

# **CURRENT PERSPECTIVES ON URBAN TOURISM**

CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE URBAN RESEARCH GROUP 'NEW URBAN TOURISM', GEORG SIMMEL-CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES, HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN



## KEYNOTE: JONAS LARSEN (Roskilde University)

### **TOURISM AND THE EVERYDAY PRACTICES**

In tourism studies and the social sciences more broadly, tourism was traditionally treated as an exotic set of specialized consumer products occurring at specific times and places that are designed, regulated or preserved more or less specifically for tourism, such as resorts, attractions and beaches. Much tourism theory, such as the seminal work of MacCannell (1976) and Urry (1990/2002), defined tourism by contrasting it to home geographies and 'everydayness': tourism is what they are not. As a result, tourism studies produce fixed dualisms between the life of tourism and everyday life.

In this talk, I will move beyond the separation between tourist travel and everyday life by discussing recent theoretical perspectives that can help tourism researchers to conceptualize the entanglement of tourism and the everyday and what we might call mundane tourism. I will discuss notions such as "de-exoticizing", "networking", "performance", "practice" and "mobility". I end by framing some of these theoretical discussions within two of my recent ethnographies of how tourists participate in Berlin marathon and experience Copenhagen on bikes.

May 11, 2017 4:15 – 5:00 pm Hausvogteiplatz 5-7, 10117 Berlin, Room 007 Entrance free

## MAY 11, 2017 - PROGRAM

#### **REGISTRATION**

#### 3:00-4:00 pm

Georg Simmel-Center for Metropolitan Studies, Mohrenstraße 41, Room 418c (subway: U2 Hausvogteiplatz or U2/U6 Stadtmitte)

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

#### 4:00-4:15 pm

Natalie Stors & Christoph Sommer (Urban Research Group 'New Urban Tourism') Hausvogteiplatz 5-7, 10117 Berlin, Room 007 (subway: U2 Hausvogteiplatz)

**KEYNOTE** (see left)

4:15-5:00 pm

#### **FIELD TRIP**

5:45-7:30 pm

## "BREAD ROLLS - NOT TOURISTS!" NEW URBAN TOURISM & NEIGHBORHOOD CONFLICTS IN KREUZBERG AND NEUKÖLLN

Nils Grube (Critical Geography Group Berlin)

The short field trip leads to the hippest sites and spots of both old and new urban tourism alongside the Landwehr Canal - the border of the Berlin boroughs Kreuzberg and Neukölln. It will show how the latest expansions of touristic activities evoke forms of protest and resistance among residents and how local authorities try to encounter these conflicts.

Due to limited capacity the field trip is reserved for the speakers of the conference.

Starting point: Kottbusser Tor - Kottbusser Straße/ Reichenberger Straße Ending point: Maybachufer

Ending point: Maybachufer Bridge Friedelstraße / Görlitzer Park



#### **DINNER**

#### 7:30 pm

Restaurant De Noantri, Görlitzer Str. 63, 10997 Berlin (subway: U1 Schlesisches Tor)

**REGISTRATION & COFFEE** 

Room 418c

#### WELCOME AND OUTLOOK ON CONFERENCE DAY

Luise Stoltenberg & Thomas Frisch (Universität Hamburg, Urban Research Group 'New Urban Tourism')

9:00-9:20 am

8.30-9:00 am

Room 408

#### THE EXTRAORDINARY MUNDANE

Chair: Luise Stoltenberg

#### INHABITING THE CITY AS TOURIST. ISSUES FOR URBAN AND TOURISM THEORY

#### Mathis Stock (University of Lausanne)

Tourism is seen as diffusing in the everyday life, and new urban tourism creates a touristically-informed urban space. It raises the question of «inhabiting» and «co-habitating» the city.

#### BEIM ITALIENER UM DIE ECKE.

#### ITALIAN RESTAURANTS AS EVERYDAY TOURISM IN BERLIN

#### Simona De Iulio (University of Lille) & Marialuisa Stazio (University of Cassino & Southern Latium)

This presentation focuses on ethnic restaurants as agents of the touristification of everyday life. Residents can live touristic experiences without travelling extreme distances, but simply by dining at an ethnic restaurant in their own

#### HETEROTOPIAS OF ESCAPE: THE NEW WELLNESS INDUSTRIES AND THE OTHER SPACES OF THE **GLOBAL CITY**

#### Jessica Parish (York University Toronto)

The 21st century explosion of yoga studios and day spas is a distinct urban phenomenon that has been facilitated by the promise of escape they offer. Drawing on research in Toronto, I discuss themes of tourism, luxury, and the exotification of space.

