

Special Issue

Leisure Travel, Well-being, and Climate Change

Message from the Guest Editors

Reductions in leisure travel might influence human well-being both positively and negatively. However, research on the topic is relatively scarce, and few studies tackle the issue directly. New practices of traveling and vacationing, such as slow travel or staycations, have emerged and might play an important role in transitioning towards sustainability, but their impact on human well-being remains understudied.

Considerations of how well-being is defined and what constitutes a good or decent life are central to envisioning and enacting low-carbon futures. What role does leisure travel have in such futures? What place can leisure travel take in good lives that do not undermine the good lives of others?

Studies on well-being in the context of tourism are commonly focused on promoting new kinds of tourism practices and experiences and rarely connect to demand reductions. Some tourism scholars call for a more “positive” and “hopeful” outlook in tourism studies. Can these calls be reconciled with climate change mitigation?

This Special Issue aims to stimulate research in this field and bring together researchers and insights from diverse fields.

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