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Resident Well-Being and Sustainable Tourism Development

Message from the Guest Editor

Despite increasing attention to well-being issues in tourism research generally, researchers have devoted little explicit attention either to interpreting or measuring resident well-being as essential for sustainable tourism development. Well-being indicators remain conspicuously absent from the indicator sets developed to assess destination competitiveness and assessment of special events. Failure to distinguish sources of current and future well-being has prevented sustainability considerations to be properly addressed in tourism study. Unless tourism researchers adopt or develop the types of well-being measures employed by social scientists and policy makers, their studies will have little relevance to the wider public debates on appropriate resource allocation to foster sustainable development. Tourism research must recognise recent advances in sustainability theory, including critiques of this notion, if it is to progress both theoretically and in the policy domain. Addressing these and related challenges will inform useful directions for future research on theory and good practice in the area of sustainable tourism development and its effects on resident well-being.

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