



Sustainable Tourism, Geography and Spatial Planning

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The 1990s was the decade where sustainable tourism processes began to be implemented, and that was linked, mainly, to connecting tourism development, community participation, and environmental conservation. In this context, geographers and other social scientists have been committed to developing strategies that are able to connect these three components in a successful way. Nevertheless, this continues to be hard to achieve. Why is a sustainable solution so hard to achieve? Is it because politics do not address tourism development following holistic approaches? Is it because it is not easy to establish networks and commit several stakeholders to them? Or is it because they do not look to the territories as systems where both the local and the regional matter and, instead, are just concerned with a particular local destination? What about the role played by technologies like Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Webmapping, Augmented Reality, and others? Are they contributing to achieving more sustainable tourist development strategies? What has been their role in tourism in the last decades?

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