

Call for Papers

Special Issue of *Current Issues in Tourism* on **Airbnb and the Sharing Economy**

It has been estimated that the sharing economy will be worth US\$ 335 billion by 2025. A large share of this growth will be driven by P2P accommodation providers such as Airbnb. The literature has argued for both positive and negative impacts emanating from the tourism and hospitality businesses and value chains that are dependent on online platforms. These impacts are felt in terms of competition with more traditional business models and their influence on tourist and visitor flows as well as their spatial impacts that has led to substantial community opposition to accommodation providers that utilise Airbnb as well as other online platforms. This special issue therefore provides an opportunity for researchers to focus their attention on the implications of the consumption and production of the “sharing”, “peer-to-peer” and “platform” economies on tourism at various scales, ranging from international networks and destinations through to neighbourhoods and families and individuals. Although Airbnb provides the primary frame by which to investigate the relationships between the sharing economy and tourism and the implications of so-called disruptive innovations we welcome studies of other platforms and manifestations of the implications of peer-to-peer relations for people and places. Therefore, potential topics for the special issue include, but are not limited to:

- How sustainable are Airbnb and sharing economy businesses?
- The implications of Airbnb and peer-to-peer tourism and hospitality businesses for host-guest relations
- The notion of sharing in the context of tourism and the sharing economy
- Regulation of Airbnb, Uber and the tourism dimensions of the sharing economy
- The impact of Airbnb on the formal accommodation sector
- The relationships between Airbnb and the housing market
- Community and neighbourhood resistance to Airbnb
- The implications of peer-to-peer transport for tourism
- The role of the informal sector in the sharing economy
- The commercial home, peer-to-peer accommodation and entrepreneurship
- Peer-to-peer tour guiding and its implications
- The value of Airbnb and the sharing economy for destinations
- New and emerging forms of peer-to-peer practices in tourism and hospitality
- Consumer and business perceptions of Airbnb and peer-to-peer businesses
- Peer-to-peer tourism relations and the creation of new urban spaces
- Airbnb and second home tourism
- The implications of Airbnb and sharing economy businesses for regulation, health and safety and insurance practices

The deadline for submissions to the special issue is 1 October 2019

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