

THE DIALECTICAL AND HISTORICAL MATERIALISM AS BASIS ON CITY AND TOURISM URBANIZATION RESEARCH

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Tourism urbanization is a form of territory appropriation by touristic activity. This process occurs printing traces in territory and implies social and economic repercussions. The connection with dialectical and historical materialism approach starts from the contributions this can give to understand the process of tourism urbanization. The aim of this paper is to articulate a perspective of research on city and tourism urbanization supported by the epistemological approach of dialectical and historical materialism. Due to this objective, as a methodology, a bibliographic review and theoretical discussion was carried out to support possibilities and contributions that the Marxist approach can promote in tourism urbanization investigation. The present discussion in this paper tried to identify categories of Marxism in the process of urbanization, evidencing affinity of this approach with the chosen theme. Finally, it is observed that an investigation on tourism urbanization that seeks a wider comprehension of acting social forces, as well as its consequences in territory, can find in the dialectical and historical materialism a theoretical-methodological approach able to base that analysis.

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