

Mediterranean Association for the Sociology of Tourism

The Mediterranean Association for the Sociology of Tourism (AssMed)

Launch the X International AssMed Conference

Beyond the Tourism? Travels and travellers in the (post)covid society

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Tourism is showing once more an extraordinary capacity to recover from all the shocks. After less than four years from the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemics, and despite all the international problems we are suffering (war in Ukraine and Palestine, terrorist alarms, energy crisis, etc.), all the data show an increase of national and international flows which are now very close to the ones of the period before Covid-19.

We also have the impression, however, that the ambivalence of tourism is persisting. On a side, we can see a growing importance of sustainability and responsibility as well as the one of “territory”, in the sense of promoting the local peculiarities, experiencing them and engaging local population and local actors in the promotion and organization of tourism. On the other side, several negative trends persist and even increase: the touristification of coasts and art cities, the environmental impact of tourist infrastructures and our mobility, the latent or open conflict between tourists and local population, etc.

All these trends suggest the importance of a sociological focus on the Mediterranean countries, both on the way of travelling and on the way of experiencing the holiday.

The AssMed Board of Directors has chosen this provocative expression to include these reflections as the focus of the X Mediterranean Conference. It is relatively wide, however, to consider several different kind of panel proposals.

Submission are expected **by January 19, 2024** to the AssMed President (natashak@t-com.me and to the AssMed Secretary (gabriele.manella@unibo.it).

Submissions are requested to include:

- the title of the panel;
- the name of the proposer/s, the affiliation, the e-mail address;
- a short presentation of the panel (no more than 2,500 characters including spaces).

The AssMed Board of Directors will communicate the decision to proponents **by January 31, 2024**.

Accepted panels will be included in a **call for abstracts to be launched by February 5 and with a deadline for submission by March 29, 2024**.

Communication about acceptance/refuse of abstracts will be due by April 10, 2024.

Conference registrations will be open from April 15 to May 15, 2024.