

Session 5: Leisure and Tourism: Harbinger of Peace and Conflict Resolution

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Presenters:

1. **Carmen Jimenez and Jan teKloeze**, WICE – DSL, Heteren, Netherlands Analyzing the peace through tourism concept: The challenge for educators
2. **Dhamodharam Rudrappan**, Covenant University, Nigeria Tourism promotion: A passport to peace and development
3. **Daisuke Tano**, Konan University, Kobe, Japan
The axis of leisure: The World Recreation Congress of 1936 and Japanese-German cultural exchange
4. **Horn-guen Wang**, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan Commemorating the War and Revolution: Red Tourism in China
5. **Leena Parmar**, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India
The regimental spirits - attitudes experiences and leisure time practices in the Indian army
6. **Pirzada Mohammad Amin**, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K, India Dynamics of leisure tourism and conflict: A case of Kashmir valley
7. **Pooran Mal Yadav**, S.G.G. Government. College, Banswara (Raj.), India, Dinesh Chandra Bhatt and Deepak Dwivedi, Banswara, India
Tourism as a source of peace and conflict resolution
8. **Sushma Sood**, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India
Overcoming barriers to peace through tourism – a sociological perspective
9. **Rishi Kumar Sharma**, Govt. College, Bandikui, Dausa, Rajasthan, India
Leisure and tourism: Harbinger of peace and conflict resolution
10. **Vishesh Kumar Gupta**, M.H. (PG) College, Moradabad, UP, India
Tourism for international understanding and peace (a study in sociology of leisure and tourism)

Distributed Paper:

11. **Gabriela Nones**, International Volunteer, Venezuela, gaby707@yahoo.com

Traveling the world to finding the Other: the process of recognition of the Other through volunteerism

Résumé:

The session started with the presentation by Jan te Kloeze on “Analyzing the peace through tourism concept: The challenge for educators”, which presentation could be understood as an general introduction to the session theme “Leisure and Tourism: Harbinger of Peace and Conflict Resolution”. The paper was criticized in terms of consistency and contradictory.

Two papers with a historic component illustrated the laborious relationship between leisure and tourism on the one hand and politics, even evil politics, on the other, in terms of abusing leisure as a vehicle for improving the image of dictatorial regimes [Daisuke Tano, The axis of leisure: The World Recreation Congress of 1936 and Japanese-German cultural exchange; Horng-luen Wang, Commemorating the War and Revolution: Red Tourism in China].

Papers by representatives from India focused on the very idea of peace through tourism, including local case studies. Unfortunately, some of the presenters were hardly to understand because of weak presentation, and because of linguistic problems. It's recommended to reserve time for presentation techniques BEFORE all sessions started.

Gabriela Nones' presentation on “Traveling the world to finding the Other: the process of recognition of the Other through volunteerism” gave a fine insight in the philosophical background of tourism, e.g. in terms of the meaning of The Other.

Careful selection of the papers for publication should be taken into account as soon as publication initiatives would start.

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