

*Below you will find a call for papers for the Brexit, Tourism and Travel (Im)mobilities session at the RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, 31st August – 3rd September 2021 which some of you might find of interest. **Proposals for papers** should be sent to session convenors **by 1st of March 2021**.*

Brexit, Tourism and Travel (Im)mobilities

Session Convenors:

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Session abstract:

The outcome of the EU membership referendum in June 2016 in the UK marked a starting point for the on-going (re)imagination and subsequent experience of tourism and travel (im)mobilities post-Brexit, fuelling research agendas which this session will explore. The public discourses relating to post-Brexit travel and tourism ranged from debates surrounding possible travel disruptions which are currently further exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic to the post Brexit UK-EU border crossing experiences, limitations to the length of stay, travelling with pets, travel insurance, roaming charges, green cards and international driving licences to cross-border second home and other (im)mobilities. These discourses and representations of initially imagined and subsequently experienced post-Brexit tourism and travel (im)mobilities also triggered the (re)imagination of both the UK and EU27 as tourism destinations post-Brexit. In addition, the initial uncertainties (Mindus, 2017) which eventually materialised in the actual end of the freedom of movement between Britain and EU27 contested the sense of home and belonging for many of the EU27 citizens living in Britain and British citizens living in EU27 (Cassidy et al, 2018). For some, this inevitably also resulted in their (multi)national, cosmopolitan and/or European identities suddenly becoming (more) significant not only for their sense of home and belonging but also within their travel and tourism experiences.

Seeking to provide a space to further existing academic debates on tourism and Brexit (e.g. see Andrews, 2020; Hall, 2020) this session welcomes proposals for papers addressing the multifaceted relationships between Brexit, tourism and travel (im)mobilities. Thematic areas might include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- freedom of movement, (re)bordering and tourism (im)mobilities
- home, citizenship, travel and belonging and Brexit related (im)mobilities
- performing regional, national, European and/or cosmopolitan identity(ies) in post-referendum and/or post-Brexit travel and tourism
- Covid-19, Brexit and tourism and travel (im)mobilities
- representing, imagining and/or experiencing post-EU UK and/or post-Brexit EU as a tourism and travel destination(s)

- Brexit related media discourses and their impact on UK destination image
- Brexit, nationalism(s) and travel and tourism (im)mobilities

*Proposals for papers in the form of an abstract of approximately 200 words accompanied by the paper title, author(s) name(s) and affiliation(s), and up to 5 keywords should be sent to Dr Tijana Rakić (t.rakic@brighton.ac.uk) and Dr Constantia Anastasiadou (c.anastasiadou@napier.ac.uk) and Dr Yorgos Karagiannakis (y.karagiannakis@sussex.ac.uk) by the **1st of March 2021**. Please note that this will be an online session.*

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