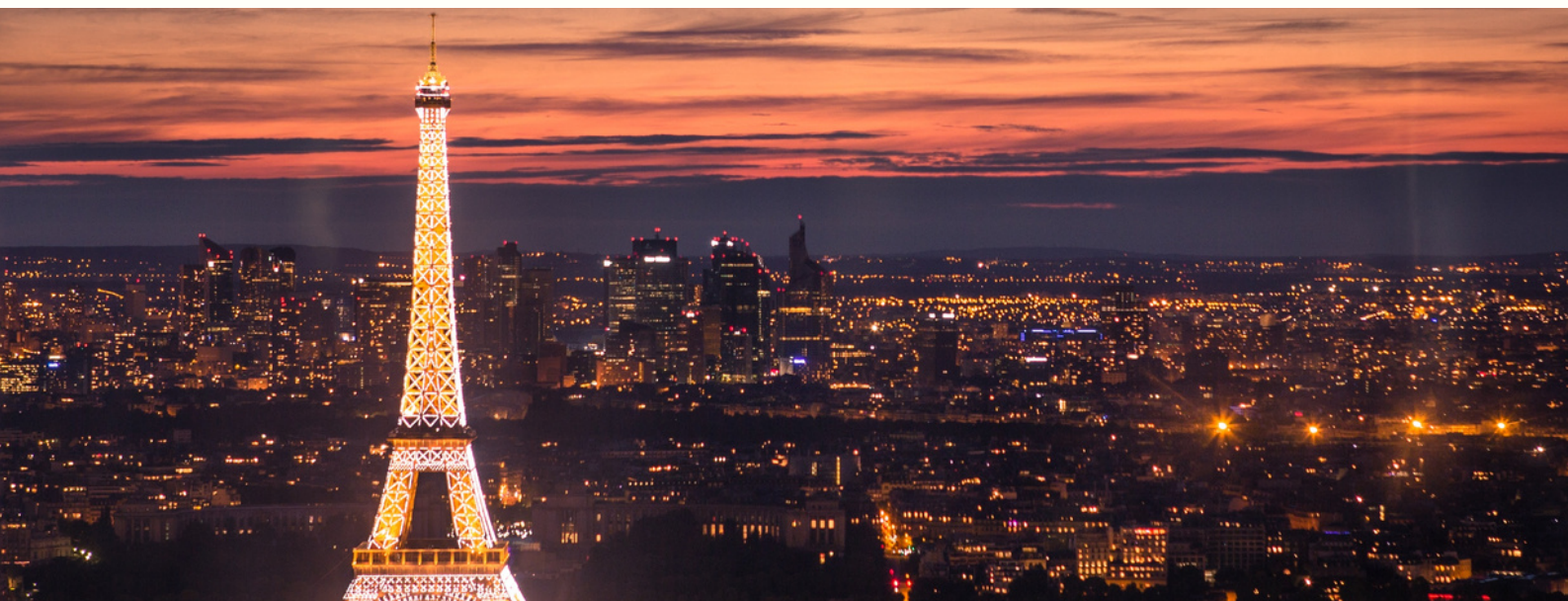


IGU COMMISSION ON TOURISM, LEISURE AND GLOBAL CHANGE

Newsletter 2022



Message from the IGU Tourism Commission Chair

After a complicated few years, I hope this newsletter finds all members of the International Geographical Union's Tourism Commission community safe and well! This newsletter provides an update on our activities and achievements over the past year, as well as all of our upcoming events and latest news.

2021 was a busy and dynamic year for the Commission, in spite of the various challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Encouragingly, 2022 looks to be an even busier year for us, with several cutting edge Commission events taking place once more in face-to-face format. Our collaborations with other Commissions and other organisations also continue to build bridges between different parts of our global tourism geographies community, promoting collaborative ventures and research synergies to define possible geographical approaches to tourism challenges in a post-pandemic context.

