

(Re)Theorising Touristic Governance
Security, economy, and coloniality

Call for Papers

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Workshop Abstract

Despite being the largest form of embodied international relations, tourism remains woefully understudied outside of the specialist field of ‘tourism studies’, which, in turn, does not sufficiently theorise and examine power and governance. This workshop will focus on (re)theorising ‘touristic governance’, with governance defined as decentralised and shifting processes of regulation, rule, and ordering undertaken and recreated by various actors in multiple contexts (Bevir 2012, Foucault 2008, Said 1995). Following, we invite papers that address questions such as:

- What is ‘tourism’ and how does it govern?
- How is touristic governance shaped by and shaping of processes of (in)securitisation, economic structures, and past/present coloniality?
- What kinds of relations, spaces, practices, and subjectivities does touristic governance draw upon and give rise to?
- And, how are shifting forms of touristic governance shaping alternative futures?

To reflect on, contribute to, and debate the above questions, we aim to bring both emerging and established scholars researching tourism in the fields of international relations, human geography, and sociology together. We are particularly interested in papers that theorise and interrogate how securing the world for tourism/tourists creates new spaces, experiences, and subjectivities of (in)security; how the political economy of tourism is shaped by and shaping of states, neoliberalism, crises (e.g. financial, environmental, public health), and inequalities; and, finally, how colonial continuities have consequences for the places and peoples being governed as ‘tourism destinations’ and ‘touristic figures’.

Workshop Format and Submission

The workshop will be collaborative and interactive: to facilitate in-depth discussion, all accepted papers will be circulated approximately one month beforehand. Each of the workshop’s sessions will focus intensively on 2-3 papers, including a brief presentation and plenty of time to discuss their theoretical, empirical, and political implications. This workshop is working towards a special issue based on the contributions.

If you are interested in joining us, please submit your abstract via the EISA website by: **05 February 2023** (submission outcomes will be communicated by 06 March 2023).

We strongly encourage our participants—especially those who are doctoral researchers, ECRs, precarious academics and working in the Global South—to apply for funding provided by the EISA Mobility Fund.