Guest Editorial

Special Issue Section on „Tourism and Transition“

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Tourism is a driver of a multitude of different economic, societal, environmental and spatial changes. At the same time, tourism is of course itself driven by a huge number of other political, economic, technological and social processes. Recently, the multifaceted relationship between the phenomena of “Tourism” and “Transition” was the core element of the “Conference on Tourism and Transition”, which was jointly organized by the German Working Group on Tourism Research of the German Society for Geography (Arbeitskreis Tourismusforschung e. V. in der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Geographie) and the Southeast Europe Association (Südosteuropagesellschaft) and took place in Munich on 17 and 18 May 2018. The Conference aimed to address technical, social as well as spatial processes manifested in today’s tourism development.

Whereas two of the contributions addressed technical innovations and their impact on tourism, namely the article of Ole Uphaus et. al. outlining the tourists’ usage behaviour of Location-Based Services (LBS) during their vacation and the second one by Tetzlaff et. al discussing the given opportunity of automatic assessment of online reviews through a customer feedback sentiment dictionary, Andreas Kagermeier set the focus on social changes taking place in the Moroccan tourism sector. More detailed on the changes of governance structurers and the complexity of aligning administrative structures. Finally, Tatjana Thimm et al. outlines the given impacts of climate change on tourism industry while concentrating on the local level in the regional context of the German Black Forest.

This special issue section collects and regroups four selected articles which evolved from some of the presentations held at the Conference, reflecting the range of the themes discussed at the conference.