GEOG 670D  
Seminar in Tourism Geography  
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Course Description
The study of tourism has become an increasingly important avenue of Geographic inquiry. This course focuses on the linkages between theoretical and empirical pursuits to analyze tourism. Places ranging from small rural areas to large cities to more traditional tourism ‘hotspots’ such as coastal areas are all trying to latch onto tourism dollars as a means to improve or sustain their local economy. Obviously, some are more successful than others, but why? Some questions that will be posed in this class include, but certainly not limited to: Which theories are appropriate for studying tourism? How are landscapes transformed to accommodate tourism and tourists? What are the impacts of these transformations? What are local perceptions of tourism? How do tourists view their role and how does this influence their actions?

Required Text

Course Schedule

February 1  
Introduction and Discussion of course objectives

February 8  
Shaw and Williams: Chapters 1-2

February 15  
Shaw and Williams: Chapters 3-4

February 22  
Shaw and Williams: Chapter 5  
Student’s choice

March 1  
Shaw and Williams: Chapter 6  
Student’s Choice
March 8
Shaw and Williams: Chapter 7
Student’s Choice

March 15
Shaw and Williams: Chapter 8
Student’s Choice

March 22
Shaw and Williams: Chapter 9
Student’s Choice

March 29
Shaw and Williams: Chapter 10
Student’s Choice

April 5
NO CLASS-AAG MEETING IN DENVER

April 12
Shaw and Williams: Chapter 11
Student’s Choice

April 19
TBD

April 26
TBD

May 3
TBD

May 10
Student Presentations

May 17
Student Presentations