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New Challenges for the Tourism Sector in the Climate Change Era

Message from the Guest Editors

The tourism sector has undergone major transformations in the last few years. These changes have been caused by the increasing awareness of climate change as well as sanitary and social issues. Although there have been numerous studies on the impacts of climate change on the tourism sector, the interventions addressing these are still highly fragmented. In fact, the development of tourism as a strategic area has proven the need for more sustainable tourism planning. Both rural and urban tourism need major adaptations in order to face new challenges. In the varying contexts, sustainability must be improved, new creative tourism practices must be promoted, and innovative governance instruments must be generated. Rural areas contain unique cultural resources (e.g., gastronomy and small festivals) that can be transformed into new tourist products, contributing to creating a balance of tourism activity between urban and rural areas. This Special Issue aims to contribute to tourism sustainability practices, considering examples of sustainability-oriented policies and practices; innovative and disruptive governance tools and methods.

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