



Course Syllabus:

Tourism Studies, Tourism and Human Geography: A Critical Perspective, 7,5 credits

General data

Code	TUR005F
Subject/Main field	
Cycle	Third cycle
Credits	7.50
Progressive specialisation	First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements
Answerable department	Faculty of Human Sciences
Established	2015-08-14
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Aim

Geographers have devoted increasing attention to analyzing the manner in which tourism plays out in various places and spaces and this has led to the generation of new knowledge. Primarily this knowledge accumulation has been driven by the pursuit of several so-called academic "turns" (critical junctures shaping the theoretical body of the discipline) that have influenced the study of the various branches of human geography for more than two decades. This course aims to provide a human geographic lens to the study of tourism. Understanding the spatial aspects relating to tourism is important, especially in relation to comprehending the dynamics of destinations and origin-destination flows. As such, this approach is important in the overall tourism studies discipline. A focal point are the several critical themes attesting to tourism's significance as a vehicle of capital accumulation in contemporary society. Further, the course adopts a critical perspective that prioritizes the embrace of a political economy approach to understanding tourism spaces. Emphasis is placed on assessing tourism's effects on social equity in a variety of geographic realms. The relationship of tourism to the mobility, gendered, and postcolonial perspective is also addressed.

Course objectives

After completing this course the student is expected to:

1. Have a firm grasp of social theory especially with regards to spatial aspects.
2. Understand the key human geographical theories and be able to apply them to the study of tourism.
3. Be in a position to critically analyze the effects of tourism in a variety of geographic settings.
4. Be in a position to anticipate the effects on tourism development on the social equity of host societies.

Content

The course will be taught over two separate week-long periods, with a gap of approximately 2 months between each session. It begins with a lecture introducing the interaction of human geography and tourism studies and is followed by seminars on several topics such as the geography of tourism work and workers, entrepreneurs, urban and rural restructuring and the ascendancy of tourism, tourism and social justice, etc. In addition to the primary instructor, several guest speakers will be involved in the class, at least two of whom are from external institutions. The course will also include a field experience. Presentations of student papers and oppositions will be carried out during the second week-long session of the class.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course the candidate should be enrolled in a postgraduate program. A candidate permanently employed at Mid Sweden University can be offered a place on postgraduate courses with vacancies, provided that requirements for eligibility and other conditions have been fulfilled and that the person participates in the course within the terms of his/her employment.

Selection rules and procedures

The selection process is in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance and the local order of admission.

Teaching form

This course includes lectures and seminars. In addition to key lectures by the main instructor there are additional lectures with invited speakers, including those from international partner institutions. A field trip will also be included as part of the course.

Examination form

Students will be examined in two ways:

1. Each student has to give a short presentation on a topic to be determined in agreement with the supervising instructor.
2. The main examination vehicle will be a research paper relating to each student's research and the manner in which it ties to the human geography discourse.

Further, each student will be responsible for conducting an opposition of a peer's work

The research paper is the main examination and will be worth 70% of the grade. 30% are for the presentation, participation in the field study, and for active class discussion.

Grading system

Fail (U) or Pass (G)

Course reading

Required literature

Author: Bianchi, R. V.

Article title: The 'critical turn' in tourism studies: a radical critique.

Journal: Tourism Geographies

Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2009, 11(4), 484-504

Author: Bianchi, R. V.

Title: A radical departure: a critique of the critical turn in Tourism studies. In Wilson J. (Ed) The Routledge Handbook of tourism geographies.

Edition: 2012 (pp 46-54)

Publisher: London: Routledge

Author: Britton, S.

Article title: Tourism, capital and place: towards a critical geography of tourism.

Journal: Environment and Planning D: Society and Space

Year/Volume/nr/pages: 1991, 9, 451-478

Author: Chang, T.C.
Title: Making and unmaking places in tourism geographies. In Wilson, J. (Ed) The Routledge handbook of tourism geographies.
Edition: 2012 pp. 133-138
Publisher: London: Routledge

Author: Chaperon, S. & Bramwell, B.
Article title: Dependency and agency in peripheral tourism development.
Journal: Annals of Tourism Research
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2013, 40, 132-154

Author: Clark, T.N., et al.
Article title: Amenities drive urban growth.
Journal: Journal of Urban Affairs
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2002, 24(5), 493-515

Author: Clavé, S.A.
Title: Rethinking mass tourism, space and place. In Wilson, J. (Ed) The Routledge handbook of tourism geographies.
Edition: 2012 pp. 217-224
Publisher: London: Routledge

Author: Cohen, E. & Cohen, S.
Article title: Current sociological theories and issues in tourism.
Journal: Annals of Tourism Research
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2012, 59(4), 2177-2202

Author: De la Blache, P.V.
Title: "Meaning and aim of human geography." In J. Agnew, et al (Eds.), Human geography: An essential anthology.
Edition: 1926
Publisher: London: Blackwell Publishing
Comment: pp 181-191

Author: Duncan, T.
Title: The "mobilities turn" and the geography of tourism. In Wilson, J. (Ed) The Routledge handbook of tourism geographies
Edition: 2012 pp. 113-119
Publisher: London: Routledge

Author: Edensor, T.
Article title: Performing tourism, staging tourism: (Re) producing tourist space and practice.
Journal: Tourist Studies
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2001, 1(1), 59-81

Author: Evans, G.

