**ORGANIZED SESSION AT THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT OF VISITORS IN RECREATIONAL AND PROTECTED AREAS**

**Environmental effort in recreational and protected areas at risk from inequality**

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This session will involve critical analyses of “environmental efforts”, as a potential form of environmental inequality (Deldrève et Candau, 2014). More specifically, this means inequality in relationships between people or social groups and their environment, which characterize access to and use of natural and protected areas (Deldrève et Claeys, 2016). This inequality results not only in unequal access to resources and amenities, but may take other forms, such as the ability to participate in collective action or shape environmental policy, to benefit from their effects (Pye et al., 2008), or to be confronted with cumulated process, such as urban environmental effort (Claeys et al., 2016).

Ecological paradigms as well as the political and legislative contexts in which these protected areas are developed have evolved. But what about in practice? What are the concrete effects in terms of environmental effort? Who defines environmental effort for users in natural areas and how is it argued (ecological impact, overuse, carrying capacity…)? What principles of justice govern the arguments put forward by different stakeholders involved in consultations, negotiations or conflicts relating to environmental effort? What are the different forms of effort (limitation of access, ban of harvesting of natural resources…) and how different stakeholders judge them?

These are some of the questions that will be addressed in this organized session. All types of submissions (research, practical) in line with the theme are welcomed.

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