At the time of writing, the IGC Centennial Congress is due to take place next month, face to face in Paris (with some hybrid sessions). The Paris congress will have a huge presence of IGU Tourism Commission sessions and other activities, including the Commissions Excellence Lecture, the Tourism Commission members meeting and a joint Commission-Tourism Geographies journal social event - we hope to see as many of you there as possible! Many of our members are also due to meet immediately prior to the Paris IGC for the Commission's Pre-Meeting in Wageningen, the Netherlands, which is shaping up to be a fantastic small scale event in a more informal setting (in keeping with the tradition of meeting before major IGU congresses).

Several events are also planned for later this year and in 2023, including the XVII International Colloquium of the Spanish Geographers Association AGE-IGU in Cuenca, Spain this October and a number of collaborations on IGU Thematic Conferences and with other IGU Commissions. For further information, please visit our website www.igutourism.org.

All best wishes,

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Awards and Honours 2022



The IGU Tourism Commission is very proud to announce that our former Chair, Emeritus **Professor Alan A. Lew** has been awarded the IGU's prestigious **Lauréat d'Honneur 2022**; this is the first time that the Lauréat has been awarded to a geographer specialising in tourism. The IGU Lauréat d'Honneur was established to recognize individuals who have achieved particular distinction or who have rendered outstanding service in the work of the IGU or in international geography and environmental research.

The IGU Tourism Commission is very proud to announce that our current Chair, **Dr Julie Wilson** (Open University of Catalonia UOC) has been awarded the 2022 **American Association of Geographers (AAG) Recreation, Tourism and Sport Specialty Group's John Rooney Award** for outstanding contributions to the field and discipline of applied recreation, tourism and sport geography. Dr Wilson was previously awarded the AAG-RTS Specialty Group's Roy Wolfe Award in 2019.



The Commission is also very proud to announce that Commission Board Member **Dr. Joseph M Cheer** (Wakayama University, Japan) was recently appointed **Co-Editor in Chief of the journal *Tourism Geographies***. The Commission has long-standing links with the journal and it is hoped that this close collaboration will continue in the future.

IGU Tourism Commission Highlights of 2021

American Association of Geographers AAG Annual Meeting 2021, Online, 7th-11th April 2021 and 2022, 28th February-1st March 2022 (2021 [AAG-RTS specialty group and tourism sessions](#) and 2022 [IGU sponsored sessions](#)).

IGU Thematic Conference: Heritage Geographies: Politics, Uses and Governance of the Past, Lecce, Italy, 26th-28th May 2021:

Several sessions were organised by the IGU Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change:

- 1) Traditional agricultural landscapes, between Heritagization, Commodification and Tourism Sustainability (Chair: Elena Dell'Agnese).
- 9) Education 'on the move': Exploring the heritage-tourism nexus (Chairs: Chiara Rabbiosi & Alessia Mariotti).
- 10) Heritage Geographies of Tourism: prospects and challenges (Chairs: Jarkko Saarinen & Velvet Nelson).
- 17) Heritage, tourism & ICTs in rural/marginal areas. A critical perspective (Chairs: Valentina Albanese & Teresa Graziano).

34th IGC, Istanbul (Online), August 2021 (rescheduled from 2020). The IGU Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change co-organized a number of sessions at this online meeting, including:

- Big data and tourism (Chair: Dieter Müller / Tim Coles)
- Economic geographies of tourism (Chair: Dieter Müller / Tim Coles)
- Evolving geographies of Chinese outbound tourism (Chair: Joseph Cheer / Tim Coles)
- P2P accommodation and tourism destinations beyond metropolitan areas (Chair: Czeslaw Adamiak)
- Overtourism: A contemporary geography of excess and counterprotest (Chair: Joseph Cheer / Claudio Milano)
- Tourism and climate interrelationships (Chair: O. Cenk Demiroglu / Daniel Scott / Michelle Rutt / David R. Perkin)
- Tourism and the Sustainable Development Goals (Chair: Jarkko Saarinen)
- Tourism shaping places (Chair: Velvet Nelson / Marek Wieckowski)

More info: [IGU tourism sessions 2021 Istanbul](#)

International webinar: Tourism, Space and the Body, 24th October 2021 (organised by Dr Maartje Roelofsen, NOUTUR Research Group, Open University of Catalonia UOC in collaboration with the IGU Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change). Online event, website: <https://symposium.uoc.edu/70507/detail/the-body-in-tourism-during-pandemic-times.html> :

