CFP: New Trends in the Anthropology of Tourism

One can no longer question that tourism is not an unconnected social phenomenon but an integral part of many people’s life experience. It is probably pointless to ask where tourism starts and where it ends as many people engage in different type (virtual, bodily, imaginative, etc.) of tourism in almost every day. Categories such as hosts-guests; local-traveller often cannot give constructive frame any more for understanding people’s mobile experiences. Anthropologists were among the first who started to understand this process and anthropology is still among the most powerful method and methodology to understand tourism and tourists.

However, as sociologists, geographers, philosophers, historians and scholars from various other disciplines chose tourism as their subject of study, the clear disciplinary borders long seem to be diminished. The question then emerges: What distinguishes the anthropology of tourism from other tourism related disciplines? The Journal of Tourism Challenges and Trends (JTCT) calls for original papers that address the following questions:

- What is actually tourism anthropology? What distinguishes tourism anthropology from other tourism related disciplines?
- What is the relationship between tourism anthropology and tourism studies?
- How are current (and old) anthropological theories used in understanding the phenomenon of tourism?
- Are classical ethnographic/anthropological research methods still valid and useful ways of collecting information about tourism?
- How are the ideas of major anthropologists (Arjun Appadurai, Tim Ingold, Michael Taussig, Alfred Gell, Victor Turner, Comaroffs etc.), who did not publish directly on tourism, used in the field of tourism anthropology?
- The current formulations of classical tourism anthropological theories from Nelson Graburn, Edward Bruner, Jeremy Boissevian, Erik Cohen etc.
- How do researchers bridge the interdisciplinary concepts of tourism studies with classical anthropological thinking? How can anthropologists handle the everyday life of mobile subjects and observe the role of machines, computers, travel devices in contemporary societies?
- What are the emerging schools, fields, ideas in the current anthropology of tourism?

To explore these questions the JTCT is expecting original theoretical papers (not longer than 9000 words) that address current issues in tourism anthropology. The JTCT also expects original case studies where the authors discuss their anthropological/ethnographic field data. There are no geographical or case studies restrictions but these should be followed by a strong theoretical interpretation.

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