

Stakeholders' Perceptions of Tourism

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Large-scale development and regeneration projects trigger profound changes in the physical, built and social environment of a place, greatly influencing its physiognomy and character. When such changes are poorly planned and controlled, local people become alienated from their local surroundings (Green, 1999). The development of tourism, in particular, brings forth a number of economic, sociocultural and environmental impacts on the host destination and its population (Prayag, Hosany, Nunkoo, & Alders, 2013; Stylidis & Terzidou, 2014). To maintain local distinctiveness and uniqueness and promote sustainability, tourism should be effectively planned and developed in consistence with the local community values and environment (Nunkoo & Gursoy, 2012). Sustainable tourism development depends to a large extent on effective stakeholder management and inclusive processes with the collaboration and agreement of a range of stakeholders such as the tourists, local residents, business operators, and local government officials (Hall, 2008). This special session aims to examine different stakeholders' perspectives of a place and their responses to tourism, offering practical insights for destination managers, marketers and planners including avenues for stakeholder engagement in tourism.

The special session invites papers that aim to address the following key issues, including (but not limited to) the following themes:

- Community Responses to Tourists and Tourism
- Residents' Perceptions of the Economic, Socio-Cultural and Environmental Impacts
- Community involvement in tourism planning
- Place/Destination image and marketing
- Tourists/Residents/Governments/DMOs/Business perceptions of tourism
- Collaboration and cooperation between stakeholders
- Tourism development and promotion
- Sustainability

Abstracts of no more than 350 words should be submitted electronically to Dr Dimitrios Stylidis (d.stylidis@mdx.ac.uk) by **15th May 2017**. For further enquiries regarding conference fees and program, recommended accommodation, and registration form, please visit the following website: <http://iatour.org>