

## **EPISTEMOLOGICAL EVOLUTION IN STUDIES ON TOURISM**

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### **Abstract**

Research on tourism has gone, in the last two decades, several steps interest and enthusiasm in a first phase, followed by apathy and distrust, culminating in the present moment, with a regained interest and confidence in view of tourism as a promoter of integrated development, sustainable peace. As a result, studies on tourism are beginning to occupy a space complex intellectual, prolific and interesting, and a number of researchers foreign yet, report the development of innovative methodologies and the need to address broader studies on tourism. We find, thus changing the ontological and epistemological characteristics of tourism to a critique, the role of tourism is stuck in an interdisciplinary vision.

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