Special Session (SS03) on Sustainable Tourism in the Age of Globalization

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Aim and scope of the session:

The recent era of globalization not only increased commodity trade, but also trade in services, among them those related to tourism. For many underdeveloped countries and regions within the industrialized world alike tourism is seen as promoter of growth and welfare and thus a way to achieve economic and social sustainability. Environmental sustainability, on the other hand, is often considered a prerequisite for attracting tourists while at the same time tourism activities pose a threat to the environmental quality at a destination. Furthermore, accelerating climate change and international terrorism are posing threats to the tourism industry and will induce changes in the competitiveness of destinations. This session should bring together researchers that deal with the concept and current issues related to sustainable tourism.