

XVII International Colloquium on Tourism AGE-IGU

“Tourism sustainability: over-tourism vs under-tourism”

5th to 9th of October 2020. October 10th field-trip.

Barcelona and Maó (Menorca)

Presentation

The Tourism Working Groups of the AGE and the IGU organize the XVII International Colloquium on Tourism with the motto *Tourism sustainability: overtourism vs undertourism*, whose main objective is to offer a space of confluence and debate, in favour of the internationalization of Spanish Geography and to facilitate the exchange and dissemination of the investigations of both groups.

The organization of the Colloquium has opted for its realization in two locations, Barcelona and Maó, by the end of the zenith of its tourist season, to address both ends of the tourist polarization in situ: saturation and attempts to contain growth, through territorial protection measures.

Tourism context of the conference locations

Many tourist destinations in Europe are currently experiencing a new tourist economic bubble. The two conference locations are good examples of this situation. On the one hand, Barcelona is experiencing social conflicts due to **overtourism**, and public policies are being enacted in order to contain the growth of tourist offers, or even to actively promote tourism **degrowth**. On the other hand, Maó (Menorca) is also a good example, within the context of the Balearic Islands, where a balanced and sustainable tourism development model is being implemented, oriented towards a **steady state**. Menorca's government efforts towards a more sustainable tourist development model is related to the fact that the whole island was designated as Biosphere Reserve of the UNESCO programme in 1993.

Contemporary globalization is characterized by **territorial polarization**: between urban and rural spaces, between coastal and inland areas, or as a result of spatial segregation by reason of social class, ethnicity or gender, among others. The diversity of problems experienced in tourism destinations results in different diagnostic and alternative proposals. On the one hand, for example, **overtourism** is denounced in saturated tourist cities with proposals of **degrowth** and **growth containment** to make it more sustainable. On the other hand, in the interior and rural areas, or in impoverished countries, tourism is still considered as a resilient alternative for development or subsistence.

Based on this approach to the study of territorial polarization, we can ask the following **questions** about the development of **tourism sustainability**:

1. What contributions to enrich the theoretical and conceptual framework of tourism sustainability can be made?
2. How can the social, economic and environmental variables of the different tourist models be diagnosed? For example, by establishing indicators on the tourist use of water, housing, beaches, natural spaces or heritage, migratory flows, gender or working conditions, among others.
3. How is it possible to promote adequate tourism, for example, through good practice tool-kits?
4. How can we model the spatial-temporal evolution of tourist development?
5. What are the best processes of stakeholder participation for territorial planning in tourism and tourism management?

Thematic axes

The main objective of this Conference is to provide a platform to discuss current research within the discipline of the geography of tourism, prioritizing the following thematic axes:

1. Tourism sustainability: theoretical framework, diagnostic indicators, planning and management proposals, etc.
2. Space-time models of over-tourism and under-tourism.

Registration fees

	Before July 31 st (included)	From 1 st /08 to 7 th /09 (both included)
Members of the Tourism Working Group of the AGE	300€	350€
Members of the AGE & IGU	350€	400€
Normal	400€	450€
Students and unemployed people	200€	250€
Gala dinner (Maó)	Amount to be defined	
Field-trip (Menorca)	Amount to be defined	

The general fee includes:

- Opening conference
- Entrance to all the sessions
- Cultural activities (October 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th)
- Lunches (October 6th, 8th and 9th)
- Coffee breaks
- Congress Kit

Inscription procedure

The **registration form** will be available on the colloquium website, hosted in www.age-geografia-turismo.com.

The **bank details and the system to make the payment** of the total amount of the registration (including, if applicable, registration, dinner, field work) will be added to the end of the form.

Preliminary programme

Timetable	BARCELONA			MINORCA		
	Monday 5th october	Thursday 6th October	Wednesday 7th October	Thursday 8th October	Friday 9th October	Saturday 10th October
09:00-10:00		Keyspeaker Conference, round table and debate	Paper sessions	Keyspeaker Conference, round table and debate	Paper sessions	FIELDTRIP Minorca
10:00-10:30			Debate		Debate	
11:00-11:30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11:30-12:30		Paper sessions	Paper sessions	Paper sessions	Paper sessions	
12:30-13:00		Debate	Debate	Debate	Debate	
13:00-15:00		Lunch	Lunch (not included)	Lunch	Lunch- 10AGE Group Meeting	
15:00-16:00		Paper sessions	Fieldtrip Barcelona	Paper sessions	Panel & closing ceremony	
16:00-16:30		Debate		Debate		
16:30-17:00		Coffee break		Coffee break		
17:00-18:00	Arrival & registration	Paper sessions		Paper sessions	Spare time	
18:00-18:30	Opening conference	Debate	Travelling to Maó (details in a programme)	Debate		
18:30-19:00						
19:00-20:00						
20:00-20:30	Cultural Activity	Cultural activity		Cultural activity		
20:30					Wine & Gala dinner	

Closing discussion panel

A closing round table will be devoted to a synopsis of conclusions of all the working sessions, bringing together analyses of the opportunities and limits of tourism growth (considering both extreme situations: over-tourism and under-tourism) and proposals for future research agendas.

Submission of abstracts

Abstracts may be in English or in any of the official languages of Spain, and must comply with the following rules: a maximum length of one page; reflect clearly its theoretical and methodological foundations, objectives and preliminary results; conform to the template available on the website www.age-geografia-turismo.com ; and to be send to the email address tourism.age.igu@gmail.com before January 20th, 2020.

The scientific committee will select the abstracts that will be presented during the Congress, in poster or oral presentation format.

Important dates

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| • January 20 th 2020 | Abstract submission deadline, to be sent to:
tourism.age.igu@gmail.com |
| • February 20 th 2020 | Notification of results of the evaluation of abstracts. |
| • May 31 st 2020 | Deadline for the submission of full papers submitted for publication. |
| • July 15 th 2020 | Notification of the final acceptance of the papers. |
| • July 31 st 2020 | Deadline of early bird registration to the Colloquium. |
| • September 7 th 2020 | Registration deadline |

Publication opportunities

Accepted abstracts may opt for the following publication options, through their selection with anonymous peer review processes:

1. Book published with a Spanish publisher indexed in Scopus (for all presentations and posters accepted to the Colloquium).
2. Book published with an international publisher indexed, in English, in SPI (for those selected communications that must follow the evaluation processes of the publisher).

Participants who do not wish to publish their conference input in any of the proposed ways, should not send a full text.

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