FOLLOW THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



IGU Tourism Commission sponsors 20 thematic sessions at the IGC Centennial in Paris, July 2022

The IGU Tourism Commission are sponsoring 20 sessions at the Paris IGC in July 2022, which looks to be a fantastic event - hope to see you there! For more info: igutourism.org/paris-2022-main-congress.html

A101414JI - **Tourism Transitions**

A101415JN - **New Urban Tourism, Challenges For Practice, Policy And Theory**

A101508DM - **From Second Homes To Zoom-Towns: Changing Geographies Of Multilocal Living**

A101544AC - **The Multifaceted Relationship Between Festivals, Events And Public Space (Co-sponsored by the FESTSPACE Project)**

A101555AM - **Tourism And Routing: Exploring The Economic, Cultural and Political Dimensions of Walking Routes**

A101597JC - **Regenerative Development And Tourism Geographies: A Timely Turn?**

A101601RR - **Temporary Urbanism: Fixing The City In Post-Pandemic Times? (Co-sponsored by the IGU Commission on Urban Geography and the T-Factor Project)**

A101635AB - **From Overtourism To Undertourism...And Back Again? Confronting Post-Pandemic Tourism "Regrowth" With Postcapitalist Pathways**

A101656BA - **Stronger Together: Tourism, Communities, And Destination Resilience**

A101701JS - **Tourism And Community Resilience: Symbiosis And Conflicts In The Anthropocene**

A101705RS - **Tourism-Dependent Islands: Exploring Post-Pandemic Futures**

A101721RC - **Repenser Le Tourisme En Amérique Latine**

A101511VN - **IGU Tourism Commission Open Sessions:**

- Tourism, the media and audiovisual cultures
- Tourism Geographies in Post-Pandemic Times
- Geographies of Cultural, Heritage and Religious Tourism
- Contemporary Perspectives on Tourism and Regional Development
- Tourism Geography Topics 1 & 2
- Tourism, labour and gender perspectives
- Geographies of nature-based and rural tourism

DON'T MISS OUT COMMISSION'S SPECIAL EVENTS DURING THE IGC PARIS 2022!

The **Distinguished Lecture for the IGU Commissions Excellence Award** by the IGU Tourism Commission will take place during the Paris IGC on Tuesday, July 19th 2022 at the Centre Panthéon-Sorbonne, Amphi 3, from 8:30 to 10:15. The lecture will be delivered by IGU Tourism Commission Member **Dr. Joseph M. Cheer PhD (Wakayama University, Japan)** and is entitled: ***Reacquainting with a place called Tourism Geographies: A metamorphosis in the making?*** The Excellence award was won by our Commission in 2017, and finally our distinguished lecture will go ahead in Paris. The award will be presented by **Prof. Elena dell'Agnese, IGU Executive Committee.**

During the Paris IGC there will be a **joint IGU Tourism Commission / Tourism Geographies Journal social event:** date, time and venue to be confirmed soon. In addition, the IGU Tourism Commission members meeting will take place on Friday 22nd July 2022 (10.30-12.30) at the Sorbonne's Institut de Géographie et Aménagement. **More info will be available soon on our website www.igutourism.org.**



Host organiser
Prof. Dr. Edward Hákon Huijbens, Cultural Geography Research Group, Wageningen University

**IGU Tourism Commission IGC 2022 Pre-Meeting
 Wageningen, the Netherlands, 15th-17th July 2022**

Time for Tourism Geographers

In line with previous IGC events, the Commission will maintain its tradition of holding a pre-meeting prior to the main congress. This year's pre-meeting aims to highlight Time for Tourism Geographers, in line with the theme of the centennial congress of the IGU in Paris that immediately follows (theme: Time for Geographers). The theme of the pre-meeting will be around the research agenda of tourism geographers and its policy relevance on regional and national levels.

The aim of the pre-meeting is to provide a platform for debating current research in tourism geographies and how it makes an impact. We encourage various perspectives on all issues addressed within tourism geographies. We also hope for a wide attendance in order to fulfil one of the purposes of the IGU, i.e. to facilitate learning by not only comparing different places, but also different approaches and traditions.

