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Event Details

Anthropologies, tourism and (im)mobilities in troubled times

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Conference panel

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Tourism has registered unprecedented growth since the beginning of the new millennium and has been welcomed in tourist destinations as a source of economic development. However, anthropologists historically have dedicated a careful analysis on the embedded inequalities provoked by the tourism encounters and misencounters in host communities. Recently, with the COVID 19 crisis, the world has moved from hypermobility and overtourism to detention and undertourism. Within this global scenario, it has been witnessed a material reappropriation and symbolic resignification of historically touristified spaces. In this context, the disputes of tourist-oriented spaces have represented a multifaceted and complex scenario between international interests and local scale effects. To cope with the crisis, local authorities, national tourism offices, and destination marketing organizations (DMOs) have focused on reactivating the value chain of the tourism sector. In this regard, most of the public aid has been of a fiscal nature, such as reductions, tax exemptions, and legal moratoriums. This panel aims to explore the effects of the mobility crisis induced by COVID 19 in urban and rural tourism contexts based on epistemological, methodological, and discursive approaches that have occurred in the last decade. Furthermore, the panel wishes to open a debate on how anthropological contributions might foster a better understanding on the social perspective of COVID 19-induced tourism crises and on the controversial relationship between mobility rights and immobility obligations in tourist destinations.

Mobility

For the Mobile Lives Forum, mobility is understood as the process of how individuals travel across distances in order to deploy through time and space the activities that make up their lifestyles. These travel practices are embedded in socio-technical systems, produced by transport and communication industries and techniques, and by normative discourses on these practices, with considerable social, environmental, and spatial impacts.

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