

# Welcome to the workshop:

## Evolutionary and Relational Perspectives in Geography & the Shifting Mosaic of Tourism in the Age of “Sharing”

11–12 October, Östersund

**Welcome to a workshop sponsored by ETOUR and the Department of Tourism Studies and Geography at Mid-Sweden University.**

**Workshop Chair: Dimitri Ioannides, PhD**

For decades, geographers have contributed significantly to the field of tourism research. However, it is not until quite recently that tourism geography as a sub-discipline of human geography has gained considerable legitimacy. Investigations have shifted from being largely descriptive and case-study based to ones characterized by the growing theoretical developments seen in areas like economic geography, urban geography, labor geography, cultural geography, political economy and so on. One could argue that tourism geography has benefitted by the various “turns” that have inspired geographic research in general (e.g., the cultural turn, the relational turn, the evolutionary turn). Simultaneously, the work of tourism geographers is slowly but surely being embraced by researchers representing several sub-fields of the discipline and the social sciences overall.

This workshop’s aim is to highlight some of the most interesting and thought-provoking recent work that has been inspired by human geographers with ties to the tourism phenomenon. In all, 6 presenters will be involved in the workshop. Four of these are based outside Sweden while two academics from MIUN will also participate. The topics covered relate to evolutionary economic geography, relational perspectives, the cultural economy and labour geography. In addition to sharing ideas, the ambition is to highlight the high quality of scholarship that exists and is emerging in the field and discuss how to further strengthen tourism’s position as a legitimate area of geographic inquiry.

### **Sign up here**

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There are 20 spots at the workshop and we offer lunch for the attendants. First come, first served!

The program of the workshop is as follows on page two:



## October 11 2018 Program, Day I

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| <b>12.00–13.00</b> | Lunch  |
| <b>13.15–13.40</b> | Opening of workshop – Dimitri Ioannides<br>Welcome<br>Introductions<br>Setting the context for the event   |
| <b>13.40–14.30</b> | Alison Gill, Simon Fraser University, Canada<br>“Governance for sustainability: A path creation lens”  |
| <b>14.30–15.20</b> | Laura James, Aalborg University, Denmark<br>“The evolution of tourism destinations – A practice-based approach”  |
| <b>15.20–15.40</b> | Coffee Break   |
| <b>15.40–16.30</b> | Cinta Sans Ibanez, Rovira i Virgili University, Spain<br>“Emerging communities of knowledge in tourism evolutionary economic geography: recent developments and research agenda” |
| <b>16.30–17.00</b> | Day 1 – Reflections  |

## October 12 2018 Program, Day II

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| <b>08.30–09.20</b> | Solene Prince, Mid Sweden University, Sweden<br>“Making lived experiences matter in the conceptualizations of tourist spaces”   |
| <b>09.20–10.10</b> | Kristina Zampoukos, Mid Sweden University, Sweden<br>“Researching the labour-and-life geographies of platform workers – Some theoretical and methodological concerns” |
| <b>10.10–10.30</b> | Coffee Break  |
| <b>10.30–11.20</b> | Ismael Yrigoy, Uppsala University, Sweden<br>“The displacement of banks’ disciplinary measures against corporations towards labor: The case study of NH hotels”       |
| <b>11.20–12.00</b> | Workshop wrap-up discussion and reflections   |
| <b>12.00</b>       | End of Workshop   |