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Panel

Anthropologies, tourism and (im)mobilities in troubled times

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Abstract

Tourism has registered unprecedented growth since the beginning of the new millennium and has been welcomed in tourist destinations as a source of economic development. However, anthropologists historically have dedicated a careful analysis on the embedded inequalities provoked by the tourism encounters and misencounters in host communities. Recently, with the COVID-19 crisis, the world has moved from hypermobility and overtourism to detention and undertourism. Within this global scenario it has been witnessed a material reappropriation and symbolic resignification of historically touristified spaces. In this context, the disputes of tourist-oriented spaces have represented a multifaceted and complex scenario between international interests and local scale effects. To cope with the crisis, local authorities, national tourism offices and destination marketing organizations (DMOs) have focused on reactivating the value chain of the tourism sector. In this regard, most of the public aid has been of a fiscal nature such as reductions, tax exemptions and legal moratoriums. This panel aims to explore the effects of the mobility crisis induced by COVID-19 in urban and rural tourism contexts based on epistemological, methodological and discursive approaches that have occurred in the last decade. Furthermore, the panel wish to open a debate on how anthropological contributions might foster a better understanding on the social

perspective of COVID-19 induced tourism crises and on the controversial relationship between mobility rights and immobility obligations in tourist destinations. Both the excess of tourism and its absence offer new scenarios to the understanding of tourism (im)mobilities in troubled times in terms of genealogies, agencies, responses, discourses and representations. Finally, the panel invites contributions which might reveal on the role of digital technology and discusses its implications for material culture understanding. In this framework, the anthropologies of tourism offer a space for dialogue in order to rethink the political and research agenda on the new challenges and scenarios on tourism (im)mobilities in complex societies. The underlying intention of this panel will be to debate and discuss cutting-edge research on the anthropologies of tourism and mobilities. The panel wish to promote pressing perspectives on anthropological contributions on mobilities for leisure purpose in troubled times. In this context, understanding the interrelationships between mobilities and immobilities will help the understanding of the rapid unfolding of the COVID-19 pandemic effects on the contemporary challenges of the anthropological insights on motion and fixity.

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