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Roots Tourism: Between Local Development and Transnational Impacts

Message from the Guest Editor

The social phenomenon of “roots tourism” has become highly significant as it has come to involve millions of emigrants who live permanently in places other than their places of origin. The phenomenon is based on the need of emigrants to return to their family’s places of origin, to satisfy predominantly non-instrumental motivations, and is mostly centred around to the strengthening of their own and their family’s identity. The phenomenon takes the name of “genealogical tourism” when those travelling to their places of origin are emigrants of generations subsequent to the first. Over the past decade we have witnessed a renewed interest in the study and analysis of the phenomenon; however, scientific inquiry does not appear to be able to fully support the touristic understanding of the phenomenon and, furthermore, contributes only marginally to a deepening of knowledge on the impacts and relationships that this form of tourism generates.

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