Title: Creative spaces, tourism and the city. In G. Richards and J. Wilson (eds.)
Tourism, Creativity and Development.

Edition: 2007 pp. 57-72

Publisher: London: Routledge

Author: Fainstein, S.S., Hoffman, L.M. and Judd, D.R.

Title: Making theoretical sense of tourism. In L.M. Hoffman, S.S. Fainstein
and D.R. Judd (eds.) Cities and Visitors: Regulating People, Markets and
City Space.

Edition: 2003

Publisher: Oxford: Blackwell Publishing

Author: Florida, R.

Title: The Rise of the Creative Class and how it's Transforming Work, Leisure,
Community and Everyday Life.

Edition: 2002

Publisher: New York: Basic Books

Author: Gale, T.

Title: Tourism geographies and post-structuralism. In Wilson, J. (Ed.) The
Routledge handbook of tourism geographies.

Edition: 2012 pp. 37-45

Publisher: London: Routledge

Author: Gannon, A.

Article title: Rural tourism as a factor in rural community economic development for
economies in transition.

Journal: Journal of Sustainable Tourism

Year/Volume/nr/pages: 1994, 2(1-2), 51-60

Author: Gibson, C.

Article title: Geographies of tourism: critical research on capitalism and local
livelihoods.

Journal: Progress in Human Geography

Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2009, 33(4): 527-534

Author: Gibson, C.

Article title: Locating geographies of tourism.

Journal: Progress in Human Geography

Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2008, 32(3): 407-422

Author: Gladstone, D. & Preau, J.

Article title: Gentrification in tourist cities: evidence from New Orleans before and
after Hurricane Katrina.

Journal: Housing Policy Debate

Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2010, 19(1): 137-175

Author: Gotham, K. F.

Article title: Theorizing urban spectacle.

- Journal:** City
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2006, 9(2), 225–246
- Author:** Hackworth, J.
Title: The neoliberal city: governance, ideology, and development in American urbanism.
Edition: 2007
Publisher: Ithaca: Cornell University Press
- Author:** Hall, C.M. & Page, S.J.
Article title: Progress in tourism management: from the geography of tourism to tourism geographies – A review.
Journal: Tourism Management
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2008, 30, 3-16
- Author:** Hall, C.M. & Page, S.J.
Title: The geography of tourism and recreation: environment, place and space.
Edition: 3rd ed, 2006
Publisher: London: Routledge
- Author:** Hall, C.M. and Page, S.J.
Title: From the geography of tourism to the geographies of tourism. In Wilson, J. (Ed.) The Routledge Handbook of tourism geographies.
Edition: 2012 pp. 9-25
Publisher: London: Routledge
- Author:** Hall, M.
Article title: Crisis events in tourism: subjects of crisis in tourism.
Journal: Current Issues in Tourism
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2010, 13(5): 401-417
- Author:** Hannigan, J.
Title: From fantasy city to creative city. In G. Richards and J. Wilsons (eds.) Tourism, Creativity and Development.
Edition: 2007 pp. 48-56
Publisher: London: Routledge
- Author:** Harvey, D.
Title: The condition of postmodernity: an inquiry into the origins of cultural change.
Edition: 1989
Publisher: Oxford: Blackwell
- Author:** Higgins-Desbiolles, F.
Article title: Justice tourism and alternative globalisation.
Journal: Journal of Sustainable Tourism
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2008, 16(3), 345-364

