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In recent years the economic and social benefits of making tourism accessible to all have attracted the interest of many destination managers and tourism businesses as well as international organisations such as the UNWTO and the European Commission. A growing body of literature on “accessible tourism” have consequently emerged over the last two decades with a substantial growth in research from the late 2000 onward. It is time to take stock of accessible tourism research up to date by examining the past and current trends in this area in order to chart a research agenda for the future. In this presentation, we present the emerging findings from our ongoing project on assessing accessible tourism research. A bibliometric and content analysis is carried out on a final sample of 80 published articles on “accessible tourism” extracted from the SCOPUS and Web of Science databases. The aim of this research project is to provide an overview of the trends and current perspectives on accessible tourism including thematic, methodological and (institutional) authorship trends. In the seminar presentation, we focus on a relational bibliometric analysis that evaluates the relationships and patterns within accessible tourism research. Specifically, we assess the inter-related geographies of authorship location, fieldwork/case study location and the intellectual (institutional) origins of accessible tourism research. We will try to tease out any indication of underlying power relations in terms of who studies what, where and when.

Working lunch will be provided.



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