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## Special Session Proposal

### Tourism in Times of Crises: Current and Future Challenges

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#### Abstract

While the tourism industry recovered fast after the COVID-19 pandemic subsided, various new crises are jeopardizing the future of tourism, a sector which has contributed significantly to the rise in economic welfare over the past decades. Many regions with unfavorable conditions for most manufacturing and service industries could only prosper by attracting tourists from all over the world. They are now facing new challenges which must be overcome to prevent increasing regional inequalities.

On top of these challenges stands the climate crisis, which may even wipe some destinations (e.g. island destinations) off the touristic landscape but will certainly bring significant changes to the whole tourism industry. Another and related challenge, threatening the sustainability of tourist destinations, is the issue of overtourism. The surge in global travel has led to overcrowding in popular destinations, resulting in adverse effects on the local environment, culture, and overall visitor experience.

By exploring the impacts of various crises on the tourism industry, participants will contribute to the development of policies designed to counteract these threats. Sustainable tourism practices will be a focal point, emphasizing the need to balance economic benefits with environmental and cultural preservation.

The contributions may deal with either the short or the long run development of tourism or future scenarios; they can be methodological or analytical in nature. The organizers also plan to solicit a special issue on the future of tourism in a renowned

regional science journal for which the presentations of this special session could be selected.

Potential presenters:

Title: A GPS-Based Analysis of Cruise Tourism Impacts on Mediterranean Destinations.

Authors: Mauro Ferrante, Sandra Navarro-Ruiz, Ana B. Casado-Díaz & Salvador Anton-Clavé.

Title: Exploring Collaborative Innovation in Sustainable Tourism Development. A Comparative Case Study of Climate and Energy Model-Regions (KEM) in Austria

Author: Anna Burton

Title: Fallacies in estimating tourism induced impacts based on TSA data.

Authors: Nikolaus Bayerl, Oliver Fritz, Gerhard Streicher

Title: Tba.

Authors: Martin Falk, N.N.