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Call for papers

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Sustainable Futures

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A review of the literature reveals that tourism is set to grow in the future and that this, in turn, will generate externalities which are both unacceptable to communities and equally unsustainable in terms of the planet's survival (see for example Gössling and Hall, 2006). Regardless of technological mitigation or compensation schemes, the current scenario is one where tourism related energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants will grow at high rates as we seek to travel longer distances, more frequently and by the least sustainable modes (Peeters, Gössling and Becken, 2006). Where current average air transport consumption of Swedish people is 3400 km per year, avoiding 'dangerous' climate change would require emission reductions that allow for between 600 km and 1200 km for the average world citizen (Åkerman, 2005).

Therefore, there is greater need now than ever before for more research focusing on potential solutions to reduce tourist generated transport. This is especially the case with regard to modes of transport which impact heavily on the planet, namely air travel, the cruise ship sector and the private car. Furthermore a shift towards transport modes like rail and coach with far less environmentally damaging impacts is necessary to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80%, without severely damaging the tourism sector. Peeters (2007: 23) argues that it is necessary to uncouple "the growth of tourism and the growth of passenger-kilometres by changing mobility trends towards shorter and more frequent trips to longer and less frequent ones...". The issues might lie principally with a wide range of stakeholders at the supply side: destinations and suppliers such airlines, cruise ship lines, travel agencies and tour operators as well as national governments and municipalities. At the tourism demand side researchers are concerned to investigate the underlying causes of hypermobility. Here the focus has been on behavioural change and potential solutions such as personalised travel plans that might be put to good effect in relation to travel for leisure and tourism.

The editors welcome papers which include the following or similar issues:

- Sustainable tourist transport scenarios
- Mitigation of environmental impacts of tourist transport
- Changing current mobility trends in tourism fitting a sustainable future
- Understanding the role of tourism hypermobility for sustainable futures
- Climate change and transport futures
- Development of sustainable low carbon destinations
- Marketing of sustainable tourism transport
- Destination development incorporating local-global impacts
- Low carbon tourist transport technology
- Revival of rail and coach travel
- Renewed tourism interest in short haul destinations
- The reduction of transport volumes in growing tourism
- Sustainable consumption of transport for tourism

Contributors should note:

- The call is open and competitive
- All papers will be blind reviewed in line with journal policy
- Papers must be based on original material not under consideration by other journals
- The editors will select the papers for publication in the special issue but will also recommend others for publication in subsequent issues of the journal if the need arises
- Please see the journal guidelines for preferred paper length, style and additional information
- It is envisaged that the special issue will be published in late 2008
- Papers should be submitted as an attachment to an e mail letter to emcarthy@uclan.ac.uk
- Editorial enquires should be made to lmlumsdon@uclan.ac.uk

The deadline for submissions is March 31st 2008

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