

Call for Sessions

ISA RC50 Interim Conference 2025

Theme: **HUMAN RIGHTS IN TOURISM:**

Location & Dates: **Fujisawa, Japan, 19-22 June 2025**

Submission deadline: Tuesday 4th June 2024

The Research Committee on **International Tourism (RC50)** of the International Sociological Association proposes an opportunity for those involved in the interdisciplinary social science of national/international tourism to engage with a plethora of salient human rights issues in tourism studies and thereby develop possible pathways for action and research on those subjects. The RC50 Team will organise a spectrum of sessions devoted to both empirical and conceptual studies on these subjects vis-à-vis travel, tourism, hospitality and events at the coming interim conference.

The RC50 Team invites sessions which adopt or further a social/cultural studies orientation to tourism, hospitality and events in the following subfields:

Authoritarian regimes

Discourse and power relations
"Truth" and power

Labour and Employment

Decent work
Dignified work
Fair work
The future of work
Migrant work
Labour politics
Informal labour
Narratives of tourism employees
Framing acts

(Post)disaster

Disasters and recovery

Language – lingua franca

Freedom of travel and residence

Mobility
Accessible tourism
Population movement
Migration to rural areas
Multi habitation

(Post)conflict

Conflict-ridden destinations
Silenced voices
Borderlands and walls
Social (in)justice in tourism

Recovery and resilience

Dark heritage

Gender and work in Asian economies

Human rights and tourism education

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Human rights issues in mega events

Matters of methods, identifying and assessing human rights risks

Human and non-human welfare

Food, gastronomy
Tourism with animals
Volunteering
Rural revitalisation

Contribution to cultural practices

Media
Art
Heritage
Popular culture

LGBTQ+ and non-binary identities

Queering places
Homonormativity
Designing urban spaces
Gender and culture
The women's movement
Feminism
Feminist in the field

Performativity

Gender and political discourse
Discourses of othering

Tourism and the power of representations

Agency and authority in the representations of peoples, places, pasts and presents

The power of tourism: contested representations of people and places

Symbolic violence
Climate justice
Inequality

Settler-colonialism
Oppression and domination
A disciplinary, bio-power, and sovereign power
Power of resistance and decolonisation of knowledge

Practitioners and researchers from all countries and all faculties are cordially invited to submit proposals to organise sessions/workshops/panels under these particular (sub)headlines. Generally, the conference will carry on with the recent traditions of multi, trans-, and post-disciplinary avenues to national and international tourism. Besides these nominated topics, other topics that contribute to the sociology of tourism are also welcome. For each session, a chairperson is needed so that the Interim Conference Team appreciates it if the offered proposals are accompanied by an indication of who the chair for the session would be.

The deadline for session proposals is **4 JUNE 2024**. Please send your proposals with a brief statement (max. 500 words) and preferably also a list of colleagues interested in the subject matter to

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