

GENESIS OF TOURIST CITIES

An Analysis of Portimão (Portugal) Tourism Urbanization

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The New economic activities, like those related with tourism and leisure, have been influenced the spatial production process of the cities, promoting a process of urbanization distinguished that those occurred with the industrialization: the touristic urbanization, whose concept appears in 90's with the Patrick Mullins' theories. After Mullins' pioneering, others authors have been discussing, mainly through empirical studies, the features of these phenomenon. As a contribution for these discussion, this paper aims to analyze the main features of the touristic urbanization process and its result – the touristic city, using the city of Portimão (located in south coast of Portugal), as case of study.

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