



Urban tourism, neighbourhood change and social conflicts

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Tourism, a key economic development resources in many cities, has become an increasingly potent and visible force of urban change.

The 'touristification' of urban space has become a growing focus of research beyond tourism scholarship, as researchers from urban studies and planning studies have increasingly turned their attention to how global tourism flows (and other forms of mobilities) reshape cities. Over the past decade, tourism and its impacts have also become increasingly contested by a variety of actors and social mobilizations.

The focal points for much of the protests have been Southern European cities such as Rome, Venice, Lisbon, San Sebastian, Palma de Mallorca or Barcelona, but manifestations of protest and resistance have also been reported in other cities within and beyond Europe, like Amsterdam, Budapest, Berlin, Cape Town, Seoul, New Orleans, or Hong-Kong. In these sessions, we invite papers that investigate the following themes:

- The changing forms, spatialities, and local impacts of (urban) tourism;
- The agency of tourism in public space and its transformation: occupation, resemantisation, surveillance;
- Smart tourism, divided places: how the e-agenda is affecting resident communities;
- New populations and shifting constituencies. Negotiating 'citizenship' in tourist places;
- The interplay between tourism and other forces and processes of socio-spatial restructuring in cities under conditions of globalization, economic restructuring, neoliberalisation and financialisation;
- Grassroots movements, civic activism and the tourism development agenda: conflicts, contestations and social mobilisations around tourism;
- Political and policy responses to the growing social discontent and protests against tourism and its impacts;
- Alternative/bottom-up/community-based approaches to urban tourism; their potential – and limits – for achieving more socially equitable and sustainable forms of urban tourism.