GOING PLACES

GEOGRAPHIES of TRAVEL and TOURISM

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One of the largest industries, tourism reveals how rapidly the world is globalizing. This course approaches international tourism critically and historically in relation to other kinds of mobility at various scales, like commuting, shopping, pilgrimage, colonialism, migration, and space travel. We explore how tourism always entails an exotic sense of place, as well as how it derives from environmental differences and deeper social and technological inequalities.

Gaining a geographical understanding of mobility requires a range of skills, from the close reading of a comic book to field trips, from Moodle discussions to analyzing maps, from interpreting souvenirs to finding official data. On the way you will learn of such places as Athens, the Australian outback, Mecca, Ibiza, and the Congo. The ultimate destination is an informed and critical ethics of travel.

Mon-Wed-Fri: 11.15-12.05  No Pre-requisites  Blegen 210 (WB)

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