

**Call for Papers: Royal Geographical Society-IBG Annual Conference, London,
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Tourism Scholarship and Knowledge Co-creation on Southeast Asia

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Despite the importance of tourism in the region, there is a dearth of research in South East Asia tourism, especially by 'local' scholars. More accurately, there is a lack of published work by local scholars in the mainstream and English language tourism literature. Tourism scholarship remains highly Anglo-Western-centric (Tucker & Hayes, 2019), with most 'mainstream' books on Southeast Asia Tourism published by 'Western' scholars with their interpretation, methods, methodological foundations and theories. Salazar (2017) notes that "This hegemonic position is reinforced by the dominant position and ranking of English-language journals and publishers" (p. 723). Whilst their work is appreciated, it is time to discuss how to move forward our knowledge co-creation with the perspectives from local scholars. Victor King (2017) questions in a Southeast Asia context, if the issues of emerging tourism require us to re-engage with debates about 'Orientalism' (Said, 1978) and Western academic hegemony. In this panel session, we would like to extend our discussion to: how to move forward tourism scholarship on Southeast Asia inclusively and 'borderlessly' with local academics for better knowledge co-creation and co-production, in order to produce a tourism scholarship which is more open and sensitive to diversified and culturally relevant knowledge(s); in other words, a decentred tourism scholarship (Tucker & Hayes, 2019). Papers might explore the following themes:

- (Re)definition of knowledge co-creation and co-production - Geographies of knowledge (transfer) - How to decolonise and decentralise tourism scholarship on Southeast Asia and beyond
- Discuss successful models/venues/methods of knowledge co-creation
- How to include Southeast Asian scholars whose English is not proficient, and disseminate their work
- Sustainable future of Southeast Asia tourism studies scholarship
- 'Orientalism' and Western academic hegemony
- Intersectionality in tourism research
- Diversity in tourism scholarship (Chambers, 2018; Higgins-Desbiolles, 2020; Khoo-Lattimore, 2019)

We welcome papers and discussion pieces from critical tourism scholars, cultural anthropologists, human geographers and more. We encourage panellists to present in a creative method, not limited to a formal paper presentation. The session will be consisted with 4-5 papers (15 mins each). Guidelines and more information will be provided for accepted panellists. As we would like to support participants who have difficulty attending the conference in London, we support to arrange online presentations.

If interested, please send an abstract (no more than 250 words) to Dr. Jaeyeon Choe at Bournemouth University, UK at jaeyeon@jaeyeonchoe.com before March 10th, 2021.