#### **ENCOUNTERS & CONTACT ZONES**

Chair: Henning Füller

#### **DISLIMITATION OF URBAN TOURISM**

#### Karlheinz Wöhler (Leuphana University of Lüneburg)

The field of urban tourism is always framed, tamed and potentized. Four ideal types should illustrate this: everyday touristicity, touristification of everyday life, included exclusion of tourism and detemporalization of tourism.

#### **SHARING THE CITY AT NIGHT**

#### Andrew Smith & Ilaria Pappalepore (University of Westminster)

In this talk we explore the idea of everyday tourism by discussing night tourism as a form of mobility where residents consume their own city as tourists. Drawing on examples, we discuss night tourism as an extension of the urban tourism experience.

#### TOURISTIFICATION OF THE URBAN NIGHT: TOWARD A NEW RESEARCH AGENDA?

Jordi Nofre (New University of Lisbon), Emanuele Giordano (Paul Valéry University - Montpellier 3), Adam Eldridge (University of Westminster)

Considering the progressive touristification of the urban night, this contribution argues that there is a need for a new research agenda on the "touristified" night that interconnects with the wider domain of social sciences and contextualizes this process into a wider process of urban change.

### MAY 12, 2017 - PROGRAM

#### **COFFEE BREAK** 11:00-11:20 am

Room 418c

#### **URBAN (TOURISM) DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Thomas Frisch

#### **TOURIST VALORISATION AND GENTRIFICATION IN THE CITY**

#### Fabian Frenzel (University of Leicester)

This contribution explores the relationship between tourism and gentrification, by highlighting the role tourists play in creating the worth of neighborhoods as attractions. Urban tourism is re-cast as a process of collective, partly autonomous production.

#### RETHINKING GENTRIFICATION CONCEPTS - NEW URBAN TOURISM, CULTURAL CAPITAL AND PATRIMONIO IN SAN TELMO/BUENOS AIRES

#### Christian Samuel Kirschenmann (Bauhaus-Universität Weimar)

This research project concentrates on decentering the perspective on common gentrification concepts by examining the socio-spatial transformation processes in a historical neighbourhood regarding new urban tourism, cultural capital and patrimonio.

#### LIVING IN A HERITAGE SITE

#### Gin-Young Song (University of Zurich)

This presentation introduces a case study on changing practices in urban regeneration and tourism in Seoul. South Korea.

#### **ENCOUNTERS & CONTACT ZONES**

Chair: Luise Stoltenberg

#### AIRBNB-HOSTS AS ACTORS IN NEW URBAN TOURISM: MOTIVATION IN PARTICIPATING FROM THE SUPPLY-SIDE PERSPECTIVE

#### Natalie Stors (University of Trier)

Through the digital peer-to-peer distribution platform, urban residents become Airbnb hosts and promote their private living environment on the internet. Using the example of Berlin, this presentation aims to identify the different backgrounds and motives that drive Airbnb hosts to rent out their own private spaces.

#### **URBAN TOURISM AND PEER-TO-PEER ACCOMMODATION: RESIDENT-TOURIST ENCOUNTERS** AND FEELING AT HOME IN AMSTERDAM URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS

#### Bianca Wildish (Utrecht University)

Airbnb marketing is based on feeling at home, we investigated the extent to which both tourists and residents feel at home, focusing on encounters and three dimensions - personal familiarity, private comfort and public belonging. Our results complicate the labels of tourist and resident.

#### WELCOME HOME - ANALYZING PRACTICES OF HOSTING ON AIRBNB IN NEW YORK CITY Katharina Knaus (Technische Universität Berlin)

This presentation will discuss practices of hosting in New York City. Whilst tourists' experience in a travel destination has found much attention in research, the aim is here to shift the focus and to contribute an analysis of a host's experience with Airbnb.

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

1:00-2:20 pm

Restaurant Wirtshaus Roter Jäger, Jägerstraße 28-31, 10117 Berlin

#### **URBAN (TOURISM) DEVELOPMENT**

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#### **TOURISM GROWTH AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN PARIS**

Tim Freytag & Michael Bauder (University of Freiburg)

Our presentation is based on substantial field work that was carried out in Paris over the past few years. We argue that the city experiences ongoing dynamics of touristifcation that are particularly intense at the margins of the existing tourist hot spots.

