

Crossing Borders: Travel and Tourism from Mid-19th- to Early 20th-Century Europe

Industrialization and democratisation in the 19th century changed the patterns of travel and tourism fundamentally and prepared the path for mass tourism and an extensive tourism industry. This development also influenced perceptions of one's own and other's cultures and was an important factor in the development of national identities and ascriptions. New means of transport, new tourist infrastructure and growing time for leisure also for the working classes made travel possible for a growing number of Europeans.

This field of study opens for a wide array of topics and I will be happy to discuss ideas with students interested in this field. To mention just a few possible approaches: One could focus on the development of infrastructure (e.g. accommodation such as the new tourist hotels or transport such as steamships or railways), one could look at guidebooks and travel reports and analyse images of landscape and culture, or one could investigate specific tourist organizations.

While I will be happy to supervise on tourism and travel in Europe in general, students may consider to choose topics which are related to my own area of research: Arctic tourism, tourism in Norway and European city tourism.