

3rd Biennial PhD Colloquium for Postgraduate Research in Leisure and Tourism

Geographies of Leisure and Tourism Research Group of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

- What** The Colloquium is a small and informal get-together of PhD students which aims to offer opportunities to:
- ⊕ present research
 - ⊕ meet other PhD students and create wider academic networks amongst peers
 - ⊕ discuss research issues with other up-and-coming researchers
 - ⊕ reflect on your future professional development through a series of workshops
- Who** PhD research students, at any stage of their research. Delegates do not need to be a Fellow of the RGS to take part in the Colloquium!
- When** Thursday, 9th - Friday 10th July 2015
- The PhD colloquium is sandwiched between the 7th-9th *Annual Conference of the Leisure Studies Association* (July 7th-9th at the University of Bournemouth) and the *Contemporary Perspectives in Tourism and Hospitality Research: Policy, Practice and Performance* (12th-14th at the University of Brighton).
- Where** Talbot Campus, Bournemouth University, UK
- Cost** £60 per person. Registration includes:
- ✓ conference program and book of abstracts
 - ✓ Conference refreshments including teas & coffees and lunches on both days
 - ✓ Wine reception sponsored by the GLTRG on the Thursday evening.
- (Please note that the registration fee does not include accommodation, which is at the delegates own cost.)*

Please send abstracts (250-350 words) to Dr Tiffany Low (til1@aber.ac.uk). Spaces are limited and abstracts are reviewed and accepted on a first come first served basis. **The deadline for abstracts is June 22nd 2015.**

Registration will open soon and closes on June 29. Authors of accepted abstracts will be emailed separately with registration details.

Speakers



Alison Barnes (as part of the *Annual Conference of the Leisure Studies Association*), Chief Executive of the New Forest National Park, has had several positions within environmental organisations and institutions. She joined the New Forest National Park Authority in June 2010 from Natural England, where she was Regional Director for London, leading engagement with large regeneration programmes such as for the Olympics, as well as taking organisational lead on landscape and green infrastructure. Earlier in her career, Alison led on local biodiversity policy within Defra and was Head of Advocacy for English Nature, using her expertise on the natural environment in both roles to advice on engaging with local and regional programmes to secure delivery. At English Nature, she was responsible for policy engagement across Parliament, Whitehall and Europe, including supporting the passage of the NERC Act. She also worked for a number of years within Scottish local government, giving ecological advice and in particular focussing on restoration schemes for opencast. Alison is on the Board of Directors for Business South and is appointed to the Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee of the Forestry Commission.



Dr Carl Cater, Senior Lecturer in Tourism at Aberystwyth University in Wales has written extensively on adventure tourism and ecotourism. Carl's principal research interests lie in the nature of the tourist experience, in particular the role of the body in modern tourist activity. In particular he views the growth of so-called special interest tourism as emblematic of a fulfilment of these desires. Consequently he has researched, published and consulted on developments in marine tourism, adventure tourism and the nascent astrotourism (space tourism) industry. His Ph.D., completed in the School of Geography at Bristol University, UK, but with much of the fieldwork conducted in Queenstown, New Zealand, examined the commodification of experience in adventure tourism. Carl is on the editorial board of *Tourism Geographies* and *Tourism in Marine Environments* and is research notes editor for *Journal of Ecotourism*. He is co-author (with Dr Erlet Cater) of the book *Marine Ecotourism* (CABI).



Professor Andrew Church, Director of Research & Development (Social Sciences) in the School of Environment and Technology at the University of Brighton, has written extensively on tourism and leisure geographies (particularly water-based sport, gardening and gardens) and urban regeneration, transport and labour markets. He has recently lead with colleagues from the University of Brighton three projects on the strategic planning of water-related sports and recreation in England and Wales and has previously completed an AHRC funded project on 'Writing the landscape of everyday life: lay narratives of the home garden'. He has published *Tourism, Power and Space* co-authored with Tim Coles and is on the editorial board of *Local Economy*.



Dr Wouter Geerts, is a Travel Analyst in Lodging at Euromonitor International. Wouter completed his PhD at Royal Holloway, University of London on business travel, with a special interest in the status of environmentalism and sustainability in involved industries. His research predominantly focused on individual business travellers' behaviour when travelling, and hotel management's efforts to involve business travellers into their sustainability practices. Since completing his PhD, Wouter has worked as a Research Analyst at Euromonitor International, initially responsible for commissioning projects focused on FMCG consumer markets, but more recently being responsible for Euromonitor's global research into the travel and tourism industry with a specialism in lodging including hotels, serviced accommodation, private rentals and campsites. As a former Post-Graduate Representative of the GLTRG, Wouter will be running a workshop on Taking your PhD to Industry.

Colloquium Background

Through its links with the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG), this conference aims to provide an interdisciplinary dialogue around the wider aspects of the conference theme and to provide an opportunity for contemporary, tourism and leisure related research issues to be explored. The conference theme provides a platform for many exciting and critical topics that call for discussion where students from *all* disciplines, which locate tourism and/or leisure within its boundaries, are welcomed.

The colloquium is organized and financially supported by the Geography of Leisure and Tourism Research Group (GLTRG) of the Royal Geographical Society with IBG.

Conference format

To make the conference as interactive and informative as possible for all delegates, we have three different types of sessions to enable participation on a number of levels.

Paper presentations

Participants will present their research in a paper session, where each student will be given 15 minutes to present their research, and respond to any questions.

Research conversations

Sessions will be offered where delegates can discuss and constructively critique theirs and others' work in a relaxed environment. Depending on your research area, you will be divided into small groups and given 1 hour to discuss current themes and issues. Following this, there will be half an hour for each group to present a summary of their discussion to everyone.

Workshops

In addition to the paper sessions and research conversations, there will be workshops providing students with an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers to a range of issues. These sessions will be open to all and provide an opportunity for researchers to seek advice from experienced academics. Proposed workshop topics include:

- Job strategies in a changing higher education landscape
- Moving into Industry
- Teaching in Higher Education
- Publishing from your PhD

Panel Discussion

Delegates will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive panel discussion discussing strategies for publishing from your PhD. The panel will consist of Prof Andrew Church (Brighton), Dr Carl Cater (Aberystwyth) and Dr Jan Mosedale (HTW Chur, Switzerland).