- Author:** Hoffman, L. M., Fainstein, S. S. & Judd, D. R. (eds.)
Title: Cities and Visitors: Regulating People, Markets and City Space.
Edition: 2003
Publisher: Oxford: Blackwell
Comment: Selected readings
- Author:** Ioannides, D. & Petridou E.
Title: "Contingent neoliberalism and urban tourism in the United States." In J. Mosedale (ed.), Neoliberalism and tourism: projects, discourses and practices.
Edition: 2015
Publisher: London: Ashgate
- Author:** Jordhus-Lier D. & Underthun. A. (eds.)
Title: A Hospitable World: Organizing Work and Workers in Hotels and Tourist Resorts.
Edition: 2015
Publisher: London: Routledge
Comment: Selected readings
- Author:** Judd, D.R.
Title: Visitors and spatial ecology of the city. In L.M. Hoffman, S.S. Fainstein and D.R. Judd (eds.) Cities and Visitors: Regulating People, Markets and City Space.
Edition: 2003
Publisher: Oxford: Blackwell Publishing
- Author:** Kneafsey, M.
Article title: Tourism, place identities and social relations in the European rural periphery.
Journal: European Urban and Regional Studies
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2000, 7(1), 35-50
- Author:** Lew, A.A.
Title: Geography and the marketing of tourism destinations. In Wilson, J. (Ed.) The Routledge handbook of tourism geographies
Edition: 2012 pp. 181-186
Publisher: London: Routledge
- Author:** Lew, A.A., Hall, C.M. & Williams, A.M. (eds.)
Title: The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Tourism.
Edition: 2014
Publisher: Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell
Comment: Selected readings
- Author:** Lloyd, R.
Article title: Neo-Bohemia: art and neighborhood redevelopment in Chicago.

- Journal:** Journal of Urban Affairs
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2002, 24(5): 517-532
- Author:** MacDonald, R. & Jolliffe, L.
Article title: Cultural rural tourism: evidence from Canada.
Journal: Annals of Tourism Research
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2003, 30(2), 307-322
- Author:** Maitland, R.
Title: Tourists the creative class and distinctive areas in major cities. The roles of visitors and residents in developing new tourism areas. In G. Richards and J. Wilsons (eds.) *Tourism, Creativity and Development*.
Edition: 2007 pp. 73-86
Publisher: London: Routledge
- Author:** Milne, S. & Ateljevic, I.
Article title: Tourism, economic development and the global-local nexus: theory embracing complexity.
Journal: *Tourism Geographies*
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2001, (4), 369-393
- Author:** Mitchell, L.S. & Murphy, P.E.
Article title: Geography and tourism.
Journal: *Annals of Tourism Research*
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 1991, 18, 57-70
- Author:** Moscardo, G.
Article title: Sustainable tourism innovation: challenging basic assumptions.
Journal: *Journal of Tourism and Research*
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2008, 8(1), 4-13
- Author:** Owens, L.
Article title: From tourists to anti-tourists to tourist attractions: the transformation of the Amsterdam squatters' movement.
Journal: *Social Movement Studies*
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2008, 7(1): 43-59
- Author:** Phelps, N.
Title: "Spatial division of labor (1984): Doreen Massey." In Hubbard, P., Kitchin, R. & Valentine, G. (eds.), *Key texts in human geography*.
Edition: 2008
Publisher: London: Sage
Comment: pp 83-90
- Author:** Richards, G. & Wilson, J. (eds)
Title: *Tourism, Creativity and Development*.
Edition: 2007
Publisher: London: Routledge

- Comment:** Selected readings
- Author:** Rogerson, C.M.
Article title: Urban tourism, economic regeneration and inclusion: Evidence from South Africa.
Journal: Local Economy
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2012, 28(2): 188-202
- Author:** Rogerson, J.M. & Slater, D.
Article title: Urban volunteer tourism: Orphanages in Johannesburg.
Journal: Urban Forum
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2014, 25(4)
- Author:** Saxena, G.
Title: Geographies of rural tourism: current progress and paradoxes. In Wilson, J. (Ed.), *The Routledge handbook of tourism geographies* 2012
Edition: 2012
Publisher: London: Routledge.
- Author:** Saxena, G. & Ilbery, B.
Article title: Integrated rural tourism a border case study.
Journal: *Annals of Tourism Research*
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2008, 35(1), 233-254
- Author:** Scheyvens, R.
Title: *Tourism for development: empowering communities.*
Edition: 2002
Publisher: Essex: Pearson Education
- Author:** Soja, E.W.
Title: *Postmodern geographies: The reassertion of space in critical social theory.*
Edition: 1989
Publisher: London: Verso
- Author:** Tosun, C. & Timothy, D.
Article title: Arguments for community participation in the tourism development process.
Journal: *Journal of Tourism Studies*
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 2003, 14(2), 2-15
- Author:** Tuan, Y.F.
Article title: Space and place: humanistic perspective.
Journal: *Progress in Geography*
Year/Volume/nr/pages: 1974, 6, 233-246
- Author:** Urry, J.

Title: Consuming places.
Edition: 1995
Publisher: London: Routledge

Author: Urry, J.
Title: The tourist gaze.
Edition: 2nd ed, 2002
Publisher: London: Sage

Author: Wilson, J. (ed.)
Title: The Routledge Handbook of Tourism Geographies.
Edition: 2012
Publisher: London: Routledge
Comment: Selected readings

Author: Zukin, S.
Title: Naked City: The Death and Life of Authentic Urban Places.
Edition: 2010
Publisher: Oxford: Oxford University Press

Additional articles relating to both tourism and human geography will serve as reference literature.