

Tourism and Climate Change: Issues, Challenges and Responses

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Abstract

Tourism has been recognised as one of the most at risk economic sectors with respect to climate change as well as being a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in its own right. The seminar will provide an overview of some of the major issues and challenges with respect to the relationship between tourism and climate change as well as discuss the responses from industry, policy-makers and researchers.

The seminar will first provide an overview of tourism's contribution to climate change and the direct and indirect threats that climate change poses to tourist development and the visitor economy. It will then give a broad account of the growth in research on tourism and climate change especially in relation to IPCC reports, so as to identify areas in which substantial research has been done, and those topics and locations within which significant knowledge gaps remain. This will then be used to contextualised several areas of Michael's own research with respect to climate change in relation to second home related mobility, behavioural change, sea level rise, and tourism business and policy response.

About the Speaker



Michael has a BA (Hons) in politics and a PhD in Geography from the University of Western Australia and masters in Geography from the University of Waterloo. He also has honorary doctorates from the universities of Lund, Oulu and Umeå. His interests are reasonably wide ranging but primarily deal with tourism, regional development and public policy, environmental history and environmental change, sustainable consumption and food and wine research. He is the author or editor of over 80 books with some of the most recent dealing with *Tourism and Resilience* (Channel View 2018), the *Routledge International Handbook of Walking Studies* (2018), *Tourism, Public Transport and Sustainable Mobility* (Channel View, 2017) *Business and Post-Disaster Management: Business, Organisational and Consumer Resilience* and the *Christchurch Earthquakes* (Routledge, 2016), and *The Routledge Handbook of Tourism and Sustainability* (2016).

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