

## **Communities in change: managing local tourism impacts**

Session type: Panel

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With a rise in tourism worldwide, the importance of community management becomes increasingly vital for ensuring positive local outcomes from tourism. Nature-based tourism is often centered around communities that are sensitive to change, whether economic, socio-cultural or environmental. This interactive panel discussion invites contributions that include research covering supranational to local level management in differing geographical contexts. Studies of the local impacts of tourism, both positive and negative, with a focus on particular approaches to managing change are welcomed. Future management issues related to climate change and other exogenous factors affecting local development are also welcome.

Interested panel participants should submit a short written description as an input for the interactive discussion to the session organizer, Associate Professor Linda Lundmark, Umeå University, Sweden ([linda.lundmark@geography.umu.se](mailto:linda.lundmark@geography.umu.se)) by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012. The written description should include a title, a short description of the presentation and 5-6 keywords. A selection of 8-10 contributions will be chosen, of which 4-5 will be presentations and the remainder will be discussants assigned to each presentation. Any other conference delegate interested in attending and joining in the question and answer session are most welcome.

The format of the workshop will be as follows:

- 4-5 short presentations (10 minutes) with discussants (5 minutes) for each paper
- Panel discussion featuring both the presenters and the discussants with questions coming from a moderator
- Closing discussion and question and answer session involving the audience