The IGU Commission for the Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change, in cooperation with the Cultural Geography Group of Wageningen University & Research, are happy to invite the global community of tourism geographers to Wageningen in the Netherlands. This meeting is organized as a pre-event to the IGU Centennial Conference in Paris, 18th-22nd July 2022. Hence, participants are encouraged to take part in the Paris event too.

The pre-meeting will take place in three locations. It will start with a Friday final workshop of the critical tourism studies PhD summer school run by the Centre for Space, Place and Society (CSPS), engaging with around 20 PhD candidates from around the world on how to problematize the relation between tourism and its material and socio-cultural setting. This will be on the campus of WUR. On the second day we will explore the Hoge Veluwe national park and the ways in which Dutch nature based solutions are being presented to tackle challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and urban sprawl invariably evoking the role of leisure and recreation in these planning and design interventions. Therein we will have papers presented by participants. The third day is in Amsterdam, where we explore the issues of overtourism and how it is to be addressed.

For more info / programme:
<https://www.igutourism.org/wageningen-2022-pre-meeting.html>



ABOUT THE 2022 IGU PRE-MEETING HOSTS

The **Cultural Geography (GEO) chair group of Wageningen University**, led by **Prof. Dr. Edward Hákon Huijbens**, is committed to social theory in all its spatial articulations. The group advances creative, critical-constructive scholarship through exploring the ecological and social challenges facing all life on earth.

Researching space, place and culture, engaging with current, historic and future dynamics of societies globally, the group pays special attention to questions of inequality, exclusion, mobility, plurality along with deploying critical tourism studies to all aspects of social and environmental sciences, unravelling relational complexities in wilderness to urban settings. Thereby the group translates knowledge into practical action in four closely related fields of application. These are: health & care, tourism, nature and landscape.

IGU TOURISM COMMISSION COLLABORATES ON THE XVII INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

BETWEEN RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION OF TOURISM IN A POST-COVID WORLD: GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES

**CUENCA, SPAIN
20TH-22ND OCTOBER 2022**



The IGU Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change are proud to be a collaborator on the XVII International Colloquium of the Spanish Geographers Association AGE-IGU on the geography of tourism, entitled: Between recovery and transformation of tourism in a post-COVID world: Geographical perspectives. The event will take place in the beautiful city of Cuenca, Spain, from 20th to 22nd October 2022. The abstract submission process is now closed and registration for the event will be opening soon.

¡The XVIII Colloquium aims to address the dialectic between the recovery and transformation of tourism with different perspectives from geography. The organization is run by a team of researchers from the University of Castilla-La Mancha (coordinated by Professor Carmen Vázquez) and the contents of the Colloquium are structured in 4 thematic lines: new socioeconomic dynamics and territorial processes; new paradigms; new perspectives and research methods; and interior destinations. Further info: <http://www.coloquiudeturismo.es/>

¡Os esperamos! Hope you can join us there



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(AGE) Group 10 on the Geography of
Tourism / University of Alicante

SAVE THE DATE! COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER IGU COMMISSIONS IN 2022/2023

The IGU Tourism Commission will support fellow IGU Commissions by collaborating on the following IGU events in 2022/2023:

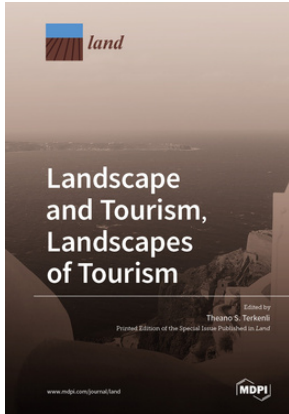
IGU thematic conference on ***Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace***, proposed by the Japan National Committee for the IGU (JNC) in collaboration with IGU Commissions on: Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change (C20.17), Islands (C20.25), Latin American and Caribbean Studies (C20.30), Political Geography (C20.36), and Toponymy (C20.40) (contact Takashi Yamazaki yamataka@lit.osaka-cu.ac.jp Tentative date, April 2023, Osaka, Japan).

