

ICAS 12- Panel on Tourism and COVID-19 in Asia

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The COVID19 outbreak has profoundly altered tourism mobility in Asia. According to last year's UNWTO statistics, the region ranked second in the world both in terms of international tourist arrivals (25%) and income (30%) and had a bright growth forecasts. The border shutdown has led to a total collapse of international tourism. This panel will examine the broad range of consequences that this pandemic has for the tourism sector. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: To what extent has domestic tourism compensated the losses of international tourism, and thus been promoted? How have tourism professionals adapted to the crisis? Has the crisis deepened inequalities in the tourism sector, whether related to social class, gender or ethnicity? What policies have the States opted for in support of the industry? This pandemic also exposes the realities and impacts that the tourism industry can generate locally. How did the people react to the collapse of tourism and how have they or not been resilient in this context of uncertainty? Has this crisis acted as an opportunity to halt already conflicting projects and rethink tourism (overtourism, diversification of clientele, etc.)? Another issue is waste: with the extensive use of masks and disposable objects, especially in restaurants and accommodation, plastic waste has risen sharply, undermining the efforts that had been made to reduce it. More generally, the questions relating to environmental, social and economic sustainability have become all the more relevant.

If interested, please submit an **abstract of 250 words** or less to Emmanuelle Peyvel at Emmanuelle.peyvel@univ-brest.fr or Juliette Sendra, at juliette.sendra7@gmail.com before Thursday, September, **24nd**.

Please also include a short bio detailing your current position.

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