SESSIONS AT THE AAG 2019

The AAG meeting in Washington is featuring numerous sessions on

COMMISSION MEETING IN BRAZIL

The major commission event for 2019 is to be held in October in São Paulo.

IGU THEMATIC MEETING

The IGU is planning for a thematic meeting on heritage geographies in Lecce, Italy, 2019

COMMISSION UPDATE

For its annual report the commission conducted a count of corresponding members. Altogether the number of members has reached a new peak. Today the IGUST-email list reaches 730 members in at least 70 countries.

For the first time members in Ethiopia and Oman could be tracked. Although there is still a geographical bias towards Europe and North America.
Sessions at the 2019 Annual AAG Meeting in Washington, April 3rd to 7th

Organized by commission members and friends:

- Modern day slavery in global tourism supply chains (Cheer, Sin, Saarinen)
- Local Actors, Global Implications: Rethinking Tourism and Communities in Development (Nepal, Saarinen)
- Towards a Geographical Political Economy of Tourism: Critical, Relational, and Evolutionary Approaches to Place-based Development (Clavé, Saarinen, Brouder)
- Tourism and the Transformation of Rural and Peri-urban Landscapes (Wu, Lew)
- Mountain Tourism in a Rapidly Changing World: International Perspectives (Hartmann, Mayer, Nepal)
- PANEL: Recentering Tourism Geographies in the ‘Asian Century’ (Mostafanzehad, Sin, Cheer)

For 2020 the IGU plans for a Thematic conference “Heritage Geographies” in Lecce, Italy, May 29th – June 2nd. The Commission is co-organizing the event.

More information to follow...

The Political Economy of Tourism

São Paulo 2019, October 26th - 31st

Organized by Prof. Rita de Cássia Ariza da Cruz and colleagues

Main topics

State, public policies and the production of space for tourism

Economic financialization and tourism
The conference aims to unveil the meanings of tourism through an approach based on political economy as an analytical path that is necessary when trying to understand the guts of its insertion in the contemporary world, considering the processes of globalization of markets, the advancement of neoliberal policies, concentration and centralization of capital, financialization of the economy, production of an urbanization, with which tourism coexists in a dialectical relationship.

At the level of social practice, imbued with cultural meanings, tourism impacts everyday life through the appropriation of culture and the space become a commodity. On the economic front, it is among the activities with the greatest possibilities of positively impacting the GDPs as a moment of overcoming the crisis of the Fordist regime. At the political level, it is presented as a strategy for achieving accumulation. Tourism, finally, deepens, in its process of development in the 21st century, different geographical scales, in a contradictory way, through the movement of people and capital.

This is the first time since 2011 that the IGU Commission returns to Latin America and the conference is an important occasion to reconnect various tourism geographies.

The deadline for Abstract submission is May 1st, 2019, 23:59 Brasilia time. There will be no extension of this deadline and no exceptions will be accepted after this date.

More information to follow – please keep your eyes open!

The commission does not keep a register of its members and the list is purely used for disseminating information on tourism geographies, related events and publications to the subscribers of the list.

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