



The Transformation of Pilgrimage Studies

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The rapidly expanding interdisciplinary field of pilgrimage studies covers not just religious pilgrimage but other key forms such as secular pilgrimage, spiritual pilgrimage, dark tourism, and the relationship between travel, tourism, and pilgrimage. The diversity and complexity of pilgrimage practices are also apparent at more local shrines as members of trans-local communities return to their native countries during holidays or re-settle. The growth of spiritual and secular pilgrimage and religious tourism adds to this diversity and complexity. Battlefield tourism and military pilgrimage illustrate the importance of cultural heritage, while recently, the pandemic has also challenged our beliefs in "normality" but also opened up new avenues for exploration.

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