## THE RISE AND FALL OF HOTSPOTS AND COLDSPOTS IN THE CONSUMPTION LANDSCAPE AND THE LIVABILITY OF NEIGHBOURHOODS

**Bas Spierings (Utrecht University)** 

This contribution explores and discusses mechanisms behind the rise and fall of hot- and coldspots in the consumption landscape, politics and problematizations of (new) urban tourism-led developments involved and implications for the livability of cities.

## SEEING LIKE A TOURIST CITY. THE PROBLEMATIZATION OF CONFLICTIVE URBAN TOURISM AS POLITICAL GOVERNANCE PROCESS

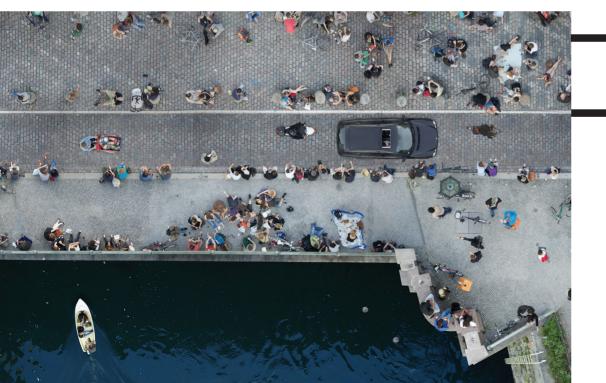
Christoph Sommer (Humboldt-Universität Berlin)

How are actors of tourism governance rendering conflictive urban tourism as problematic? Drawing on the case of Berlin the presentation analyses these processes as political processes – which predetermine future scopes of avernance.

## UN-GOVERNING THE NIGHT. NEW URBAN TOURISM, REURBANIZATION AND THE POSTPOLITICAL CONDITION IN BERLIN

Henning Füller (Humboldt-Universität Berlin)

Growing conflicts regarding the nightly use of public space demand a strong political intervention in certain districts of Berlin. The presentation details the post-political character of the governance setting employed.



#### THE EXTRAORDINARY MUNDANE

**Chair: Fabian Frenzel** 

PANEL 3 - B, ROOM 418 2:30 – 4:30 pm

## AT HOME IN FOREIGN PARTS – AN ALIEN IN YOUR OWN CITY: DE-DIFFERENTIATION OF POSTMODERN TOURIST-NESS

Anja Saretzki (Leuphana University of Lüneburg)

The contribution aims at illustrating new definitions of urban tourist-ness to grasp the implosion of the classic dichotomy of tourists and local residents in a world with alternative urban tourism supply for both sides.

## TOURING HOMELESSNESS - THE LIFE OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN CULTURAL OTHERING, CARE TAKING AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM

Julia Burgold (University of Potsdam)

This talk considers the touring of homelessness as a complex situation, which comprises multiple and often incommensurable types of observations and perspectives on homelessness. It seeks to empirically examine how these different but co-existing perspectives are brought into workable arrangements.

## TOURING SLUMS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY AMONG BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA AND INDIA THROUGH USER GENERATED CONTENT

Isabella Rega (Bournemouth University)

This contribution investigates how slum tourism shapes travellers' representations about shantytowns and how these are shared on social media, by comparing a total of 8'208 TripAdvisor reviews of three destinations: South Africa, Brazil and India.

## YOU ARE A TOURIST! TOURISTIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGH PERFORMATIVE INTERVENTIONS - A REPORT.

Nils Grube (Critical Geography Group Berlin)

What makes the tourist a provoking social figur? This contribution presents the results of several experimental field tests in Berlin-Neukölln which aim to irritate existing prejudices as well as to allow reflections on the role of being a tourist and learnings about the effects of tourism in changing neighborhoods.

#### COFFEE BREAK 4:30-4:50 pm

Room 418c

#### WRAP-UP AND KOSMOS-WORKSHOP ON FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

with Ilse Helbrecht (Humboldt-Universität Berlin), Jonas Larsen (Roskilde University) & Tim Freytag (University of Freiburg)

ROOM 418c

5:00 – 6:00 pm