IGU Thematic conference on ***The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought***, convened by the Commission on the History of Geography, supported by the following commissions: Commission on Gender and Geography; Commission on Mediterranean Basin; Commission on Political Geography; Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change; Commission on the Geography of Governance; Proposed new Commission on Oceans. Marcella Schmidt Muller Di Friedberg marcella.schmidt@unimib.it. Milan (Italy), 5-8 June 2023.

IGU Thematic Conference on ***Urban Governance: from Historical to Resilient Cities***, convened by the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Geography of Governance, and organized in collaboration with the Metropolitan Autonomous University - UAM and the National Autonomous University of Mexico - UNAM, will be held in Mexico City, Mexico, on in August 2023, supported by the following commissions: C16.37: Commission on Urban Geography, - C16.12: Commission on Geography of Governance, C16.14: Commission on Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change, C16.15: Commission on Geo-Heritage, C16.27: Commission on Latin American Studies, C16.33: Commission on Population Geography.

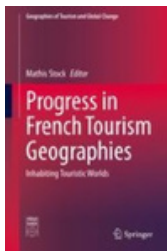
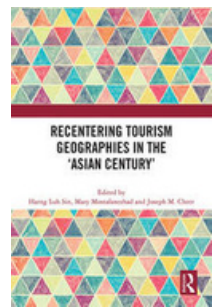
The IGU Tourism Commission will sponsor a session entitled '**Tourism as a driver of urban change in post-pandemic cities**'. More information available shortly on the [conference website](#).

LATEST PUBLICATIONS FROM IGU TOURISM COMMISSION MEMBERS



Landscape and Tourism, Landscapes of Tourism. This collective volume -edited by IGU Tourism Commission Board Member **Prof. Theano S. Terkenli** (University of the Aegean) engages with contemporary scientific advances in the interdisciplinary scientific area of Landscape and Tourism. It represents the product (special issue) of a series of research studies published in the journal *Land*, aiming to enhance interdisciplinary dialogue on the multifaceted and complex relationship Landscape-Tourism, highlighting pertinent contemporary issues and future challenges, and establishing the significance of development of relevant theory, epistemology, empirical application, policy and ethics. This open-access volume comprises of 16 research articles and an Editorial article on the Landscape-Tourism interrelationship, coming from and/ or representing applications in various countries and covering the entire spectrum of such contemporary scholarly inroads. <https://www.mdpi.com/books/pdfview/book/4757>

Recentring Tourism Geographies in the 'Asian Century'. Edited By Harnng Luh Sin, Mary Mostafanezhad and IGU Tourism Commission Board Member **Joseph M. Cheer** (Routledge, 2022), this book considers what the transition into the Asian Century means for some of the most urgent issues in the world today, such as sustainable development, human rights, gender equality, and environmental change. The book critiques Anglo-Western centrism in tourism theory and calls on tourism scholars to make radical shifts toward more inclusive epistemology and praxis.



Progress in French Tourism Geographies: Inhabiting Touristic Worlds (Springer, 2021) Edited by Mathis Stock, this groundbreaking book provides an overview of the recent progress in Francophone tourism geography, including a contribution from IGU Tourism Board Member **Prof. Dominic Lapointe**. It focuses on the theoretical advances in social and cultural geography, whereby the symbolic dimensions of tourism and the creation of tourism worlds are key.

Frontiers in Sustainable Tourism is a recently launched high visibility and quality journal, publishing rigorously peer-reviewed research across the social and physical sciences and the humanities dealing with the core issue of the sustainability of tourism and human mobility. Field Chief Editor **Prof. Michael Hall** at the University of Canterbury is supported by an outstanding Editorial Board of international researchers, including IGU Tourism Board Members **Prof. Dominic Lapointe / Dr. Joseph Cheer** and Former Chair **Prof. Jarkko Saarinen**. This multidisciplinary open-access journal aims to be the journal of record for research on tourism and sustainability and is at the forefront of disseminating and communicating scientific knowledge and impactful discoveries to academics and researchers, industry leaders, policymakers, and the public worldwide.



Forthcoming IGU Tourism Commission Events

IGU Congress Dublin, 2024

IGU Congress Melbourne, 2028

Any volunteers to **host future IGU Tourism Commission congress pre-meetings**? Please get in touch with us at igucommissiontourism@gmail.com!

