



CALL FOR PAPERS

Knowing with nature – The future of tourism education in the Anthropocene TEFI10 Conference – 3-6 June 2018 Pyhä, Finland

The Multidimensional Tourism Institute (MTI), University of Lapland, together with **Tourism Education Futures Initiative (TEFI)** is proud to organize the first TEFI conference held in Finland.

Confirmed keynote speakers include Professor **Gunnar Þór Jóhannesson**, University of Iceland and Postdoctoral researcher **Karoliina Lummaa**, BIOS Research Unit. Confirmed local actors include **Aksana Kurola**, Yoga Nature Lapland and Senior Researcher **Seija Tuulentie**, Natural Resources Institute Finland.

Growth in international tourism contributes to, and is shaped by, ongoing climate and environmental change. This contribution is visible especially in the Arctic, known for its natural phenomenon, silence and pureness. Indeed, tourism characterises the epoch of Anthropocene – the historical moment when the humanity has become a geological force capable of affecting all life on this planet (Braidotti 2013, 5; Gren & Huijbens 2015, 2). While the impacts of tourism on atmospheric, geologic, hydrologic, biospheric and other Earth system processes are evident, it is also obvious that tourism, as a human-based system, is sustained by the natural world.

Tourism education, and the knowledge that is produced within the tourism curricula, can, to a certain extent, be held accountable for the conflicting and fragile relationship between tourism and the Earth systems. On one hand, tourism programs tend to emphasise the management and domination of nature for the sake of hedonistic tourist experiences. On the other hand, the search for sustainable ways on developing tourism has contributed to maintaining the artificial division between culture and nature, human and environment. Hence, it is timely to discuss the ways in which tourism education might reproduce a kind of knowledge that remains disconnected from the more-than-human world.

The task for tourism educators in the Anthropocene is no longer to promote knowledge that contributes to minimising the impact of tourism on the natural environment. Rather, our task ahead is to support students in developing knowledge that is based on more sensitive entanglements between the Earth systems and humanity. With this in mind, we invite participants to critically evaluate the status quo of tourism education, and to think about avenues for collaborative ways of knowing with nature. We warmly welcome you to join us for a reflexive, thought-provoking, innovative and inspired four days of talks and discussions around the future of tourism education in the Anthropocene, in the beautiful scenery of Pyhä Fell in Lapland.

We invite contributions related – but not limited – to the following themes:

- Tourism's entanglements with the Earth systems
- Multiple understandings of the Anthropocene Ethics of care in more-than-human world
- Posthuman theory in tourism education

- Ethical Epistemologies in more-than-human world
- Methodologies for knowing with nature
- Approaches to human-nature relations in tourism
- Disrupting culture-nature division in tourism education
- Activism via education
- Re-invigorating TEFI values in the Anthropocene
- Tourism futures with nature
- Engaging nature in the urban
- Collaborative and sustainable journeys to TEFI
- Engaging nature in overtourism
- Nature in collaborative and alternative tourism economies.

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Extended abstract (max. 1000 words) due April 15, 2018

Submissions to [tefi\(at\)ulapland.fi](mailto:tefi(at)ulapland.fi). Conference Proceedings will be available at the conference webpage. We are committed to supporting publication opportunities based on the outcomes of the conference.

The conference will be vegetarian and family-friendly – more information about these concepts will be available soon at the conference webpage.

Conference website: www.ulapland.fi/TEFI

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