 2008; McLeod and Croes, 2018; Weaver, 2017). Growth and development models for tourism (Butler, 1980; Weaver, 2000) are applicable to island tourism and require closer examination to facilitate resilient tourism destinations that are undergoing threats from changing geographical, political and socio-economic circumstances, and Alberts and Baldacchino (2017) utilise the idea of tourism as an agent of resilience to assist island economies to diversify. An opportunity to build resilience within tourism development frameworks cannot be underestimated as it is resilient tourism destinations that are most adaptable to global shocks (Cheer, 2017) and in particular, environmental change (Lew and Cheer, 2017). Tourism destination adaptability and the ever changing dynamics of a tourism system have brought attention to tourism system decline. With sustainable development being an overarching agenda of global advancement, the challenges that bring about tourism system decline and the mechanisms to revert such a decline in an island context have been considered using various approaches (Carlsen, and Butler, 2011; Dodds, 2012; McLeod and Scott, 2018). Nonetheless, new approaches that considers the resource constrained and dependent island environments that are dominantly tourism destinations are needed.

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2. Submissions

The scope is broad based to address island tourism issues including:

Island colonization, geographies and tourism

Island tourism development stages, lifecycles and decline

Island travel and transportation, inter-island transportation, and cruise shipping within island environments

Tourist motivation and demand for islands

Tourism marketing of islands, including new competition and changing feeder markets

Island hospitality, services and businesses, micro and small businesses, craft markets

Island tourism economics, financial leakages, inclusive growth and backward linkages
Island culture and heritage, festivals and event management, cuisine and gastronomy
Island tourism migration/diaspora issues
Island tourism environments and environmental quality, including climate change issues
Island tourism infrastructure development, sustainability and resilience
Island tourism networks, suppliers, enterprises, inter-mediaries and organisations
Policy-making for tourism development in islands and island tourism governance
Tourism management issues including human resources and operation management
Tourism education and training in islands, vocational training and curriculum development

3. Timeline

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