



School of Management – Tourism Management Group

# TOURISM MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

We are pleased to present the following seminar in our 2013 series:

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**Antipodeans' in Europe:**

**Long distance, long stay youth mobility**

Wednesday 25th September 2013, 12:30 - 13:30, followed by coffee  
Rutherford House, 23 Lambton Quay, Level 12, Boardroom

While long term travel has received research attention in a variety of guises, spanning drifters and explorers, long term budget travellers, and the most established term backpackers, a distinctively Antipodean flow of young long term travellers to Europe has received relatively little attention in tourism. This group consists predominantly of New Zealanders, Australians and more recently South Africans who have been highly visible mobile residents of areas such as London's Earls Court since the 1960s. Due to the trip length of commonly three to five years this group epitomises the blurred boundary between tourism and international mobility in the context of the youth life stage. Apart from the unusual trip length other reasons for this group deserving greater research attention are the motivations for these long departures from their home countries and their often fluid roles from employee to traveller and back as they dip in and out of the job market. This seminar explores the travel and work dimension of this experience, as well as the experience itself through the eyes of the young Antipodeans. Additionally, a comparative layer will be applied by comparing and contrasting the dominant three nationality groups, New Zealanders, Australians and South Africans, who anecdotally exhibit many commonalities.

Christian is a Senior Lecturer in Tourism Management at Victoria University of Wellington. His research interests cover three broad areas of tourism. Firstly, he is interested in the tourist-environment interface with particular focus on the impacts of tourism and sustainable tourism development. This area of work has seen him engaged in research projects in the Sub-Antarctic, the Pacific and New Zealand. Secondly, he studies the 'youth' life stage in the context of tourism, exploring aspects such as travel motivations and self-development of young adventurous travellers. An extension of this research focus on young peoples' experiences is Christian's deep interest in tourism higher education, both from a conceptual and a practice perspective.

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